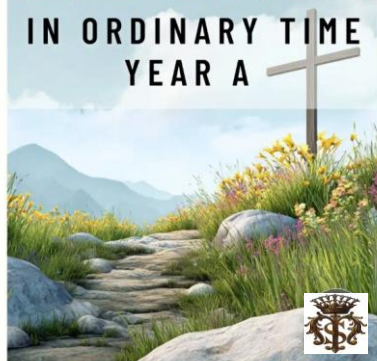


22ND SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 31st – Bl. Andres of Borgo
Sansepolcro
Tue 1st – Bl. Joan of Florence, OSM
Wed 2nd – Bl. John Francis
Burke and Companions
Thu 3rd – St. Gregory the Great
Fri 4th – St. Rose of Viterbo
Sat 5th – Bl. Maria Maddalena
Starace, OSM



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **30th September**
2026 at 6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR. A 30TH AUGUST 2026

Reflection

The readings for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect on the profound themes of suffering, sacrifice and transformation in our spiritual lives.

The 1st reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9, we witness the prophet's struggle. He feels deceived and overpowered by a mission that brings him suffering. Yet, despite his pain, Jeremiah understands that he cannot suppress the fire of God's word within him. This resonates with us, as we often find ourselves torn between our desires and divine calling. The struggle we face might be formidable, but He also led us to a deeper understanding of our purpose.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 12:1-2, the author urges us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, calling us to transformation through the renewing of our minds. This radical invitation challenges us to let go of worldly ways of thinking and to embrace a life that reflects Christ's love and sacrifice. It is about aligning our lives with God's will – often a difficult journey but one that leads us to true peace and fulfillment.

The Gospel is taken from St. Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus reveals the true nature of discipleship: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him/her renounce himself/herself and take up his/her cross and follow me". This is a stark contrast to what the world often promotes – self-fulfillment and comfort. Jesus is asking us for a deeper commitment, one that acknowledges our struggles and challenges but also promises eternal life if we persevere.

Let us ask ourselves: Am I willing to embrace my cross? Am I ready to deny myself in pursuit of God's will?



Welcome Back! - A warm welcome back to all our parishioners returning from their summer holidays! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and are feeling refreshed and energised for the new school year.

Mass Times – will return to normal from Tuesday 1st September where weekday Masses will be at 10am and 6.30pm.

Baptismal Course – The next baptismal course starts on 1st September 2026 (Tuesday) with the second concluding part on 8th September 2026 (Tuesday). These will be held in the Founders Room at 7:00pm.

Appeal for the Lighting System – We are deeply grateful to our parishioners and everyone who has contributed towards the repair and upgrade of our church lighting system. We invite other parishioners and friends to help meet the remaining cost. Every gift, however small, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. May God bless you abundantly.

Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Dolours on 15th September – will be held on Saturday 12th of September at 6.30pm Vigil Mass and all Masses on Sunday 13th of September.

Mass Collections (22nd & 23rd August 2026) – £1,094 was received in the main collection, and £840 in the second collection for Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.



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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

20:7-9

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.**

1. O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. I have come before you in the sanctuary, to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. I will bless you all my life;

in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R.**

4. For you have been my strength; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of

St. Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ



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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.