



St Cecilia's Church

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Sat. 29th Aug. 6:30pm. Holy Souls (RIP)

Sun. 30th Aug. 9:30am. Gonsalves & Cotter Families
Thanksgiving

11:00am. Rita Desa (RIP)
Recently Deceased

Mon. 31st Aug. 10:00am. NO MASS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Tues. 1st Sept. 10:00am. Holy Souls (RIP)

Wed. 2nd Sept. 10:00am. Patrick Looney (RIP)

Thur. 3rd Sept. 10:00am. Mary Waters (4th Anniversary RIP)
Tommy Waters (RIP)
Tom Thorne (RIP)

Fri. 4th Sept. 6:00pm. *Adoration and Benediction*
7:00pm. Pedro Gabitan Jnr (Anniversary RIP)

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Sat. 5th Sept. 6:30pm. Sr Caroline Campbell
(Golden Jubilee)

Sun. 6th Sept. 9:30am. David & Mary Hughes
(Special Intentions)
11:00am. Alf & Marie Oliva (RIP)

Upcoming Mass Intentions 9th Mick Costello; 10th Henry Micallef; 11th Ann McHugh

Repose of the Soul Most Merciful Jesus, lover of souls, we beg of You receive the prayers we offer for the repose of the souls of **Magdalena Holt** who left this earth on the 9th August, and **Ann Mary Wilcox** who began her eternal journey on 16th July 2026.
May they Rest in Peace and Rise to Your Glory, Lord

Prayers for the Sick and Housebound: Please pray for the wellbeing of: D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Amy Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow; Mary Silva; Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert; Mary Nassan; Joe Mendes; Magdalena Holt and Nanny Cossu.

Parish Surgery is back from 11am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, parish visiting of the sick or housebound is on Wednesdays & Fridays. Please get in contact with the parish office if you or someone you know like a home visit.

Saints of the Week

28th St Augustine

31st St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne

1st St Edmund Arrowsmith

3rd St Gregory the Great

4th St Cuthbert

5th St Teresa of Calcutta

Pray for us.

From this time onwards, Jesus prepares his disciples for His passion, death and resurrection. Christ knows what awaits Him.

"Offer Him your sufferings according to all the intentions for which He continually offers Himself on the altars of our churches. Your sacrifice, united to the sacrifice of Jesus, will bring many sinners back to the Father; many without faith will find the true faith; many weak Christians will receive the strength to live fully the teaching and the law of Christ." Pope Pius XII

Parish Life

Confirmation Classes and **Little Church** return next weekend 5th/6th September.

First Holy Communion Registration please listen out for an announcement from Fr Ben at Mass. If you have already filled out a registration form, you will be required to complete the new updated form available end of September.

Dei Amor Youth Group meet on Thursday 10th September at 5pm in the Church Hall. (not the parish room).

Young Adult Group Thursday 24th September at 7pm (meet in the CB Parish Room) launches with a Pizza Night. Come along for a night of games and a quiz. No need to book, just turn up and bring your friends with you.

Private Accommodation Must be Catholic aged 55+ in need of accommodation. A one bedroom retirement flat has become available in the Croydon area. If you could be interested, please leave your details, in confidence, at the parish office.

Tai Chi Classes begin in the Church Hall from 10th September. See health benefits and sign up sheet in the church porch.

All latest Catholic news is on the internal. Noticeboards.

Mass Offertory 22nd/23rd August: 1st Offertory £968.28; Candles £138.28; Mass Attendance: 454

Love changes everything

30 AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY

Plus 

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Love
conquers
all!



We are afraid to listen to the reasoning of the heart because it embraces pure reason and commonsense rationality and leads them out beyond their own limits to the totally new and unexpected. Reason itself cautions prudence: stay as you are, keep to the beaten track, hold on, risk nothing; what you have may be all there is. It tells us we are secure, yet we are not content, and we have no peace. Our security is one of self-imposed imprisonment. Locked up in a cage, at least you know where you are. The irony is that isolated in this way, we do not know who we are, nor can we recognise the rich depths within us. And ignorance is the best greed-breeding ground for fear. How can we be content and at

peace when what is deepest in us, our true self, is denied the union it is yearning for with the rest of creation? There can be no union unless we go out towards others, and that means we have to pull down the barriers we have built around ourselves. The heart, not pure reason, whispers that love is the greatest power for good in the universe. Love opens up the mystery at the heart of everything. The heart knows too that love is vulnerable, it leaves itself open to ridicule and rejection but it can never be conquered. The heart says: let go and risk everything. In the moment of surrender the self and the cosmos become one.

Eric Doyle OFM, *St Francis and the Song of Brotherhoood*

Jesus, Lord, may I follow you with the courage I need to carry my cross and walk in love alongside you, especially when love demands effort and self-sacrifice. Help me to find my true life in you.  Amen.

Force or persuasion?

The Wind and the Sun argued which was the stronger of the two. They agreed that whichever soonest made a traveller take off his cloak should be accounted the more powerful.

The Wind began and blew with all his might, a blast, cold and fierce, but the stronger he blew, the closer the traveller wrapped his cloak around him, and the tighter he grasped it with his hands.

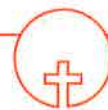
Then broke out the Sun. With his welcome beams he dispersed the vapour and the cold; the traveller felt the genial warmth, and as the Sun shone brighter and brighter, he sat down, overcome with the heat, and cast his cloak on the ground.

Thus, the Sun was declared the conqueror, and it has ever been deemed that persuasion is better than force; and that the sunshine of a kind and gentle manner will sooner lay open a poor man's heart than all the threatening and force of blustering authority.

Aesop, *Fables*

May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need.

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week
Thursday 3 September

St Gregory the Great (c. 540-604)

St Gregory the Great was a towering figure in Church history: pope, monk, theologian, and servant of poor people. Born into Roman nobility, he renounced wealth to embrace monastic life, transforming his family home into a monastery. As pope from 590, Gregory led with humility and vision, calling himself "servant of the servants of God". He reformed Church administration, cared for those who were sick and hungry during plague and famine, and sent missionaries to England, including St Augustine of Canterbury. His writings, especially *Pastoral Care* and *Dialogues*, shaped Christian spirituality for centuries. Gregory also influenced liturgical worship, with Gregorian chant bearing his name. His feast invites us to lead with compassion, serve with integrity, and seek holiness in daily life. St Gregory reminds us that true greatness lies not in power, but in love poured out for others.

READINGS

Today:
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Monday:
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday:
1 Corinthians 2:10-16
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday:
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday:
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Luke 5:1-11

Friday:
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday:
1 Corinthians 4:6-15
Luke 6:1-5

Next Sunday:
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20