

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 19th September/ Sunday 20th September 2026

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
“Evangelii Gaudium Sunday”**

Dear parishioners,

This week I had the joy of visiting St Francis primary school to meet all the staff and pupils for the first time. I asked them what we could do to show kindness to others and I was inundated with fantastic answers! Many spoke about being generous to others with our time and offering support. This weekend in the Gospel we hear about God's generosity. The Lord calls each of us to work in His vineyard, and His invitation is offered at every stage of our lives. Whether we have followed Christ for many years or are only beginning our journey of faith, we are all welcomed into God's kingdom. His love is a gift freely given, not something we earn or deserve.

I pray you have a blessed week and let's find opportunities to show kindness and generosity towards others. May God bless you always. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us!
Fr. Michael

PRAYER LIST:

We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith, Kerry Norton, Mary Elizabeth West, Betty Sheehan, Sharon Jennings, Jean Carroll, Mary Maher, Nastassja Williamson, Peter Leech, and Peter Milden.

ANNIVERSARIES: Daniel Mullane, Frederick Batts, Eileen Rathe, Neville Peagram, Edith Kiddle, Mary Higgins, Teresa Bezdel, Dora Hacault, Phyllis Lee, Sally Capon, John Robinson, John Simpson, John Carroll, James Nutton, Edward Clarke, David Whiteman, Ann Moran and Veronica Bloomfield.

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION:

SECOND Collection this weekend – Sunday 20th September 2026

Those with long memories will be familiar with *Home Mission Sunday*. It is the title given to the day we ask our parishes to pray for the work of evangelisation and to support this vital work **through a second collection**. A few years ago, this day was re-named *Evangelii Gaudium Sunday* after Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation the 'Joy of the Gospel'. Now, in 2026, we revert to using the original name – *Home Mission Sunday*.

On *Home Mission Sunday*, the bishops of England and Wales ask the faithful of our countries to look for ways in which we can all do our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ.

When we speak of 'Home Mission' we are not neglecting our sisters and brothers around the world (*World Mission Sunday* gives due attention to this important work), but we recognise that we are called to witness to Christ in our homes, at work, in our friendships and in every aspect of our daily life. Being part of the family of God means we should feel 'at home' but this also challenges us to be missionary disciples in England and Wales so that we can make a home for all who hunger and thirst for the God who loves them and wants them to come home to him. **Gift aiders, please use your second collection envelopes.**

CONFESSIONS: Fr Michael will be taking confessions this Saturday at 5.15pm. Unless otherwise notified in the newsletter, this will be the usual time for confessions.

EVERY FRIDAY: Join us with your intentions every Friday, for Holy Face of Jesus Chaplet at 2.10pm, followed by Mother Mary's Rosary at 2.30pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm.
All are welcome.

COBWEB YOUTH CLUB: The Youth Club is aimed at children school year 4 -7 and is held on a Friday evening, 7.30pm until 9.30pm. It runs fortnightly during the school year and there are a mixture of activities from Dodgeball to Crafts to Air Hockey and Basketball amongst others.
The next two dates are 11th and 18th September at 7.30pm and we look forward to seeing some new faces amongst the regular crowd.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: The forms to apply to join the preparation programme for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are now available at the back of Church. Please complete the form and post it through the presbytery door or give to Clare in the office. You can also email it to: **braintree@brcdt.org**

CONFIRMATIONS 2027

There will be a meeting in the Jubilee Hall on Tuesday 29th September at 7pm for anyone year 10 and above who wish to make their Confirmation next year. This meeting is for both the candidate and their parent/parents.



OPEN EVENING

*Discover St John Payne
Catholic School*



**THURSDAY
1 OCTOBER 2026
17:30 - 20:00**

We look forward to welcoming prospective families
No booking required
Simply come along, explore the school, meet our staff
and students and discover what makes SJP special

HEADTEACHER TALKS
5:45pm • 6:45pm • 7:45pm

Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Evangelii Gaudium Sunday Saturday 19th September	6.00pm Mass	Derek Cowell RIP (Hannah and Mary)
Sunday 20th September	9.00am Mass	Ints Alison Spooner and Maire Carroll (Gwyther)
	11.00am Mass	Ints John Angus Yule and Dorothy Yule RIP
Monday 21st September ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev	No Mass	
Tuesday 22nd September	9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service Rosary at 10.00am	
Wednesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Pr	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints Church Lane Surgery
Thursday 24th September OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints Margaret and Peter Milden 49th Wedding Anniversary
Friday 25th September	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 26th September	Confessions 5.15pm 6.00pm Mass	Fran Wetton RIP, Gavin Leech RIP and Stella McKenna RIP (Clare and Jacqui)
Sunday 27th September	9.00am Mass	Raymond McNulty RIP (A) (McNulty)
	11.00am Mass	Ints Pina Santomouro (B'day) (Theresa Rowntree)