



The Catholic Parishes of

Corpus Christi, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield

and

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road,
Old Fallings, Wolverhampton



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The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, 23rd August, 2026

Times of Holy Mass and Other Services

Sunday The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30 p.m. (Sat.)	(Our Lady's)	John Vickers
9.00 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	People of the Parish
10.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	Carole Whitehurst

Monday [St. Bartholomew, Apostle](#)

No public celebration of Holy Mass today

Tuesday [Feria](#)

No public celebration of Holy Mass today

Wednesday [Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious](#)

No public celebration of Holy Mass today

Thursday [St. Monica](#)

No public celebration of Holy Mass today

Friday [St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church](#)

9.30 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	Ian Callaghan
6.30 p.m. (Latin)	(Our Lady's)	Alison Jones

Saturday [The Passion of St. John the Baptist, Martyr](#)

9.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	Nidah Robertson
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Sunday The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5.30 p.m. (Sat.)	(Our Lady's)	Reginald Nicholas
9.00 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	People of the Parish
10.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	Intentions of Feliciana Albanese

Confessions

Friday 5.30 p.m. (Our Lady's).

Sunday morning before Mass (Corpus Christi)

Adoration of the Most Blessed sacrament

Friday. 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. (Our Lady's)

Saturday 4.45 - 5.25 p.m. (Our Lady's)

Music Practices, Our Lady's:

Wednesday 7.30 p.m., Schola for Friday evenings.

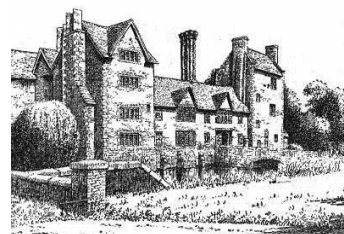
[Harvington Hall](#) Pilgrimage in Honour of the English Martyrs: Sunday 6th September

This year's principal celebrant will be His Excellency [Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia](#), Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, assisted by Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham.

The day will include:

Confessions: 1.45pm to 2.30pm

Mass: 3pm



Catechesis for the Sacraments of Initiation and for Reception into the Catholic Church

First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

1. First Confession and Holy Communion

Parents may request application packs from the Parish Priest after Sunday Masses. Completed forms should be returned as soon as possible, and no later than Sunday 27th September. Catechesis for First Confession is available for those aged 7 years or above (on September 1st), i.e. school year 3.



2. Confirmation

Those wishing to be Confirmed should collect application packs from the Parish Priest after Sunday Masses. Application forms must be completed by the individual requesting catechesis for this Sacrament. The minimum age for

Catechesis is 10 (on 1st September 2026) – i.e. school year 6. For applicants under the age of 16 years, parental consent should be given on the back page of the application form.

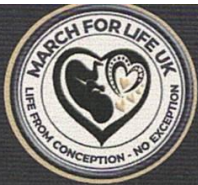
3. Reception/Baptism and the Sacraments of Initiation for

Teenagers and Adults

It is customary to follow the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. If you would like to become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Priest as soon as possible.

Hospital Chaplaincy: ✉ rwh-tr.Chaplaincy@nhs.net

☎ 695098 (emergency ☎ 307999)



March for Life UK

Saturday 5th September | LONDON | **M4LUK**
March for Life UK

13 CATHOLIC BISHOPS ATTENDING

Morning Events

Catholic Mass

10.30am - Westminster Cathedral

PRO-LIFE FAMILY SUMMIT

10.00am - 1.00pm The Emmanuel Centre
Marsham St, SW1P 3DW

THE PRO-LIFE REVIVAL

YOUTH SUMMIT

10.00am - 1.00pm The Emmanuel Centre

THE MARCH

1.30pm

Starting Point - The Emmanuel centre

SPEECHES

3.00 - 4.30pm

Parliament Square

MORE INFO HERE

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Abortion damages relationships, impacts society and leaves many people suffering in silence. We want to help those who carry this grief find their voice and feel seen, and for everyone to begin to understand why abortion isn't only a tragedy in itself, but is something that harms the family at its very core.

Readings at Mass (The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 85: 1-3)

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all
the day long.

Collect

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading (Isaiah 22:15, 19-23)

**‘I will place on his shoulder the key of the
house of David.’**

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, ‘Come, go to
this steward, to Shebna, who is over the
household, and say to him: “I will thrust you
from your office, and you will be pulled down
from your station. In that day I will call my
servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and I will
clothe him with your robe, and will bind your
sash on him, and will commit your authority to
his hand. And he shall be a father to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of
Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key
of the house of David. He shall open, and none
shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall
open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a
secure place, and he will become a throne of
honour to his father’s house.” ’

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 6, 8bc. R8bc)

**O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

Second reading (Romans 11:33-36)

**‘From him and through him and to him are
all things.’**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his
judgements and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For
who has known the mind of the Lord, or who
has been his counsellor?’ ‘Or who has given a
gift to him that he might be repaid?’ For from
him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 16:18)

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my
Church,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

**‘You are Peter, and I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven.’**

At that time: When Jesus came into the
district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his
disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of
Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the
Baptist, others say Elijah, and others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to
them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon
Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of
the living God.’ And Jesus answered him,
‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh
and blood has not revealed this to you, but
my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you,
you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my
Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail
against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind
on earth shall be bound in heaven, and
whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed
in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the
disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

‘you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,’

In the United Kingdom, it is the Monarch who formally appoints the Prime Minister and invites him or her to form a government in his (or her) name. Thus, in recent weeks, Sir Keir Starmer ceased to be Prime Minister when he submitted his resignation to the King, and – a few minutes later - Mr. Burnham became Prime Minister when he was appointed by the King. We read about this on the House of Commons website, where we are told:

“The Cabinet Manual, which sets out the main laws, conventions and rules on the operation of government, states that Prime Ministers ‘hold office unless and until they resign’. Historically, the Monarch could dismiss a Prime Minister and make a personal choice of successor. Today it is for political parties “to determine and communicate clearly to the Sovereign who is best placed to be able to command the confidence of the House of Commons”.”

Of course, the democratic will of the British people is ascertained through a General Election, and thus we continue to read (in the same document):

As the constitutional expert [Professor Rodney Brazier](#) has observed:

The Sovereign could lawfully appoint anyone to be Prime Minister, but is guided by constitutional conventions when making a choice

At this stage, we note that it is correct to state that Mr. Burnham is the King's Prime Minister, and not our Prime Minister, because he was appointed by the King, even though it is also true to say that he is the leader of the party that holds the most seats in the House of Commons, the members of which are democratically elected by the British people.

Today's First Reading is thought to relate to events sometime around 713-701 B.C., a tense time when the growing might of the Assyrian empire was threatening Judah, and describes the ousting of the steward Shebna whose rule had been found wanting, and his replacement by Eliakim, son of Hilkiah. Authority, and the symbols of that authority are to be taken from Shebna and passed on to Eliakim. Finally, the significance of that authority is stated in terms to which we might relate given the manner in which a Prime Minister receives and relinquishes authority:

“I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.”

We might think in similar terms about Our Lord's words and actions at Caesarea Philippi. Having made his confession of faith in Jesus Christ as the One who is truly God and therefore to be worshipped (in that place where the Romans had attempted to replace worship of the pagan god Pan with the worship of the Emperor) St. Peter is named as the rock on which the Church is to be built. Writing to the Colossians, St. Paul states that Jesus the is the head of the Church:

“he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” (Col.1:18-20)

To St. Peter, Our Lord spoke at the Last Supper saying, *“I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”* (Luke 22:32) Following the Great catch of fish, St. John records the conversation in which Jesus asks St. Peter three times, *“Simon, son of John do you love me...?”* to which St. Peter affirms each time in the affirmative, and to which Jesus then instructs St. Peter *“Feed my lambs....feed my sheep”*. Moreover, many times in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter speaks up on behalf of the whole band of Apostles. This role given by Our Lord to St. Peter is passed on and exercised by the Pope, whom we rightly call the Successor of Peter.

This role of the Pope as Peter's successor is stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church thus:

882 *The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful." "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered."*

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Margaret Greene (Our Lady's sg.ourladys.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) and Mary Boxold (Corpus Christi – sg.corpuschristi.wolves@rcaob.org.uk); alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Safeguarding Representatives

Our Lady's: Margaret Greene
Corpus Christi Mary Boxold.

Greek and Latin beginner courses

Maryvale Institute are launching online Greek and Latin for Beginners courses for £300 each, starting in September.

For information about the Greek course, [click here](#).

For information about the Latin course, [click here](#)

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

UNITE IN PRAYER AND COMPASSIONATE ACTION

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. This would undermine the **sanctity** and **dignity** of human life.

We are against this Bill in principle and it remains deeply flawed and dangerous in practice.

There will be a vote on Friday, 11 September 2026 – please contact your MP asap.

Act Now!

Use your smartphone camera to scan the **QR code** to visit the Bishops' Conference website.

There you will find resources to help you **contact your MP**, read the reasons why we oppose assisted suicide, explore FAQs, and more.



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
30 Euston Square, London, SW1V 1TT

Oppose Assisted Suicide

Please contact your MP to oppose assisted suicide

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons and seeks to legalise assisted suicide. It will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday 11 September. Please write to your MP to make your voice heard and oppose the Bill.

"This bill is wrong in principle," says Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, "It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives. The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

You can support the Archbishop's call and [contact your MP now as a matter of urgency](#). Even if you have already done so in the past, please speak up and voice your opposition. [The charity Right to Life UK](#) has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to enter your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop this flawed Bill progressing through parliament.

His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham has also released a video message, urging us all to write to our MPs. [Click here to view the Archbishop's message](#).

March for Life 2026: Saturday 5th September, London.



Would you like to book a place on a coach to March for Life on 5th September from Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Wolverhampton. Leaving at 7.15am?

We have 15 bishops attending this year including Archbishop Bernard Longley from Birmingham.

Please soon to avoid disappointment: *To book a place on the coach:* . Contact Isabel: 07773 501721 izzzyvs@gmail.com or Ben 07885 505116 Adults: £30, under 18s: £10 (priests free but all seats need booking).

Papal Audience: the importance of sacred music

During his weekly audience last Wednesday, Pope Leo focussed on chapter 6 of the Second Vatican Council document on the Sacred Liturgy ([Sacrosanctum Concilium](#)), concerning sacred music. Quoting St. Augustine's words "Cantare amantis est" ("singing belongs to those who love") he speaks of the way in which we pray while singing, and in this way we open ourselves to working of God's grace. During his talk, he addressed a number of significant matters:

Gregorian Chant: "[The Council](#) attributes great value to Gregorian chant, without excluding other genres of sacred music from the celebration."

The organ: "Particular attention is also given to the organ (cf. [SC](#), 120), while the use of other instruments is permitted "on condition that the instruments are suitable, or can be made suitable, for sacred use, accord with the dignity of the temple, and truly contribute to the edification of the faithful"

Inculturation: A theme close to [the Council](#)'s reform is that of inculturation, including in the field of sacred music. In particular, with regard to the musical traditions of different cultures, [the Council](#) emphasizes the importance of taking them into consideration seriously, as they form part of people's religious and social life.

[Click here](#) to read the whole of the Pope's talk.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

Bridie Brennan, Prue Earle, Jim Gildea, Bridget (Bridie) Neeld, Simon Spencer, James Hopkins, Michael Day, Michael John Greybanks, Matthew Pendlington, Deborah Phillips, Patrick Cleary, Jennifer Pugh, Catherine Tierney, Dominic Blayney, Christopher Starr, Jo Carrier, Helen Hughes, Louise Spelman, Margaret Carter, Linda Warrilow, Allan Jackson, Patrick Keating, Mary McCarthy, David Walton, James Sweeney, Margaret Perrins, Reginald Nicholas.

Please pray for the Sick: Please pray for John Paton, baby Christine Appiagyei, Ken Russon, Paul Steadman, Brenda Whitmore, Kathleen Hannifin, Elaine Poole, Robert Holland, Frances Paton, Joanne Harbour, Julia Siha, Violet Langston, and Margaret Belcher.

Parish Finances, Offertories and Gift Aid

For Offertory Collections (which support the general running of parishes and the regular costs incurred) you can contribute in the following ways:

1. By credit or debit card:

We have card readers at the back of our churches: simply follow the instructions. Sometimes you will be required to insert you card and type in your PIN.

You may contribute by credit/debit card in church, or online:

- For general collections/donations to Our Lady's [here](#).
- For general collections/donations to Corpus Christi [here](#).
- For Mass Offerings [here](#) (Please email/write details).

2. By Standing Order:

The easiest way is to set this up directly, using the app on your smartphone or by internet banking. **Bank details:**

Corpus Christi:	Sort code:	55-70-46
	Account no.	00215651
Our Lady's:	Sort Code:	56-00-69
	Account no.	00158232

3. Cash Offerings. 16/08/2026

Offertory Collections	Our Lady's	C. Christi
First Collection (Gift Aid)	£00.00	£40.00
First Collection (non-gift aid)	£192.89	£99.00
First Collection (card)	£123.00	£75.00
Second Collection	£76.82	
Assumption High Mass	£56.20	