



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

27th July 2025 · Year C · Weekday I · Psalter I

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TIMES OF CEREMONIES

Sunday 27th July

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9am	Mass	<i>Tomasz Walus +</i>
11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Mgr John Drury (F) +</i>
4.30pm	Solemn Vespers	
5.30pm	Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Monday 28th

Feria

10am	Mass	<i>Thresiamia Abraham +</i>
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Tuesday 29th

Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

10am	Mass	<i>Roger Clarke +</i>
5pm	Vespers [sung]	
5.30pm	Mass [sung]	<i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>

Wednesday 30th

Feria

7.30am	Mass	<i>Jemina Catherine Savelli (thanksgiving)</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Jacek Damps +</i>

Thursday 31st

S Ignatius of Loyola

10am	Mass	<i>MK & family (Private Intention)</i>
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Friday 1st August

S Alphonsus Ligouri

7.30am	Mass	<i>Henry, Duke of Norfolk (F) +</i>
10am	Mass & Adoration	<i>Dexter Jimenez +</i>

Saturday 2nd

The Blessed Virgin Mary on a Saturday

10am	Mass	<i>Phyllis & David Reilly (F) +</i>
6pm	Mass [Anticipatory]	<i>Patrick Gleeson +</i>

Sunday 3rd

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9am	Mass	<i>Ric Caasi & Family</i>
11am	Solemn Mass	<i>Pro Populo</i>
3pm	Mass [1962 Rite Latin]	<i>Holy Souls</i>
4.30pm	Vespers	
5.30pm	Mass	<i>Franklin Ugwu</i>

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£4,076.80

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Confessions

Tuesday: 6pm
Saturday: 10.30am
Saturday: 5.15pm
Sunday: 4.45pm

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed in the
Lady Chapel.
Monday to Friday after the
10am Mass.

Divine Office

Lauds is prayed in the
Precious Blood Chapel.
Monday to Friday at 9:40am.

HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH

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Saturday

5pm

Holy Qurbana

Sunday

8am

Holy Qurbana

10am

Mass & Confessions

4pm

Holy Qurbana

The Cathedral Church is open daily from 7.30am until 6pm

A message from Fr Alan...

Action for Gaza: If you have been reading any of the serious mainstream newspapers or watching news broadcasts this week, one cannot help but be moved and saddened by the sights of suffering and human misery that have emerged from Gaza this week. Never, in my lifetime at least, have I seen such human suffering and traumatic scenes. People are literally starving before the world as valuable aid (which is freely available) is held up, delayed and even cancelled. The UN tried to get 6 000 trucks of aid into the area this week but were refused.

Our own Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, briefly visited Gaza this with the Eastern Orthodox Patriarch Theophilus III - this followed on after the parish priest of Gaza, Fr Gabriel Romanelli from Holy Family Catholic Church, was injured earlier this week. The Holy Family Church is a tiny catholic church - the only one in Gaza - Fr Gabriel was initially absent from his church when the war broke out but returned as soon as he was able so that he could serve the people of Gaza. There are only around 130 Catholics in Gaza and yet, this tiny church and community, has become a safehaven to over 500 suffering people over the last 18 months or so, offering them prayers, food, shelter, medical care and consolation. This community share their valuable, yet dwindling, resources freely with all who call for assistance. Father Romanelli is supported by three orders of religious sisters: The Missionaries of Charity, The Holy Rosary Sisters and the Servidoras. Sadly, the church was struck by rockets this week, killing three people and injuring nine - including Fr Romanelli. Cardinal Pizzaballa, during his visit, stated that, "The Church will never abandon Gaza. Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there crucified in the wounded and buried under the rubble and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand of friendship".

We can help Gaza through our prayers and our own fasting and works of mercy. Please pray daily for Gaza, for the Holy Family Church and for all peoples of the Middle East. We can help by donating to charities that give as much of their income to the people of Gaza as possible - Aid to the Church in Need or the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: When we blessed the statue of Our Lady last Saturday (after the remarkable work that was carried out restoring the statue after she was smashed), it came to light that it did not quite fit into the beautiful bespoke stand that was made to hold the statue. Through the kindness of the craftsman who built the stand, this has been rectified, and the statue is now in place in the Precious Blood chapel. Thank you, once again, for the talents of the restorer and the carpenter who built the stand.

Parish BBQ: On Sunday we held a very enjoyable BBQ for the parish. This allowed us to get together as a parish and socialise together - thank you to all the volunteers for the work that they did to make this day a success. The youth group opened many stalls to raise money for the youth club - they raised just over £450. This money will go directly to the youth club to provide them with a hot meal when they meet on Tuesday evenings. Thank you for your generosity.

‘Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak.’

In those days: The LORD said, ‘Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.’ So, the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, ‘Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?’ And the LORD said, ‘If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.’ Abraham answered and said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ Again, he spoke to him and said, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ Then he said, ‘Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6-7b. 7c-8. R3a**

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second reading**Colossians 2:12-14**

‘God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.’

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Alleluia, alleluia.

You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 11:1-13**

'Ask, and it will be given to you.'

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

HYMN NUMBERS FOR 9AM MASS:

(the music group are away this week)

Prayers for the Sick

Cathy Adams, Dr Michael Anibueze, Philippa Barnes, Ian Beyts, Jennifer Boland, Eleanor Bray, Amanda Caistor, Brenda Devany, Jonathon Fitzimmons, Mary Gledhill, Sophia Gough-Solar, Mary Hatcher, Joe Heaney, Gill Horan, Paul Horan, Nancy Horner, Joel McDonough, Anne O'Leary, Maria Osorio, Mary Newby, Gary Newton, Isobel O'Connor, Christopher Parish, Canon David Paul, Anthony Preston, Nicholle Sales, Reece Sales, Linda Sheppard, Christine Taylor, Peter Thorn, Lord Adrian Tremayne, Mary Ward, Fr John Warrington, Peter Willets, Adrian Woods, the Wood Family, Patricia Woolley, Isobel Woolner, the Watson Family, Charmanee Wissner and Shane Wissner. [GDPR compliant]

Going into hospital? Please inform the hospital ward itself that the Catholic Chaplain is needed.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Fr Anthony - As we say farewell to Fr Mark, we welcome Fr Anthony who will arrive on Friday as our new assistant priest.

From Deacon Jonathan - I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for the warm wishes, generous gifts and prayerful support I received from so many of you following my diaconal ordination. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have been a great source of encouragement and joy to both me and my family during this profound moment in my vocational journey. To serve as a deacon in this faith-filled parish is both an honour and a blessing. I am truly humbled by the love and unity I have experienced within our community, and I pray that I may serve you with fidelity, humility, and compassion in the years ahead. Please be assured of my continued prayers for each of you. May the Lord bless you and keep you. With sincere appreciation and every blessing, Deacon Jonathan.

The Relics of St Columba will be here at the Cathedral from 12pm on Tuesday 29th July

Adoration for the First Fridays will take place on **Friday 1st August**. Adoration will run for a shorter time in the month of August from **after 10am Mass until midday** when there will be Benediction. Please do come and spend time before Our Blessed Lord in intercession for all our Diocesan priests and Bishop Peter and vocations to the priesthood.

August Masses - During August from the 11th until the 23rd we will have a shortage of available priests at the cathedral.

- From the 11th until the 15th, the cathedral will be open from 09:00 to 17:00 only with just the one Mass at 10:00 (Monday to Friday).
- On the weekends of 16/17 and 23/24, Fr Denys will celebrate the Saturday evening Mass and Mass at Holy Apostles - thank you - and Fr Anthony will celebrate the three cathedral Masses.
- As the choir takes a break in August there will be no Vespers on Sunday evenings of the 17th and 24th of August and a cantor-led Vespers on other Sundays
- While the Cathedral Choir is on holiday, the 11am Mass will be sung by cantor and congregation throughout August and on Sunday, 7 September.
- The 9am and 5:30pm Sunday Masses will be said throughout August.
- We will be joined by visiting choirs for the 5:30pm Mass on Friday, 15 August and the 11am Mass on Sunday 17 August.

First Holy Communion (FHC) and Confirmation Programmes 2025-26 Registration forms are available on the Cathedral Website. Please ensure you have your child's baptism certificate details to complete the form. **Registration closes on 31st August 2025.**
[FHC and Confirmation Booking form 2025-26 - please click here](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Children's Liturgy - as children's liturgy breaks for the summer, we thank families for participating in our enjoyable and vibrant sessions and invite parents and carers to think about becoming part of our team. There are many opportunities to become involved whatever your age or experience. Group leads can work independently or work in a pair. As a helper, roles include welcoming families, supporting children to settle and the set-up and break down of the younger group space. New members are fully supported by the team, with mentoring, shadowing and resources. Please contact Karen, k.sullivanking@gmail.com for more information. Children's Liturgy returns on Sunday 7th September.

The Cathedral Flower Group will be taking a break during the month of August, so there will be no new arrangements during that period. However, there will be exceptions for the Feasts of the Assumption of Our Lady on 15th and that of St John's Passion on 29th, when flowers will be provided for their respective statues.

Parish Pilgrimage to Poland: John Mclean has very kindly offered to arrange a pilgrimage next year to Poland from Monday 20th April until Friday 24th of April. The pilgrimage will take place in Krakow, Wadowice (the birthplace of Pope St John Paul II) as well as other holy places and places of interest. Poland is a fascinating country with a strong and beautiful culture alongside delicious cuisine and a strong Catholic faith. The cost for the pilgrimage (including flights) will be around £1000, depending on how many people wish to join us. If we manage to attract more than 30 pilgrims, then the cost is reduced slightly. There is a single supplement of £160 (but these spaces are limited due to hotel capacity). We do need to finalise numbers by the end of August and, of course, if we book our flights earlier then they are often available at a more reasonable price. Please contact John jjmclean44@gmail.com or 07977 470491.

The Duckett Library is now closed for the summer holidays, except for opening for the Tower Tour on Saturday 23 August. The library will re-open from Sunday 7 September, with some extra openings for Heritage Open Days. Returned books can be left in the 'Returns' box outside the library, and if you need to borrow books, please contact us by email.

Upendo Children's Home Fundraiser - Sister Agnes/Amabilis and Iza Walus would like to thank those who supported the Mission of Love Foundation on Sunday 20th July. Thanks to your generosity, they raised £422.95 which will be donated in its entirety to support children and young people living in Upendo's Children home in Kenya.

St John's Cathedral Garden Tour - Join us on Friday 8th August at 11am for a guided tour of our stunning cathedral garden, where you'll have the chance to ask your questions to a knowledgeable, qualified gardener. Tickets are £3.50pp, spaces are limited. Get 10% off in the café with your ticket. To book: bookings@sjbcathedral.org.uk or 01603 724380.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGULAR SACRAMENTS

With all sacraments, we do try to accommodate the needs of the individual or couple seeking to celebrate in our Cathedral. However, we are bound by the Rite of the Catholic Church in terms of liturgy and music. The priest or deacon assigned to work with you will guide you as much as possible. In general, eulogies are NOT part of the Catholic rite of Funerals and, as such should be deferred to the crematorium or a suitable gathering of loved ones after the funeral.

Our Director of Music will assist you with appropriate music that matches the dignity of the service and is appropriate to the Cathedral - this will be from a choice of sacred music generally played on the cathedral organ (no pre-recorded music).

All readings in the Cathedral must come from Sacred Scripture - poems and prose that do not comply with this should be used at the reception after the service.

BAPTISMS

Infant Baptisms - baptism is the joy-filled initiation into the Christian life and is celebrated as a public event within the community. The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 11:30am. This is a joint celebration with up to three other families. Baptism preparation classes are held on the last Saturday of every month from 4.30pm - 5.15pm. This needs to be booked, in advance, through the parish office.

Adult Baptisms - generally take place at the Easter Vigil and conferred by the Bishop in his Cathedral. Candidates will need to undergo adult instruction classes for at least five months (usually starting in late September). Classes take place every Friday evening from 7pm - commencing in September.

Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent and Lent. For all Baptism enquiries, please contact the parish office.

WEDDINGS

A minimum of 6 months' notice is required of any marriage taking place in the cathedral. Wedding couples should be resident within the parish boundaries or have some strong link to the cathedral. Please **do not** make any arrangements nor book any venue or make any concrete plans until you have secured a wedding date.

There is a three-fold requirement for marriage preparation; Catechetical and Liturgical preparation (a marriage instruction course at the cathedral toward the middle of January as well as a one-day course in Newmarket), Civil paperwork (through the townhall) as well as documentation required by the Catholic Church for the chancery and parish registers. This applies whether you are planning to be married in the Cathedral or if you plan to marry in a different location.

FUNERALS

At St John's Cathedral, funerals take place during the weekday 10am Mass. The Cathedral is generally booked through your funeral director - so please speak to them first about your needs and they will contact the Cathedral on your behalf.