



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**COLLECT**

God of might, giver of every good gift,  
put into our hearts the love of your name,  
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,  
you may nurture in us what is good  
and, by your watchful care,  
keep safe what you have nurtured.  
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. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

*'Humble yourself so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord.'*  
3:17-20, 28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved  
by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you  
must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the  
Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the  
humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of  
wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man  
will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps. 68(67)*

**In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.**

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God;  
they shall exult with glad rejoicing.  
O sing to God; make music to his name.  
The LORD is his name. **R.**

Father of orphans, defender of widows:  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;  
when your heritage languished, you restored it.  
It was there that your flock began to dwell.

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. **R**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

*'You have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God.'*  
12:18-19.22-24

Brothers and sisters: You have not come to what may be touched,  
a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound  
of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that  
no further messages be spoken to them.

But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living  
God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal  
gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in  
heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the  
righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new  
covenant.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,  
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**And with your Spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

*'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who  
humbles himself will be exalted.'* 14:1. 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the  
Pharisees, they were watching him carefully.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he  
noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them,  
'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit  
down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than  
you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and  
say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with  
shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go  
and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may  
say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured  
in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who  
exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will  
be exalted.'

He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a  
dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers  
and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite  
you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite  
the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed,  
because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the  
resurrection of the just.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this sacred offering, O Lord,  
confer on us always the blessing of salvation,  
that what it celebrates in mystery  
it may accomplish in power.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,  
we beseech you, Lord,  
that, being the food of charity,  
it may confirm our hearts  
and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Josef Krzysztan (Anniversary)	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August 2025: 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b><u>FEASTS :</u></b> Wednesday     St Gregory the Great Thursday        St Cuthbert Sunday            23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am  <b>Altar Lamp</b> – Mary T Boyle RIP <b>Our Lady's Lamp</b> – People of the Parish
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Mary T Boyle (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Anthony Rooney (Anniversary)	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Jamie Moloney RIP	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Shaun Clarke RIP (w/ Holy Family School)	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Kathleen Doyle RIP	
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Bartek Flis (Birthday)	
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Anne Garvey RIP (Birthday)	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £395.00</b>			
<b>SECOND COLLECTION: £156.35 (Church Maintenance)</b>			

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Fr Paul Johnson, RIP. The funeral will take place at St Ambrose Barlow Parish Church. There will be a reception and Holy Mass on Tuesday, September 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., and a Requiem Mass on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 12:00 noon.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** William Farrell, Theobald Larkin, Vincent Wellings, Leopold Hasse, Anthony McGrady, Michael Summers, Mary Teresa Boyle, Sarah Duggan, Jeremiah McBride, John Mulligan, Mary Walsh, Michael Harrison, George Cotter, Kathleen Hayes, Patrick Wickham, Charles Byrne, James Fox, Patrick Foley, Frederick Wilkinson, Patrick Tierney, John Madden, John Kelly, Teresa Wood, Christopher Connolly, John Walsh, Rose Doyle.

**SICK LIST:** Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Tommy Flynn, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Pete McManamon, Mary McManamon.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:** For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect. **MONDAY** is World Day of Prayer for Creation.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance.

**KENELM YOUTH TRUST (KYT):** The Archdiocesan Youth Ministry team welcome enquiries from young Catholics aged 18-25 about joining their Mission Team for a year's experience. Find out more at [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**HARVINGTON HALL:** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall will take place on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Confessions 1.45 – 2.30 pm. Mass at 3.00 pm celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley.

**WE WELCOME** back to a new school year all pupils and staff, especially from Holy Family and St Bernadette's.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** meeting next Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon in the Presbytery. All women are welcome to attend. Thank you.

**FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL** – Visit the National Office for Vocations at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.religiouslife.org](http://www.religiouslife.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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