

Sunday 24th August 2025

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Saturday 23rd August	Feria	10am	Ruth 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17; Matthew 23: 1-12	Majida Nissan Ints
		6pm		Maura Haughey RIP
Sunday 24th August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am	Isaiah 66: 18-21; Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13; Luke 13: 22-30	James Roche RIP
		5:30pm		People of the Parish
Monday 25th August	Feria		I Thessalonians 1: 1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23: 13-22	
				NO MASS
Tuesday 26th August	Feria		I Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 23: 23-26	
				NO MASS
Wednesday 27th August	St Monica	10am	I Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 27-32	Joon Hopewell Wellbeing
Thursday 28th August	St Augustine of Hippo, bishop and doctor of	10am	I Thessalonians 3: 7-13; Matthew 24: 42-53	Ivor Monaco RIP
		10:30am –1pm		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 29th August	The Passion of St. John the Baptist	10am	Jeremiah 1: 4, 17-19; Mark 6: 17-29	Michael Paulo Fernandes RIP
		10:30am –1pm		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 30th August	Sts. Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward, martyrs	10am	I Thessalonians 4: 9-11; Matthew 25: 14-30	Keith Horner
		6pm		Ermete Andrietti RIP
Sunday 31st August	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10am	Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14: 1, 7-15	Fr David Peck Wellbeing
		5:30pm		People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Natalie Pell, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jenny Schlegel, Bibiana Young, Gerard Briffa and Sebio De Batoli.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be refreshments in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)



The Peasant Wedding (1567)

Pieter Bruegel the Elder (c.1525/1530-1569)

As Jesus moves towards Jerusalem, a growing sense of anticipation prompts a question about who will be saved as well as how many (Luke 13: 23). Jesus does not respond to speculations in these terms. He turns the question back once more into a warning not to miss the opportunity while it is still available. “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.” (Luke 13: 24) To gain entry to a house, do not wait until all is locked up for the night; it will be no use then standing outside knocking, claiming all kinds of familiarity with the householder; the lodging will be full with others “from east and west, and from north and south” (Luke 13: 29). The hospitality of God is ample and generous: “...and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory” (Isaiah 66: 18): but it will not be available forever. Human beings can exclude themselves from salvation by not being prepared to accept God’s gracious generosity at the time—and in the company—of his choosing.

Baptisms/Marriages by appointment only. Please see Fr. Philip
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PARISH NEWS

SAINT MONICA (c.332-387): 27 AUGUST

Saint Monica was the mother of Saint Augustine of Hippo, a bishop and doctor of the Church. Her greatest desire was for her son to be baptised and received into the Church. Her wish was fulfilled in 387 when Saint Augustine was baptised in Milan by Saint Ambrose. From Milan they started to make their way back to Africa, but in the Roman port of Ostia Monica fell ill and died. Before her death she and her son experienced a powerful revelation of God:

“The day was imminent when she was to depart this life (the day which you knew and we did not). It came about, as I believe by your providence through your hidden ways, that she and I were standing leaning out of a window overlooking a garden. It was at the house where we were staying at Ostia on the Tiber, where, far removed from the crowds, after the exhaustion of a long journey, we were recovering our strength for the voyage.

“Alone with each other, we talked very intimately. ‘Forgetting the past and reaching forward to what lies ahead’ (Phil. 3: 13), we were searching together in the presence of the truth which is you yourself. We asked what quality of life the eternal life of the saints will have, a life which ‘neither eye has seen nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man’ (1 Cor. 2: 9). But with the mouth of the heart wide open, we drank in the waters flowing from your spring on high, ‘the spring of life’ [Ps. 36: 9] which is with you. Sprinkled with this dew to the limit of our capacity, our minds attempted in some degree to reflect on so great a reality.

“The conversation led us towards the conclusion that the pleasure of the bodily senses, however delightful in the radiant light of this physical world, is seen by comparison with the life of eternity to be not even worth considering. Our minds were lifted up by an ardent affection towards eternal being itself.”

Saint Augustine, *Confessions*
Book 9 X 23 Oxford World Classics pp.170-171

THE WINNERS OF 24th August 200 CLUB		
1	68	Kate Dixon
2	26	S Hu-Fouye

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, for every £1 you give to the parish, we can get another 25p.

Please speak to: John O’ Reilly 07977 538671.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To meet our budget we need £1,600 each week

Sunday 13th April’s offering was	£556.59
Contactless	£208
Standing Orders	£400
Total	£1164.59

Thank you for your generosity

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SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354-430): 28 AUGUST

In great wonderment before the work of God’s providence, the Psalmist exclaims: “When I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what is man that you should keep him in mind, mortal man that you care for him?” (Ps 8:3-4). The profound truth of our existence is thus contained in this surprising mystery: every creature, and in particular every human person, is the fruit of God’s thought and an act of his love, a love that is boundless, faithful and everlasting (cf. Jeremiah 31:3 [“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.”])). The discovery of this reality is what truly and profoundly changes our lives. In a famous page of the *Confessions*, Saint Augustine expresses with great force his discovery of God, supreme beauty and supreme love, a God who was always close to him, and to whom he at last opened his mind and heart to be transformed: “Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.” [*Confessions* Book X, 27.38 Oxford World Classic pp. 200-201]. With these images, the Saint of Hippo seeks to describe the ineffable mystery of his encounter with God, with God’s love that transforms all of life.

Pope Benedict XVI 29 April 2012
Message for the 49th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

NOTICE BOARD

Wimbledon College Open Day

Prospective parents and pupils for admission into Year 7 in September 2026 are welcome to attend an **OPEN EVENING** on Thursday 25th September 2025 between 5pm and 8.00pm

The evening includes a comprehensive tour of the school with each family having their own dedicated pupil guide and a talk from the headteacher, Mr Laing.

Access to the headteacher's talk is only permitted with a valid ticket due to limited space. If you wish to attend the talk please select one of the times below. Tickets are limited to a Y5/6 child plus two others. Further information, including booking tickets, is available at www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/openevents.

Monday 29th September – Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 9.00am

Divine Mercy Celebration

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina’s Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome.

Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria

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