

Saturday 8 August		Habakuk 1: 12—2: 4; Matthew 17: 14-20
St. Dominic, priest	10.00am	Miguel Paulo Fernandes RIP
	6.00pm	Francisco Pereira RIP
Sunday 9 August		I Kings 19: 9a, 11-13a; Romans 9: ; Matthew 14: 22-33
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	10am	Rosemary Diana Mace RIP
	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday 10 August		II Corinthians 9: 6-10; John 12: 24-26
St. Lawrence, deacon and martyr		NO MASS
Tuesday 11 August		Ezekiel 2: 8—3:4; Matthew 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14
St. Clare, virgin		NO MASS
Wednesday 12 August		Ezekiel 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22, Matthew 18: 15-20
Feria	10.00am	Louis Francois Ghibaut RIP
Thursday 13 August		Ezekiel 12: 1-2; Matthew 18: 21—9:1
Feria	10.00am	Sister Patricia
	10.30am-12.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 14 August		Ezekiel 16: 1-15a, 60, 63; Matthew 19: 3-12
St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr	10.00am	Fr. Richard Bateman RIP
	10.30am-12.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 15 August		Ezekiel 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19: 13-15
Feria	10.00am	Helene Stewart
	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 August		Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; I Corinthians 15: 20-27a; Luke 1: 39-56
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	James Roche RIP
	5.30pm	Bridget (Beatrice) McCormack RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK INCLUDING:

Jaime Molina, Jennifer Kirwin, Fr. David, Michael Hoskins, Colin Smitherman, Bernadette Marchetti, Nigel Pell, Victoria Monaco, Callum Jamieson, Tom Bailey, Jenny Schlegel, Bibiana Young, Gerard Briffa, Jason Moreno, John Tarling, Monica Dennehy and Julia Lear.

Please pray for all those who have died recently.

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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)



Elijah on Mount Horeb (c.1896-1902)

James Tissot (1836-1902)

My previous parish of Broadstairs is close to the old Manston airport. In the village is the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Museum. When you look at the Spitfire and the Hurricane exhibits you are amazed by the flimsy nature of the planes. Winning the Battle of Britain for Great Britain, the Spitfire and the Hurricane have a special place in our national consciousness: they are planes bathed in the glory of history. And yet, and yet they are so fragile.

So fragile; so delicate; yet bathed in glory: an image, perhaps, of each one of us here today. This is the clue as to why Elijah encounters the Lord not in the deafening noise and fury on the mountain of God but in “the sound of a low whisper.” (I Kings 19: 12)

Whenever I hear people talking about the wrath of God; the fury of God; the righteous anger of God, I despair. It is not that these things do not exist, they most certainly do, and we ignore them at our peril; but so often they are invoked by those wishing to use them for their own ends. God is not in the noise and the thunder, the violence and the destruction. Despite what some misguided fanatics in our own day may say, you do not see the work of God in mindless death and destruction. “I will hear what the LORD God speaks; he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.” (Psalm 85: 9)

God does not shout at us because he knows us better than we know ourselves: we are his creation. We are fragile, weak human beings; but human beings called to be the adopted sons and daughters of God our Father, called to share in the glory of the Risen Lord. We are like those Spitfires and Hurricanes: ever so delicately crafted and fragile. Just as Peter thought he could walk across the turbulent waters of the lake, in our relationship with the Lord we are tempted to get ahead of ourselves; relying on our own strength that is no strength, we start to sink. Then we have to learn over and over again to listen to the still, small voice of the Lord that calls us to place our hand in his hand.



THE VENOMOUS ONE: WHOM I GREATLY LIKE

“The conversion of England was thus effected by the landing of St Augustine in Thanet and other places, which resulted in the country being overrun by a Wave of Saints. Among these were St Ive, St Pancra, the great St Bernard (originator of the clerical collar), St Bee, St Ebb, St Neot (who invented whisky), St Kit and St Kin, and the Venomous Bead (author of *The Rosary*). England was now divided into seven kingdoms and so ready were the English to become C. of E. that on one memorable occasion a whole Kingdom was easily converted by a sparrow.”

W. C. Sellars and R. J. Yeatman, *1066 And All That* (1930)

Thus is described St. Bede the Venerable (c.673-735)—the father of English historiography, scripture scholar and writer of commentaries on numerous books of the Old and New Testaments—in a book which is now more than ninety years old and which has amused children and adults down through the years. I remember it being read to me as a schoolboy when we were studying Roman and Anglo-Saxon history. Who was St. Bede? Well let us read his own words about himself which can be found in chapter twenty-four of the Fifth Book of his work *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY

Please be aware that the Southwark diocesan policy on marriage states that at least six months’ notice of marriage is normally required at the parish closest to the Catholic party. This is to ensure paperwork and preparation can both be completed.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

Last Sunday’s offering was	£587.77
Contactless	£206.93
Standing Orders	£400.00
Total	£1,1194.70

Thank you for your generosity

THE WINNERS OF 2nd August 2026 200 CLUB

1	159	JAMES CUMMINS
2	194	JOHN TARLING

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.

Parish Hall—Bookings

If you are planning an event and would like to use the Parish Hall, bookings can be made by emailing bookingsolsp@gmail.com

Please note the Hall is not available for booking during the summer school holiday (end of July to the first week of September) or in December.

Payments by cheque

Please note that any payments to the Parish by cheque should be made payable to:-

RCAS Wimbledon Common

Teas/Coffees after 10am Mass

There will be tea and coffee in the hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday

Baptisms/Marriages by appointment only. Please see Fr. Philip
Confessions: Saturday 9.30 am to 9.50 am & 5.30 pm to 5.50 pm, Sunday 5.00 pm to 5.20pm



“I, Bede, servant of Christ and priest of the monastery of St. Peter and St. Paul which is at Wearmouth and Jarrow, have with the help of God and to the best of my ability, put together this account of the history of the Church of Britain and of the English people in particular, gleaned either from ancient documents or from tradition or from my own knowledge. I was born in the territory of this monastery. When I was seven years of age I was, by the care of my kinsmen, put into the charge of the reverend Abbot Benedict and then of Ceolfrith, to be educated. From then on I have spent all my life in this monastery, applying myself entirely to the study of the Scriptures; and, amid the observance of the Rule¹ and the daily task of singing in the church, it has always been my delight to learn or to teach or to write. At the age of nineteen I was ordained deacon and at the age of thirty, priest, both times through the ministration of the reverend Bishop John on the direction of Abbot Ceolfrith. From the time I became a priest until the fifty-ninth year of my life I have made it my business, for my own benefit and that of my brothers, to make brief extracts from the works of the venerable Fathers on the holy Scriptures, or to add notes of my own to clarify their sense and interpretation.”

Bede then lists his writings and concludes with a prayer:

“And I pray thee, merciful Jesus, that as you have graciously granted me sweet draughts from the word which tells of you, so you will, of your goodness, grant that I may come at length to you, the fount of all wisdom, and stand before your face for ever.”

And what was that about that sparrow in *1066 And All That*? It comes from Bede’s account of the conversion of King Edwin of Northumbria (king 616-633) by bishop Paulinus of York. Edwin was a pagan but asked for instruction in the faith. Summoning his council he asked what he should do, to which one of his chief men replied:

“This is how the present life of men on earth, King, appears to me in comparison with that time which is unknown to us. You are sitting feasting with your ealdormen and thegns in winter time; the fire is burning on the hearth in the middle of the hall and all inside is warm, while outside the wintry storms of rain and snow are raging; and a sparrow flies swiftly through the hall. It enters in at one door and quickly flies out through the other. For the few moments it is inside, the storm and wintry tempest cannot touch it, but after the briefest moment of calm, it flits from your sight, out of the wintry storm and into it again. So this life of man appears but for a moment: what follows or indeed what went before we know not at all. If this new doctrine [the Catholic faith] brings us more certain information, it seems right that we should accept it.”

The Ecclesiastical History of the English People
Book II Chapter 13

“Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, brings to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day.”



OUR LADY QUEEN OF HEAVEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our primary school needs the help of parishioners to support their application to have a zebra crossing outside the school. This will make a safe crossing point for our children, their families and the wider community. It will also greatly aid parishioners of our church to have a zebra crossing on Victoria Drive. Please look at copies of the petition in our porch or on our website in the June 2026 section of our Newsletters.



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