

Sunday 16th August 2026

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Saturday 15 August Feria	Ezekiel 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19: 13-15 10.00am NO MASS 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; I Corinthians 15: 20-27a; Luke 1: 39-56 10am James Roche RIP 5.30pm Bridget (Beatrice) McCormack RIP
Monday 17 August Feria	Ezekiel 24: 15-24; Matthew 19: 16-23 NO MASS
Tuesday 18 August Feria	Ezekiel 28: 1-10; Matthew 19: 23-30 NO MASS
Wednesday 19 August Feria	Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20: 1-16 10.00am Rosalind Dimmock
Thursday 20 August St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church	Ezekiel 36: 23-28; Matthew 22: 1-14 10.00am Anne Bzowska 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 21 August St. Pius X, pope	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22: 34-40 10.00am Sally Pilkington RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 22 August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 1: 26-38 10.00am David Lincoln RIP 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 16 August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Isaiah 22: 15, 19-23; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20 10am Maria Bonfim RIP 5.30pm Fr. David Peck

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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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Assumption of the Virgin (1515-1518) Altar Piece from the Frari Church in Venice
Titian (c.1488/1490-1576)

“The times they are a-changin.”

Almost imperceptibly the sun is rising that little bit later each day; setting that little bit earlier. Soon the nights will have drawn in; it will seem as if darkness has won the day. No, it hasn’t.

Today’s great Solemnity reminds us that darkness, sin and death will never win—the victory belongs to Christ our Lord. The Assumption of our Blessed Lady takes us back to our celebration of the Easter vigil. In the darkness of that vigil the Paschal candle was lit to remind us that Christ is the light of the world; that his light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overpower it. As we followed the Paschal candle into the Church—lighting our own candles from that one source of light—we declared that we follow Christ; that we, too, want to share in the victory of his Resurrection.

The Assumption of our Blessed Lady reminds us that we should hope for our own resurrection. At the end of her life Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven to share in the Resurrection of her son. All of us share the glory of our human nature with Christ and with his mother. Each one of us, loved by God as we are, is offered the opportunity to share in the gift of Christ’s Resurrection. To be with Mary, in the glory of God’s Kingdom, that is our destiny.

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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	£596.17
Contactless	£208.86
Standing Orders	£400.00
Total	£1,205.03

Thank you for your generosity

THE WINNERS OF 16th August 2026 200 CLUB

1	200	REESE WILLIAMS
2	181	T. RANHS

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

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“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.”

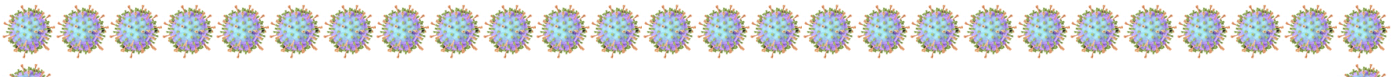
And what was that about that sparrow in *1066 And All That*? It comes from Bede’s account of the conversion of King Edwin of Northumbria (king 616-633) by bishop Paulinus of York. Edwin was a pagan but asked for instruction in the faith. Summoning his council he asked what he should do, to which one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

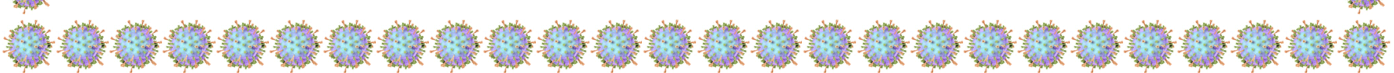
“Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, brings to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day.”





APOLOGIES FROM FATHER PHILIP

Please accept my apologies for having had to cancel the weekday Masses last week. On Thursday 6 August the salivary glands in my mouth started to swell, and by Sunday morning I was finding it hard to talk. Thinking there was something wrong with my teeth, I went to the dentist on Monday 10 August. I was prescribed a course of antibiotics, which have eased the swelling but not completely. The Masses not offered will be arranged for other days.



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