

Sunday 6th September 2026

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Saturday 5 September Feria	I Corinthians 4: 6b-15; Luke 6: 1-5 10.00am Cecilia Fernandes 6.00pm People of the Parish
Sunday 6 September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20 10am Andrew Mulroe RIP (Cousin of Andy Mulroe) 5.30pm Philip McCormack
Monday 7 September Feria	I Corinthians 5: 1-8; Luke 6: 6-11 NO MASS
Tuesday 8 September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 4: 31-37 NO MASS
Wednesday 9 September Feria Whole School Mass	I Corinthians 7: 25-31; Luke 6: 20-26 10.00am The Holy Souls
Thursday 10 September Feria	I Corinthians 8: 1b-7, 11-13; Luke 6: 27-38 10.00am Peter Lee RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday 11 September Feria	I Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6: 39-42 10.00am Lena Lawlor RIP 10.30am-12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 12 September Feria	I Corinthians 10: 14-22; Luke 6: 43-49 10.00am The Holy Souls 6.00pm Clare & Matteo Farina with Silver Wedding Blessing
Sunday 13 September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)	Sirach 27: 30—28: 7; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35 10am Andrew Mulroe RIP (Cousin of Andy Mulroe) 5.30pm The People of the Parish

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

This is a School Voucher Sunday

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

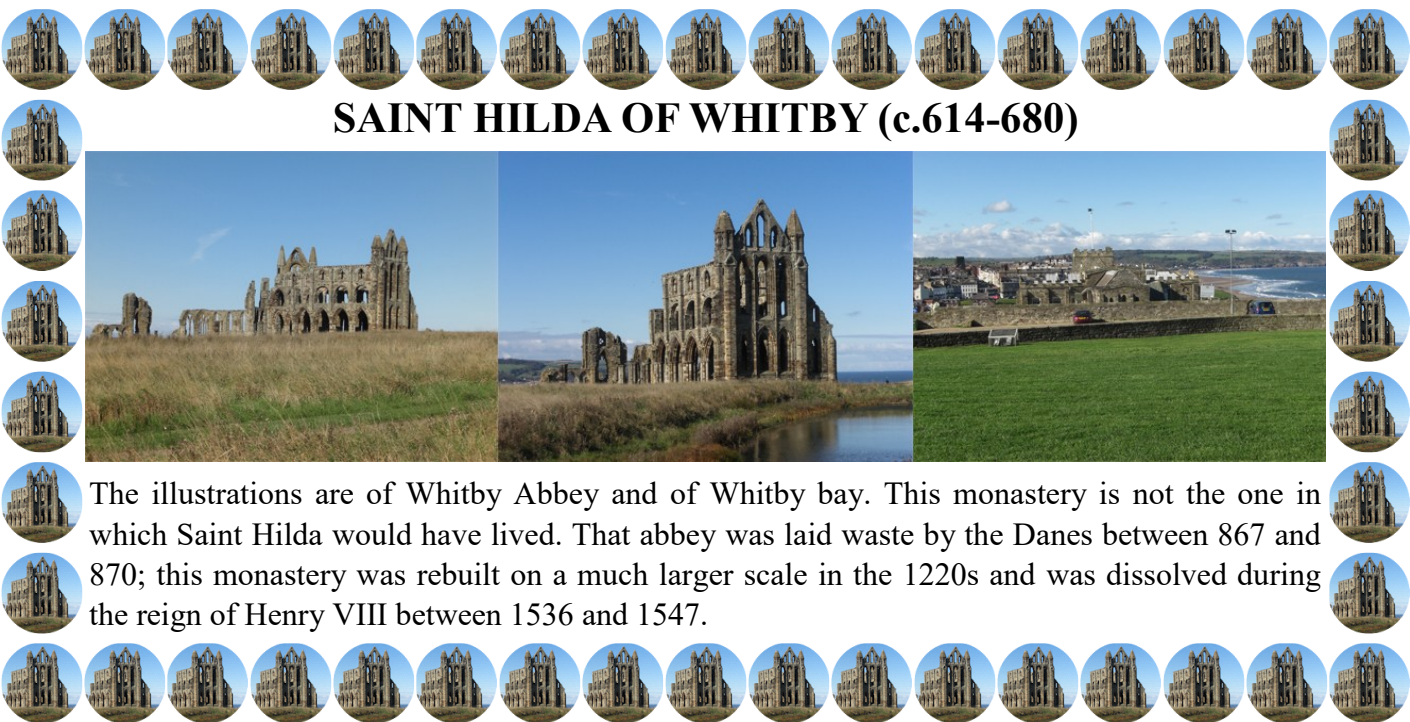


The Sermon on the Mount (1437)
Fra Angelico (c.1395-1455)

For those who pray the Divine Office, today’s psalm is known as the Invitatory which, together with the proper antiphon, begins either the Office of Readings or Morning Prayer. The psalm is a call to praise God, to remember “he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand.” It speaks to us of the intimate relationship existing between God and each and every human being: God the creator, the one who fashioned us in the depths of the womb so that we live to know him, praising him from the very depths of our humanity. Do not be afraid of God: rather “let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the LORD who made us” so we can truly accept his beautiful, loving invitation to share in his divine life. Sinners we may be, but we are called to life in Christ Jesus our Lord: “when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.” (1 John 3: 2)

It is in this context we need to understand today’s Gospel. At first sight, it looks like a charter for busy-bodies, allowing people to interfere in the lives of others; and we all know from so many examples throughout history how some have deliberately used the teachings of the Church to hurt or mislead others. What Jesus calls us to is an unrelenting insistence upon the truth in our own lives, a commitment to the truth whatever it reveals to us of our own faults and failings. Christians believe that the truth sets us free. The true reality is not the conflict of we, the innocent, versus the guilty other, but the discovery of our solidarity in guilt, and so our solidarity in being loved by God. This is a call to the humility echoed in our Psalm: “let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the LORD who made us”

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SAINT HILDA OF WHITBY (c.614-680)



The illustrations are of Whitby Abbey and of Whitby bay. This monastery is not the one in which Saint Hilda would have lived. That abbey was laid waste by the Danes between 867 and 870; this monastery was rebuilt on a much larger scale in the 1220s and was dissolved during the reign of Henry VIII between 1536 and 1547.

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	£
Contactless	£
Standing Orders	£
Total	

These details will be available next week
Thank you for your generosity

THE WINNERS OF 6th September 2026 200 CLUB

1	135	NATACHA LIGNEREUX
2	176	JUNE HOPEWELL

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday, 13 September, there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Education Service, which is the chief negotiating and advisory body on all matters affecting Catholic education.

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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Saint Hilda was an amazing lady who “by her guidance gave learning, growth and unity to your Church.” Under her guidance a synod was held in Whitby (664) to determine whether the Kingdom of Northumbria, then the dominant Anglo-Saxon kingdom, would follow the Roman observance of Easter Sunday or the Celtic observance. As St. Bede the Venerable wrote in his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, before the Synod of Whitby, “it is said that in these days it sometimes happened that Easter was celebrated twice in the same year, so that the king had finished the fast and was keeping Easter Sunday, while the Queen and her people were still in Lent and observing Palm Sunday.” It was “decided to hold a council to settle the dispute at a monastery called *Streanæs healh* (Whitby), a name which means the bay of the lighthouse; at this time Hild, a woman devoted to God, was abbess.” By standardising the practices of the Northumbrian Church according to the Roman tradition, the synod was a landmark in the history of the Church in England—one which brought together two Christian traditions already in the process of merging. From this point on, Anglo-Saxon Christians celebrated Easter, the holiest of all Christian festivals, on the same day as their co-religionists in mainland Europe.

Hilda was born to royal, pagan parents in 614. Shortly after, Christian missionaries reached her Northumbrian homeland, and on Easter Day 627, Hilda was baptised into their faith.

The pious, young princess decided to dedicate her life to God and initially planned to join her sister at the monastery of Chelles in northern France. That did not happen. Instead Aidan, abbot and bishop of the island monastery of Lindisfarne and a future saint, persuaded Hilda to pursue her monastic vocation in her native Northumbria. After first settling at an unnamed monastery on the banks of the Wear and then at Hartlepool, in 657 Hilda became abbess of the royal monastery at *Streanæs healh*, or Whitby.

The abbey was home to both nuns and monks, and under Hilda’s talented leadership came to be counted among the religious, intellectual and cultural powerhouses of seventh-century Christendom. Bede, a monk at Jarrow and a near contemporary of Hilda, tells that Whitby was a place of “justice, devotion, purity and other virtues, but especially [...] peace and charity”. Men of all ranks, from princes to paupers, esteemed Hilda’s wisdom and sought her counsel. Alumni of the school at Whitby included five future bishops, and Hilda’s monastery was also home to Caedmon, the illiterate cowhand who discovered a miraculous gift for song, which was nurtured by his saintly abbess. Hilda suffered from a fever for the last seven years of her life, but she continued to work until her death on 17 November 680 AD, at what was then the advanced age of sixty-six. In her last year she set up another monastery, fourteen miles from Whitby, at Hackness.

The saint also shaped the visual identity of Whitby Abbey. St Hilda’s image ornamented the seal attached to its official documents. A late medieval legend recounting how St Hilda rid the Whitby headland of venomous serpents provided the inspiration for the monastery’s coat of arms, which was emblazoned with three curled snakes. Their form was derived from the fossilised ammonites or “snakestones” that abound along the nearby coast. To the medieval mind, these surely gave credence to tales of Saint Hilda’s miraculous powers.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP

This weekend a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support poor Christian families. Any help you could give to them will be highly appreciated :“when you help the poor you help our Lord”.

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