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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

"The Son of Man must be lifted up"

Mass Times

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| Sat 13 | St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Memorial
09:30 People of the Parish
12:30 Marriage Alessandro Penge & Tessa Frances Wagstaff
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
Robert McCartney RIP |
| Sun 14 | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast
Education Day
10:00 Julius Mugerwa RIP & Charles Mabira RIP |
| Mon 15 | Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial
09:30 Colleen Mary Lobo RIP |
| Tues 16 | Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Memorial
09:30 Lino & Angela Alfiler RIP |
| Weds 17 | Feria
09:30 Royce Nital Anthony Fernando RIP |
| Thurs 18 | Feria
09:30 St. Joseph's Primary School Welcome Mass
Dylan Marco Rodriguez Fernandes RIP |
| Fri 19 | Feria
09:30 Lucy Baza, Birthday
Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 20 | St Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, & Paul Chông Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs Memorial
09:30 Irene Vincent RIP
17:30 Vigil Mass of Sunday
People of the Parish |
| Sun 21 | Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Home Mission Sunday
10:00 Oralía Chapa-Kafati RIP |



Artist Unknown

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross draws us into the mystery at the heart of our Catholic faith: that by dying on the Cross the Son of God overcame the sin of the whole world, and so reconciled mankind with God. The old sin of Adam, rooted in disobedience and rebellion against God, is defeated by the obedience and faithfulness of Jesus Christ. No longer will sin and death reign in this world, for they have been subjected to the power of God by the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Cross represents all the evil and sin of human history, but it also represents the power of God to redeem us from our sins and to open for us the way to salvation by faith in Christ. In the Cross in our hope and our joy.

Mgr Matthew

'God loves us, God loves you all, and evil shall not prevail. We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united, hand in hand with God and with one another, let us go forward.' **Pope Leo XIV**

Sunday Readings: Year C
Weekday Readings: Year 1

Confessions: Saturday 10.15-10.45
(No Confessions Saturday 6 September)

Baptisms & Marriages:
Please contact the Parish Priest

SECOND COLLECTION

13 – 14 SEPTEMBER – CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education through strong relationships with government, promoting high academic standards for all and increased parental choice. There are over 2000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students.

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTIONS

20 – 21 SEPTEMBER – EVANGELII GAUDIUM (HOME MISSION) SUNDAY

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country.

EDUCATION SUNDAY - 14 SEPTEMBER

Today is Education Day, a day of prayer for all Catholic schools and colleges, their pupils and their families, teachers, support staff and governors. Children from St Joseph's Primary School will be reading at the 10:00 Mass.

LITTLE PILGRIMS PLAY & PRAY

Our group for parents and toddlers (0-4 years)

Meets every Monday during school term time (except bank holidays) 10:00-11:30 in the parish hall.

An opportunity for mums and dads with toddlers to share parenting experience, to pray together and for children to

play. Mums and dads expecting a baby are also very welcome. Parents and children welcome to attend the 09:30 Mass before the group meets.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 17

SEPTEMBER AT 19:00 IN THE PRIEST'S HOUSE

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to adults who are not baptized, adults who have been baptized in another Christian tradition and who now wish to become members of the Catholic Church, or baptized Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. If you are interested to know more please email Mgr Matthew on the parish email.



We invite all children who have made their First Holy Communion to consider becoming an altar server. Please contact the Parish Office for more details and registration form.

First training session follows 10:00 Mass on Sunday 5 October



SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPEN EVENTS St John Bosco College

YEAR 7 2026 Open Evening: Tues 16 Sep, 4:30pm-7pm. Tours of the school every day at 9 am, parents can book these by following the link on our website or telephoning the school for an appointment.

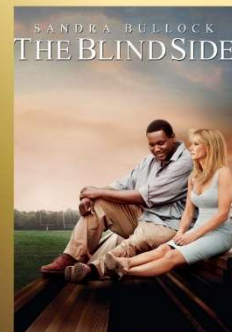
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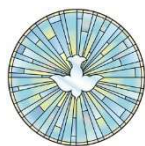
SEPTEMBER 26, 2025
11:30AM
PARISH HALL



There are still places for the **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025** – 21-5 Oct. Cost £399 / (£199 under 16)

Cost incl. return flights from Stansted, ½ board accommodation, Lourdes transfers. £70 single supplement. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:

01322220075. Fr. Henry Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage. See the noticeboard at the back of the church for information and application forms.



CONFIRMATION 2024-2025

Registration forms for the confirmation programme 2025 - 2026 are available on the table at the back of the church. For young people in school year 8 and above.

Registrations close Sunday 9 November 2025

Parents & candidates' meeting Sat 15 November 3pm

First confirmation class Sun 23 November 11am

Confirmation Retreat Day Sat 7 February 10-4pm

Confirmation Mass Sun 10 May 12pm



Lost Property

An Oyster Zip Card was found in the church. Please see Mgr Matthew after mass if you lost yours last week.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Parish Collection	£349
Parish Dona	£303
Standing Orders	£601
Organ Fund Collection	£127
Organ Fund Dona	£49

THANK YOU

13 - 14 September

Welcome & Coffee: F. Azevedo, M. Figueiredo

Readers: SAT: R. & S. Jackson Cousin

SUN: St. Joseph's Students

Flowers: C. Nartey

20 - 21 September

Welcome & Coffee: C. Miranda, P. Figueiredo

Readers: SAT: E. Falcone, S. & R. Jay

SUN: A. Stacey, C. Webb

Flowers: C. Nartey

CHURCH MAINTENANCE TEAM: Meet 11am-1pm on the 2nd Saturday of the Month.

Next meeting: 20 SEPTEMBER

DIARY DATES AT-A-GLANCE:

14 Sep Education Sunday

16 Sep 4:30pm St John Bosco College Open Evening

17 Sep 7pm, RCIA Meeting, Priest's House

17 Sep 4pm, Cardinal Vaughan Y7 Open Evening

20 Sep 11am, Maintenance Team

20 Sep 10am, Archdiocesan Day for Catechists, SE16HR

24 Sep 6:30pm, Serv.of Hope & Healing, StGeorges,SE17HY