

THE R.C. PARISH OF ST. ALOYSIUS

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Welcome to our parish community, we hope you are made feel welcome. We ask everyone to respect the peaceful atmosphere of our churches - we do not, however, expect the impossible of small children! Toilets are located in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius' (through the door at the rear of the Church), and at the front right in Sacred Heart. You will also find the stall in the hall foyer in St. Aloysius.

Day	Church	Service	Time
MONDAY 7TH SEPT	St Aloysius	Mass	10am
TUESDAY 8TH SEPT	Sacred Heart	Mass	10am
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPT	St Aloysius	Mass	10am
THURSDAY 10TH SEPT	Sacred Heart	Mass	10am
FRIDAY 11TH SEPT	St Aloysius	Mass	10am
SATURDAY 12TH SEPT	St Aloysius	NO MASS	10am
		Confession	5pm
		Vigil Mass	5.30pm
SUNDAY 13TH SEPT	St Aloysius	Sunday Mass	10am
	Sacred Heart	Confession	11.40am
		Sunday Mass	12 Noon

PLEASE NOTE:

- There will be **NO** Monday Night Mass at 7pm
- There will be **NO** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- There will be **NO** Saturday Morning Mass at 10am
- The Church will remain closed during the day.

These will resume upon Fr Mark's return from holiday on week beginning 13th September

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Next year the Diocesan Pilgrimage travels to Lourdes in July of 2027. Normally the date is around 12th July and the approximate cost will be about £1100. More details in late Autumn.

THE POPE'S INTENTIONS

Each month, Pope Leo asks for our prayers for a specific intention. During September we pray particularly: For the care of water : Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

HOLIDAY

I will return on the 14th September. During this time Fr Tom Magill will cover the parish. If there are any emergencies or you need to arrange anything please get in touch with him on: 07789 708192.

RCIA

First meeting of this year's RCIA sessions will be taking place after 10am Mass at St Aloysius on **Sunday 6th September** in St.Aloysius Church House. It's not too late for anyone else to join this year's programme if you want to take part, or would like more information, please email stalloysius@rcdom.org.uk

PARISH YOUNG ADULT GROUP

In the near future a young adults group will be starting parish. For those aged 18-25. Looking at holidays and Parish pilgrimage at the end of September, we will likely be aiming for an October start. Please pass the word on and begin to think of inviting people to join the group!

ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS

We will have a second collection to help fund our seminarians and seminary costs , Next weekend. Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September.

COLLECTION: 31ST AUGUST

Non-Gift Aid: £ 589.78 Gift Aid: £851.20
Thanks for your continued generosity!

UPCOMING DATES

- National Pilgrimage, Carfin Grotto, **today** 6th September, 3pm
Principal Celebrant Archbishop Willian Nolan
- Mass with Archbishop Fisichella, in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, 7pm. Thursday 24th September. Archbishop Fisichella serves as the pro-prefect for the New Evangelisation section of the Dicastery for Evangelisation in the Vatican.
- Parish Family Mass, St Aloysius, Sunday 20th September, 10am.

GOSPEL FOCUS

The Gospel Focus group have started meeting again after a break over the summer. They meet on a Tuesday night on St Aloysius House at 7pm. The group selected passages of Scripture accompanied with some study notes and discuss/share their knowledge/reading of it. All are welcome to join for what is a warm, friendly and interesting discussion.

JOHN CLARK MEMORIAL STATUE

A meeting will be held in St Aloysius hall on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.00pm to discuss fundraising for the above.

“Prayer is the key to heaven, but Faith unlocks the door,” **St Teresa of Avila**

“We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” - **St Teresa of Calcutta**

“All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.” **St Francis of Assisi**

“Every Mass is a miracle - heaven touches earth, and Jesus gives Himself fully to us in the Eucharist.” Let us approach with faith and gratitude.

ASSISTED SUICIDE (WESTMINSTER)

On 11 September, MPs are expected to vote again on assisted suicide. It is not simply another parliamentary debate, but a decision profoundly affecting how society protects people who are seriously ill, elderly, disabled or vulnerable. Approaching the end of life we all want to be treated with dignity, compassion and proper care. But assisted suicide is not the answer to this difficult time. The answer is better palliative care, stronger safeguards and a society that tells every person: your life matters, you are not a burden. The proposals returning to Westminster remain deeply unsafe: allowing assisted suicide to be raised with vulnerable patients. That creates a real risk of pressure, subtle coercion or a sense that choosing death is expected. Concerns have also been raised about people with hidden disabilities, eating disorders or complex medical conditions being inadequately protected. Once the principle is accepted, there is a serious danger that assisted suicide could come to be seen as a cheaper or easier alternative to high-quality care. Before your MP votes, please make sure they hear from you. A short email matters if you are able. This takes place so soon if you have not contacted your MP please do it today.

ST ALOYSIUS STALL

We kindly ask for your support for our stall, where we offer a variety of Christmas items, church art calendars, cards for all occasions and Mass bouquets.

SAINTS

September 8th	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September 9th	St Peter Claver
September 12th	Holy name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please Pray for those who have died :

Hugh Smith; Funeral Mass for Bill Donald Friday 11th September 10am Mass , reception of body before Mass.

Please Pray for the Months Minds and Anniversaries of:

John Maynes; Margaret Cochrane; David MacKenzie; Sam McGhee.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound:

Teresa McPake; Janette Cairney; Margaret Timmons; Cathy Creilly; Elizabeth Stallard; Anne Dobbin; Teresa Robertson; Christine Morgan; Angela Higgins; Patricia Kiggins; Teresa Smith; Fr Bill Bergin; Christine Mingram; Josephine Parker; Kristine Weir; Scott McGuire; George McKenna; Anne Marie Greig; Tony & Doriss Bonett (Malta); Agnes Malley; Betty Whittarar; Dorina Emanuelli (Gloucester); Ayley Crawford; Jude McGuire; Phillis McGuire; Baby Skyler McGrath; Tony Laird; Louise Cordiner; John Gray; Paula Kirkwood; James McIntosh, Harrison Carlin; Cameron McIlwriath, Bernadette McGuire, John Turnbull, Pauline Curran, Eileen McGroarty. Gillian Dames, Moira McIndoe, Margaret Sannachan, Euan Donald, Hugh Morgan, Fr Daniel Rooney.