

Mass times and intentions: 11th – 19th July 2026

Saturday	18	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	19	11.30 – Ayomide Ishmael and Emmanuel Ayanru RIP
Monday	20	NO MASS
Tuesday	21	Feria of Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Belinda – increase in faith and virtues
Wednesday	22	St Mary Magdalene 10.00 – Maria RIP
Thursday	23	St Bridget of Sweden 10.00 – Maureen Gorman – special intention
Friday	24	Feria of Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Josie and Seamus Gorman RIP
Saturday	25	St James 10.00 – Sue Fahey
		SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Dan Harley and the Harley Family intentions
Sunday	26	11.30 – The People of the Parish

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 243

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 534.49

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19th July 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

383 – Lord, Jesus Christ

Responsorial Psalm: O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

280 – I received the living God

619 – Rejoice! The Lord is King!

187 – The Servant King

190 – Give me joy in my heart

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel begins with a simple picture that speaks to every one of us. A farmer goes out into his field and sows good seed. He has done everything well. He has chosen the best seed and planted it with hope and care. But during the night, while everyone is asleep, an enemy comes and sows weeds among the wheat. When the plants begin to grow, the servants are puzzled. They ask, "Master, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where, then, have the weeds come from?"

Isn't that a question we often ask ourselves? If God is so good, where does evil come from? Why is there so much suffering in the world? Why are there wars, broken families, betrayal, injustice and so many tears?

Jesus does not give a long explanation. He simply says, "An enemy has done this." But what happens next is even more important. The servants want to solve the problem immediately. "Shall we go and pull up the weeds?"

That sounds very much like us.

We like quick solutions. We want everything to be put right straight away. We want justice now. We want the good rewarded and the wicked punished. But the master gives a surprising answer. "No. Let them both grow together until the harvest." Why? Because in pulling up the weeds, they might also pull up the wheat. How patient God is.

We judge a person by a single moment. God looks at an entire lifetime. We see people as they are today. God sees what they can become through his grace.

Pope Francis often reminded us that God never grows tired of forgiving; it is we who grow tired of asking for forgiveness. What a beautiful thought. God sees in each one of us not only who we are today, but who we may become tomorrow.

Think of Saint Paul. If you had met him when he was persecuting Christians, you might have said, "There is no hope for this man." But God saw an apostle where everyone else saw only a persecutor.

Think of Saint Augustine. For many years he lived far from God. His mother, Saint Monica, never stopped praying for him. If she had given up hope, the Church would never have known one of her greatest saints and teachers.

God is patient. And that is wonderful news for every one of us.

Because if we are honest, there is both wheat and weeds in every human heart. There is love, but there is also selfishness. There is generosity, but there is also pride. There is faith, but there are also doubts. There is a desire to do what is right, but there are weaknesses that seem to return again and again.

Sometimes we become discouraged and think, "I shall never change." But God never says that. He continues to work quietly within us. A farmer does not stand in the field every day pulling at the wheat to make it grow faster. He waits patiently. He trusts the process. That is how God works with us.

There is a lovely story about a sculptor who spent many months carving a beautiful statue. Someone asked him, "Why does it take so long?" The sculptor smiled and replied, "Because beauty takes time."

The same is true of our souls. God is never in a hurry. He shapes us gently, patiently and lovingly, never giving up on us.

But today's Gospel also teaches us something else. We must be careful not to become like the servants who wanted to pull up the weeds from everyone else's field. How quickly we judge people. "She will never change." "He is beyond hope." "That person is no good." Only God truly knows the human heart. Only God knows the hidden battles people are fighting. Only God knows the tears that have been shed when no one else was watching. We see only one chapter of someone's life. God sees the whole story.

Perhaps today Jesus is inviting us to become more patient. Patient with our husband or wife. Patient with our children. Patient with elderly parents. Patient with those who think differently from us. And perhaps most of all... Patient with ourselves.

This does not mean accepting sin or giving up the desire to become better people. It means refusing to lose hope when change comes more slowly than we expected.

Dear brothers and sisters, perhaps each one of us has brought some weeds into this Mass today. Perhaps it is an old wound. Perhaps it is fear. Perhaps it is a weakness we keep struggling with. Perhaps it is someone we find difficult to forgive.

Let us not leave discouraged. God is still at work in the field of our hearts. He has not given up on us. And if God has not given up on us, then we must never give up on ourselves - or on those we love.

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that, when the harvest comes, the wheat will be gathered safely into the Master's barn. That is our hope. God does not define us by our worst moments. He sees the person we are becoming through his grace.

So today let us ask him for one simple gift: a patient heart, a hopeful heart and a trusting heart. And whenever we are tempted to judge too quickly or lose hope too easily, let us remember that God is the patient farmer who never stops believing in the harvest that his grace can bring.

Amen.

• **Parish Feast Day Celebration**

A gentle reminder to all parishioners that our **Parish Feast Day** will be celebrated on **Sunday, 16th August 2026**.

Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, everyone is warmly invited to join us for a parish celebration. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as one parish family, giving thanks to God and celebrating our community.

We would be most grateful for any help in making the day a success. If you are able to:

- prepare or bring a dish to share;
- help with setting up before the celebration; or
- assist with clearing up afterwards,

please add your name, telephone number, and indicate how you would like to help on one of the sign-up sheets available at the back of the church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. With everyone's help, we can make this a truly joyful and memorable celebration for our whole parish community.