



NEWSLETTER 19th July 2026

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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REFLECTION - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): Last Sunday, Jesus invited us to ask a simple yet searching question: **“What kind of soil am I?”** He reminded us that, through prayer, the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture, acts of charity, and sincere repentance, God gradually prepares our hearts to receive his Word and bear abundant fruit. This Sunday, Jesus continues his teaching on the Kingdom of Heaven through the parables of the **wheat and the weeds**, the **mustard seed**, and the **yeast**. Together, they reveal one reassuring message: (a) **God is patient with us.** (b) **The Holy Spirit works quietly within us.** (c) **God's Kingdom grows through even the smallest acts of faith.** In the parable of the **wheat and the weeds**, the servants want to remove the weeds immediately, but the master tells them to wait until the harvest. God is never indifferent to evil, yet he is patient with sinners, always giving us time to grow, to change, and to return to him. Rather than judging others, we are called to trust God's mercy and recognise his patient work in our own lives. The **mustard seed and the yeast** remind us that God's Kingdom often grows quietly and unnoticed. A simple prayer, a kind word, an act of forgiveness, or a hidden act of charity may seem small, but in God's hands these become seeds of transformation. As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us thank God for his patience and mercy. May we continue to cultivate the soil of our hearts, trust the quiet work of the Holy Spirit, and never underestimate the power of small acts of faith, hope, and love.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 19TH JULY 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 18 th Sun 19 th	9:30am 6:00pm 9:30am 11:00am	Our Lady Vigil of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time St John Plessington	Alejandro Severino & Lucita Ubongen Private Intention People of the Parish Edgar De Sa RIP
Mon 20 th	9:30am	St Apollinaris	Basil D'Silva RIP
Tue 21 st	9:30am	St Lawrence of Brindisi	Holy Souls
Wed 22 nd	9:30am	St Mary Magdalene	Eucharistic Service
Thur 23 rd	9:30am	St Bridgit	Eucharistic Service
Fri 24 th	9:30am	Funeral Mass for the late Robert John England RIP	
Sat 25 th	9:30am 6:00pm	St James, Apostle Vigil of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ann Widdecombe RIP Eileen's Intention

A DAY WITH MARY: A Day With Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon. Further information is available at www adaywithmary.org/symposium

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR JULY: For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Cantonese Mass – Saturday, 1 August 2026: We warmly welcome Fr Robert Wong, who is visiting the Cantonese Catholic Community in Great Britain. During his pastoral ministry in London, Fr Robert will be staying at the Holy Family Presbytery. Fr Robert will celebrate the Cantonese Mass on Saturday, 1 August. Schedule: 1:30 pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation. 2:30 pm - Holy Mass (in Cantonese). 3:30 pm - Refreshments in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are most welcome to attend the Mass and to join the Cantonese Catholic Community for refreshments afterwards. We encourage everyone to extend a warm welcome to Fr Robert and to those who worship with our Cantonese Catholic Community.

PARISH INFO

New Parishioners - Welcome to Holy Family Parish!

Parish Office Hours This Week: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION MASS: We warmly welcome Bishop Gerard Bradley, who celebrates the Confirmation Mass this Saturday at 6:00 pm. We congratulate our **Confirmandi**, together with their parents, families, sponsors, and catechists, and thank all who have accompanied them on their journey of faith. As a parish community, we rejoice with them as they are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and sent forth to live as faithful witnesses of Christ. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers, that they may continue to grow in faith and live the Gospel with courage, wisdom, and joy. **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

A Heartfelt Thank You: to everyone who joined us for the Parish Community BBQ & Bring-and-Share Lunch on Sunday, 5th July. It was a joyful afternoon of friendship, fellowship, and shared hospitality. We are especially grateful to all who prepared food, volunteered their time, and supported our Heating Installation and Parish Hall Renovation Projects. If you were unable to attend or would still like to support these important projects, you are warmly invited to make a donation to the **Building Fund** using the contactless giving machine at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and support of our parish community. May God bless you abundantly.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Pope Francis reminded us that "Synodality is a style; it is a journey we make together, and it is what the Lord expects of the Church in the third millennium." The Synodal Process has now entered its third phase: Implementation for a Synodal Church. Each diocese has been invited to reflect on how our understanding of synodality has deepened and how its principles can be more fully embraced in the life and mission of our parishes. Our Called to Bear Fruit (C2BF) process is a timely blessing, complementing many of the themes and insights that have emerged from the Synod. It encourages us to become communities that listen attentively, discern prayerfully, and walk together in faith. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will grant us open hearts and attentive ears, enabling us to recognise God's voice, often spoken through the wisdom, experiences, and witness of our brothers and sisters in Christ. May He also give us generous and willing hearts as we seek to embrace His vision for our parishes in the diocese and our Church.

MASS CARDS AND ENVELOPES: Mass cards and envelopes for Mass Intentions can be obtained at the back of the Church. Parishioners are warmly encouraged to have Holy Mass offered for their intentions. If you require a special date for a Mass(es) between now and the end of August, please book as soon as possible.

PARISH LEDGER: Thank You for Your Generosity: Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our parish. Your contributions enable us to sustain our mission and continue serving both our parish community and the wider neighbourhood. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting the parish through a **Standing Order**, which provides a reliable source of income and helps us plan responsibly throughout the year. For your convenience, **online giving is now available**, so there is no longer any need to write cheques. **Last weekend's offertory:** Plate £547.96; Contactless £218.00; 2nd Collection Stella Maris £154.25; Standing Orders £420.00. **Parish BBQ:** Donations £2,486.20; Expenses £565.76; **Net Total Raised:** £1,920.44. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued commitment to the life and mission of our parish. May God bless you and your families. *Ira, Gift Aid Organiser & Bookkeeper* (suttongreengac@rcaos.org.uk).

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), No. 4. Reflecting on the "new realities" (*res novae*) of our age, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that, while technology has greatly improved human life, it also presents new ethical challenges. The rapid growth of digitalization, artificial intelligence, and robotics is transforming the way we live, work, and make decisions. The Holy Father teaches that technology is not an enemy of humanity; rather, it is a profoundly human achievement that should always be directed toward the common good. Yet today's technologies possess an unprecedented influence over individuals and society, making it essential that they respect human dignity and serve the good of all. As Pope Leo XIV observes, "Never has humanity had such power over itself." For this reason, we must seek God's wisdom to ensure that technological progress remains at the service of the human person and the common good.

HUMOUR: I have a fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it