



NEWSLETTER 2nd August 2026

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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REFLECTION - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A): Over the past three Sundays, Jesus has gradually revealed the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven. He first invited us to prepare the soil of our hearts to receive God's Word; then he taught us that the Kingdom grows quietly through God's patience and the hidden work of the Holy Spirit; and last Sunday he challenged us to recognise the Kingdom as life's greatest treasure, worth placing above every other good. This Sunday, Jesus shows us what life in that Kingdom looks like. Faced with a hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish, the disciples see only scarcity. Jesus, however, sees an opportunity for faith. Taking the little they offer, he blesses it, breaks it, and gives it back in abundance, feeding everyone with food to spare. The miracle reminds us that God does not ask us to begin with abundance but with generosity. He asks only that we place whatever we have - our time, talents, resources, and faith - into his hands. What seems small in our eyes can become a blessing for many when entrusted to Christ. The prophet Isaiah echoes this invitation, calling everyone to God's abundant banquet: "*Come to the water... come without money and without price.*" God's gifts are freely given, flowing from his faithful and everlasting love. St Paul deepens this message by assuring us that nothing - not hardship, suffering, nor even death itself - can separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus. The multiplication of the loaves also points us to the Holy Eucharist. At every Mass, Christ continues to take, bless, break, and give himself as the Bread of Life. Nourished by his Body and Blood, we are strengthened to become instruments of his compassion and generosity in the world. As we gather around the Lord's table this Sunday, let us place our lives confidently into his hands, trusting that his grace can transform even our smallest offerings into blessings for others.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 2ND AUGUST 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 1 st Sun 2 nd	9:30 am 6:00 pm 9:30 am 11:00 am	St Alphonsus Ligouri Vigil of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time St Mary of the Angels, Portiuncula Indulgence	Frank Mitecith – Well-being Carmen and Ana People of the Parish Yohanne's Intention
Mon 3 rd	9:30 am	Feria	Private Intention
Tue 4 th	9:30 am	St John Vianney	Holy souls
Wed 5 th	9:30 am	The Dedication of St. Mary Major	Alice Leone
Thur 6 th	9:30 am	The Transfiguration of The Lord	Catherine and Fran's Intentions
Fri 7 th	9:30 am	Saints Sixtus II, Companions and Cajetan	Marie Crook and Family
Sat 8 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	St Dominic Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Private Intention People of the Parish

The Portiuncula Indulgence, 2 August: This year marks the **800th anniversary** of the **Portiuncula Indulgence (Pardon of Assisi)**, granted by **Pope Honorius III** in **1216** at the request of **St Francis of Assisi**. Originally granted to pilgrims visiting the Portiuncula Chapel in Assisi, it is now available in every parish church on **2 August**. A plenary indulgence, which may be applied to oneself or to a deceased person, may be obtained by: visiting a parish church on **2 August**; receiving **Confession** and **Holy Communion**; praying for the Holy Father's intentions; reciting the **Our Father** and the **Credo**; and being free from all attachment to sin. May this anniversary be an opportunity to experience God's mercy and to pray for the faithful departed.

Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), No. 6. For this reason, it is necessary to begin a shared discernment process for identifying the spiritual and cultural roots of ongoing transformations. If we focus only on contingencies, we risk letting the succession of emergencies dictate the direction of our path. We are living through a rapid phase of transition, a "change of era," in which - while some are vying for the future of new technologies and others dedicate themselves to reflecting on the matter - most people are watching and waiting, observing from afar and merely hoping for the best. For this very reason, crucial questions impose themselves on our conscience and can no longer be avoided: Where are we going? Toward what goal do we wish to orient ourselves? What direction should we choose as a people and as a human community?

PARISH INFO: New Parishioners - Welcome to Holy Family Parish!

Parish Office Hours This Week: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Saturday 2.00-5.00 pm

MONDAY CLUB: Adults who are looking to make new friends or come with existing friends. All welcome, including non-parishioners, to the Church hall for refreshments on the First Monday of every month from 10.30-1.30 pm for refreshments and activities. Next date: 3rd August.

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 £477; Contactless £319.50; Standing Orders £335.00. Votive candles: £223. *Ira, Gift Aid Organiser & Bookkeeper* (suttongreengac@rcaos.org.uk). Donations to the **Building Fund** can be made using the contactless giving machine at the back of the church. Every gift, however large or small, helps us move these important projects forward and is sincerely appreciated. 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

Dates for Your Diary: Please make a note of these forthcoming parish events. We look forward to sharing these occasions with you as we continue to grow in faith and fellowship.

- **Sunday, 13 September after 11:00 am Mass: International Meal with a Difference:** a joyful evening celebrating the diversity, friendship, and unity of our parish family through food, culture, and fellowship.
- **Saturday, 17 October (after the 6.00 pm Mass) or Sunday, 18 October (after the 11.00 am Mass) – Fr Patrick's Presentation:** join us as we give thanks and offer our good wishes on this special occasion.
- **Saturday, 28 Nov. 10:00 am - 2: 30 pm: Parish Christmas Fair:** a festive day of fun & fundraising.
- **Friday, 19 February 2027: Quiz Night with Fish and Chips:** an enjoyable evening of friendly competition and good company.
- **Saturday, 6 March 2027: St Patrick's Night Celebration:** come & celebrate with music & food/fellowship.
- **Sunday, 27 June 2027: Parish BBQ:** a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish family and enjoy a summer afternoon together. **We warmly invite your ideas and suggestions for future parish activities. Whether it is a Parish Quiz Night or another initiative, your contributions can help deepen our faith, strengthen our friendships, and enrich the life of our parish community.**

Confirmation Parents: Please email **Ciro Nocerino** to receive your child's Confirmation Mass photographs. His email address is ciro_nocerino@yahoo.co.uk.

Called to Bear Fruit - Next Steps: Archbishop John has issued a new Pastoral Message, *Called to Bear Fruit*, reflecting on the Archdiocese's recent consultation, the progress made so far, and the next stage of our missionary renewal. Parishioners are encouraged to read and pray with this message. This autumn, the clergy will receive a further document offering practical guidance for implementing this vision within our parishes and communities. This work will continue in a synodal spirit of prayer, listening, shared responsibility, and discernment, while respecting the unique needs of each local community. Archbishop John concludes with these words: **"Please continue to live as missionary disciples who not only love the Lord, but also help others to encounter and love him."** Further reflections on the diocesan Action Points will be shared with the parish in the coming weeks.

Security Alert - AI WhatsApp Scam: The Archdiocese has warned of a new AI-generated scam targeting parishioners via WhatsApp. Fraudsters are using fake videos, voice messages and texts to impersonate clergy, including the Archbishop, and request money or donations. Please stay vigilant: (1) Never assume a WhatsApp message or video is genuine. (2) Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests. (3) Always verify any request by contacting the parish directly using a known phone number or official email address. (4) Report suspicious messages and phone numbers to **Action Fraud:** <www.reportfraud.police.uk>.

Pope Leo's Intention for August: **For evangelization in the city.** Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

HUMOUR: I stayed up all night wondering where the sun had gone. Then it dawned on me.

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