

Fourteenth Week of ordinary Time



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend, a sick baby, Shaun Smith, Stafford Sashoua, John Livesay, Martin Manning

Lately Dead: Ann Benton, David Roberts, Joan Brooks, Anthony Muscat Terribile, Bernard Neyland

Anniversaries: Joan Rankin, Monica Coop,

Mass Intentions: Bernard Neyland (LD) x2, a special intention for a sick person, Gerard Cambridge (birthday remembrance), Vincent Heron (birthday remembrance), a special intention, 80th birthday

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

Retiring collection: Next week there will be a retiring collection for Stella Maris, this is the Catholic charity that has supported seafarers and fishers worldwide since 1920.

This week we pray for the parish of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Heywood, for Father Franklin Ebuka Umekachikelu, MSP their parish priest, their parish primary schools and Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College.

SVP News: A date for your diaries. Quiz Night Fri 18th September. Tickets will be on sale soon.

200 Club winners:

- 1st Prize £50 E Hoise
- 2nd prize £25 David Owen
- 3rd Prize £15 L White

5th July 2026

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Masses & Activities this week**

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 99 of Mass Book

Sunday 5th July

9.30am Mass (SJ) with children's liturgy
11.00am Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Monday 6th July

10.30am Requiem Mass for Anthony Muscat Terribile (SJ)
NO EVENING MASS

Tuesday 7th July

9.15am Year 2 celebration Mass (SB)

Wednesday 8th July

9.00am Adoration
9.30am Mass (SJ)

Thursday 9th July

10.00am Mass (SB)

Friday 10th July

12.00pm Mass (SB)

Saturday 11th July - Saint Benedict

10.45am Adoration and confessions (SJ)
11.30am Mass (SJ)
5.00pm Mass (SB) with children's liturgy

Readers 11/12 July 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Chris Molyneux	Mike Morrison	Kathryn Wilkinson

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 12th July

Veronica Rawlinson/Arthur Rawlinson

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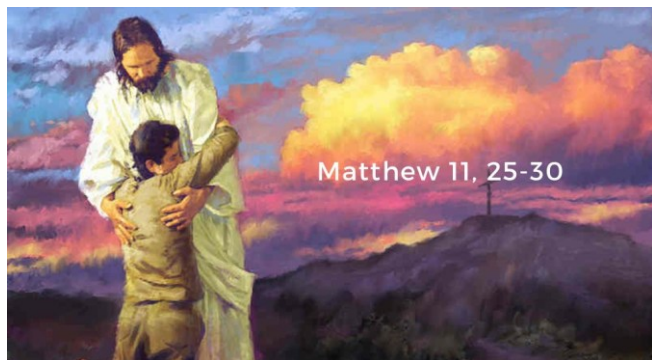
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How do we come to know God the Father? How do we see Him? This week's readings give an insight into the relationship between God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. That insight leads us towards understanding but there is always a sense that we cannot know him until we meet him face to face and that is something that lies in a future time.

The God of the Old Testament always appeared to be distant and unforgiving. An example, perhaps, of a strict father who frightened small children into being good. A fear that is gone now just as an adult leaves childhood fantasies behind when he sees a very different figure emerging in the reality of understanding. Zechariah had a vision of God which was different from that of those around him. While they looked for a God, mighty in battle and prepared to crush those who opposed him, he saw a humble God, one who would bring peace, not at the head of a mighty army, but from the saddle of a donkey. A God not of anger and retribution but of love and forgiveness.

Paul saw God through the light of the sacrifice of Jesus. He recognised him in the Spirit that was flowing through those who believed in him. A God who made his home, not in a palace, but in the hearts of men and women of faith. Paul recognised that those who lived a spiritual life were close to God, that the Spirit of God dwelled within them, and through this closeness they would live forever. He also knew that each of us is capable of this spiritual life if we have the courage to reach out and live it.

How did Jesus see His Father? This passage from Matthew reveals God as a real father figure as Jesus uses very simple language to help us to come to know Him. We do not need to be clever or learned to know the Father. If we come to him as a little child approaches his daddy, then we will find ourselves in tune with the music of his love. We need to trust, we need to take a leap of faith, into his arms and surrender to his love. Then surely our burdens will be lightened, our way clearer and the light that leads us to faith will grow bright and strong.

David Frank

Parish Pilgrimage to Spain Mon19th- Sat 25th Oct 2026

We will stay in Valladolid, located in Spain's Castile and Leon region, former capital of Spain in the early 17th century.

Valladolid is rich in religious history, culture and renaissance architecture, not to mention the world class wines. It is also home to the English college- founded during the English reformation.

An itinerary, detailing medieval religious sites we will visit is available at the back of both churches for anyone interested in joining this special six-day visit to Spain. Please complete name and contact details on the lists at the back of both churches to indicate your interest in this visit.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



VIDES Summer camp

As the summer break is fast approaching, we are pleased to let you know about the VIDES Summer Camp taking place at Thornleigh School from **20th-25th July**.

The camp is open to students from Thornleigh and local parishes and will run as follows:

Day Camp (Years 4, 5 & 6): 10:30am – 3:00pm

Evening Camp (Secondary School Students): 7:00pm – 9:00pm

The cost of the camp is **£1 per day**. Students attending the Day Camp should bring their own packed lunch.

Scan the QR code for more details.

