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19TH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Sunday, 9 August 2026

Lectionary:

Sundays: Year A – Weekdays: II – Psalter: Week 3



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HOSPITAL POLICY

PLEASE contact the Chaplaincy Office directly on (01223) 217769 to inform them of any Catholic family members who may have been admitted to ensure that they are registered as a Catholic and that the patient has ticked the box giving permission for a priest or a member of the Chaplaincy Team to visit. More information at:

www.addenbrookes.org.uk/serv/nonclin/chaplaincy/

DONA & GIVING TO THE PARISH

If you have a **Mass intention**, you can use one of the small brown envelopes for your offering and give it directly to a priest or post it through the priest's door. If you pay for a Mass intention through **Dona**, please also fill out a brown envelope *clearly* and mention on it that you have paid via Dona. Other ways of giving to the parish include **standing orders**, **gift aid** and through a **legacy** in your will.

Sunday collection: £446.56

Donation

Church Renovation

Repository

Candles

Church Pews

Mass Intentions

Second Collection

Stained Glass

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN 2026/27

The new Confirmation class schedule has been announced with the first class on **17 October**. The full schedule along with registration forms is [here](#).



SPH YOUTH SUMMER SOCIAL

5.30-9pm, Saturday, 29 August

After the Vigil Mass, join us for a relaxed evening of board games, quizzes, good food, and great company. Whether you're competitive or just looking to have fun and meet new people, there's something for everyone. Food will be provided. This event is for anyone between the ages of 13 and 25.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or use the following link: <https://forms.gle/bg7d7mTWh92TMdpu5>

Would you like to **support** this event? Parents and parishioners wishing to sponsor food and drinks for the evening can make a donation via **Dona** or directly in cash to Fr. Philip.



OUR LADY OF PEÑAFRANCIA

Sunday, 30 August



- **11.30am:** Procession
- **12pm:** Holy Mass
- **2pm:** Novena & Rosary

EAST ANGLIA PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

21-28 August

There are details of this year's pilgrimage [here](#). You can express an interest in joining the pilgrimage [here](#).

SPH BIBLE STUDY

- Starts in **September**
- The Story of Salvation
- Registration [link](#)

ANNUAL AFRICAN MASS

5.30pm, Saturday, 12 Sept.

After the Vigil Mass, there will be a bring-and-share food & drinks reception.

All are warmly invited!

CAMBRIDGE CATHOLIC PARISHES

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Hills Road, CB2 1JR
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or (01223) 448780

SAINT LAURENCE

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BAPTISM PREPARATION

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<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-preparation/>

USE OF CHURCH PREMISES & NEWSLETTER ITEMS

For information contact:

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CAFOD & JUSTICE & PEACE

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Bernard Shaw on (01223) 240207

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Meetings are held online on the second
Tuesday of each month at 19h30.

J&P Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Cambri-dge-Justice-and-Peace-Group/100064618067019/>

PARISH MUSIC

Contact Fiona Kirker:

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REPOSITORY ITEMS

Contact :Antonia Braithwaite:

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SPH KNITTING GROUP

From January, the **SPH Knitting Group** will meet in the **Community Room at St Philip Howard Church** on the first Tuesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Nicky Marks (07876 713558) or Anne Manning (07742 758095).

GLOBAL DEBT CRISIS



Many of the world's poorest countries are being pushed into a deepening debt crisis, forced to make huge payments owed on loans from banks and hedge funds.

CAFOD have a petition calling on governments to take action on the crisis. You can sign it [here](#) and for further information, click [here](#).

GOSPEL REFLECTION Jesus & Peter on the Water (Mt. 14: 22-33)



The Christian people are often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus the disciples were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him - and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? In all these situations we may discover God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me!' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can help, even in a life-threatening situation.

REFLECTION: READING 1

1 Kings 19: 9. 11-13

Elijah's Encounter with the Lord

This magnificent story of Elijah's encounter with the Lord is read today in church to pair with Peter's encounter with Jesus, the Son of God, on Lake Galilee. Elijah was fleeing from the threat of persecution and had trekked for forty days and forty nights. Mount Horeb is an awesome place, a rocky mountain on Sinai. No earth, vegetation, or animals there - just stark rock, some iron-ore red, some granite-grey, some almost sulphur-green. It was here that Moses and the People of Israel had their experience of God, too, and the silent mountains almost speak of the Lord. There are experiences which cannot be put into words, whether it is the ecstasy of love or music or beauty. No one can adequately express in words the experience of an encounter with God, and Elijah's is described quite differently from that of Moses, who experienced God in thunder, lightning and earthquake: the light, murmuring sound (the 'sound of a gentle breeze') which Elijah hears is literally 'a sound of silence'. In this case the meeting so strengthened Elijah that he returned to his mission. It is because of these encounters that Moses and Elijah are present at the Transfiguration, when the closest disciples experience the divinity of Jesus on the holy mountain.

REFLECTION: READING 2

Romans: 9: 1-5

The Holy People of Israel

After his exposition of Christ's saving work, Paul turns to the question which tortures him: how is it that Israel, so long prepared, failed to recognize the fulfilment of the prophecies? Paul was a Jew through and through and was deeply wounded by the failure of his own people to welcome Jesus, despite all the privileges given them which he enumerates in today's reading. For Paul, Christianity is the conclusion to which Judaism was meant to lead. But God never revokes his gifts, and these gifts still belong to the Jews; it can never be said that the Jews have been superseded and lost their status as God's chosen people. For the next two chapters in Romans, Paul quotes every conceivable scripture to show that the rebellions of the Jews against God throughout their history made it inevitable that they would fail to recognize the Messiah. Nevertheless, he insists, a remnant will turn to the Lord in the end. The dead branches have been cut off to make room for the gentiles to be grafted in, and the old branches will be grafted in again at the end. However, this horticultural image does not quite work - you can't graft in dead branches - so in the end Paul simply throws up his hands and praises the inscrutable wisdom of God.

READERS		
James Ng Anne Domone	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Saturday, 8 August
Alan Mielke Sheldon D'Souza	10am	Sunday, 9 August
Didith Amper Raquel Devine	12pm	

COUNTERS FOR THE WEEK OF 9 AUGUST

Antony George & Justine Anoop

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sunday, 16 August
SPH Youth Summer Social	5.30pm, Sunday, 29 August
Our Lady of Peñafrancia	11.30am, Sunday, 30 August

The Sacred Liturgy This Week (9–16 August)

8 AUG. SATURDAY ST. DOMINIC P. Mem.

09h00 Office of Readings & Lauds

09h30 Holy Mass: +Herida Gwatidzo (A. Mashapure)

17h30 Vigil Mass: +Theresa Williams (M. Archibald)

9 AUG. 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week 3

07h40 Syro-Malabar Qurbana

10h00 Holy Mass: People of the Parish

12h00 Holy Mass: +Michael Hood (S. Kelly)

10 AUG. MONDAY ST. LAWRENCE DnM Feast

09h00 Office of Readings & Lauds

09h30 Holy Mass: Anna Maria Rozzo (F)
+Aida B. Davantes (M. Horton)

11 AUG. TUESDAY ST. CLARE VM Mem.

09h00 Office of Readings & Lauds

09h30 Holy Mass: Marianne Clare (S) (M. Horton)

12 AUG. WEDNESDAY FERIA

09h30 Office of Readings & Lauds

10h00 Holy Mass: +Lilly Mathew

19h00 Syro-Malabar Qurbana

13 AUG. THURSDAY FERIA

09h00 Office of Readings & Lauds

09h30 Holy Mass: Charlotte Horton (B) (M. Horton)

14 AUG. FRIDAY ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE PM. Mem.

09h30 Office of Readings & Lauds

10h00 Holy Mass: Savage & Hart families (R. Savage)

15 AUG. SATURDAY FERIA

09h00 Office of Readings & Lauds

09h30 Holy Mass: Caitlyn Wilkin (S) (J. Ng)

17h30 Vigil Mass for the Assumption of BVM: Antoinette Asante (T)

16 AUG. THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM Psalter Week 4

10h00 Holy Mass: John Latham Sr. (N. Marks)

12h00 Holy Mass: People of the Parish

15h15 Syro-Malabar Qurbana

(F): Foundation

(L): Living

(T): Thanksgiving.

(S): Sick

(B): Birthday

AUGUST 2026

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Phyllis Adolfson, Angela Ambrose, Mrs. E. Borrelli, William Brinn, John Cambridge, John Campbell, Bridget Carolan, Eveline Castro, Donald Chave, George Cheeseborough, Teresa Clery, Mabel Cole, Michael Connelly, Bernadette Coogan, Allan Cook, Minnie Corrigan, Annie Cosgrove, Eugene Cryan, Mary Cryan, Lucy Cunningham, Kathleen Cuviallo, Mark Dempsey, Patrick Devine, Kathleen Doherty, Marie Dyra, Patrick Dyra, Mary Edwards, Margaret Fagan, Duggie Fennell, Joyce Firek, Bridget Agnes Sheila Gardener, Mary Grosvenor, Irene Gustie, Ann Halligan, Joan Hands, Earl Reginald Harkness, Bridget Harwin, Kenneth Hawkins, Leonard Hanson, Brendon Heron, Jessie Hicks, Linda Hodge, Bill Hurley, Helena Iwanko, Bridie Johnson, Alice Keane, Edie Kennelly, Bill Lane, Edward Lindsay, Patrick Lindsay, Maurice Lynch, Joaquin Mattos, Margaret Mattos, Kathleen McBride, Kathleen McDevit, Michael McKeown, Thomas McManamon, Martin Morris, Catherine Munnelly, John Thomas Munnelly, Jane Murray, Jennifer O'Briazs, Michael O'Hara, John O'Neil, Mary O'Shea, Stanley Pickard, Ivy Pizey, Tim Pizey, Patricia Ramsay, Louisa Mary Santry, Alfred Sharp, Jenny Sinclair, Annie Sisam, Frederick George Smith, Mark Swain, Elizabeth Sylvester, Patrick Tynan, Elsie Walker, Dorothy Weaver, Stephen Whitty, Ken Williams, Theresa Williams, Margaret Willsmore, Mary Wilson, Terry Wilson, Annie Wire, Lady Patricia Hennessy, John Domone, Richard Rayner Clayton.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Owen Crouch, Teresa Margaret Creet, Angela Fordham, Simon Janos, Beth Malubay, Joseph Mashapure, Monica Nwaiku, Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Lucy Richardson, Vyrarnuthu Sabanathan, Jayne Stewart, Michelina Starace, Frances Wiseman, and all others.

PRAYER

Loving God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. May all who suffer pain, illness, disease, and the frailty of old age realise that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Amen