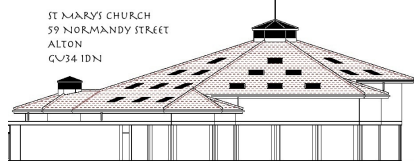


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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

w/c Sunday 9th August, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(A2) (Psalter Week 3)

Saturday	St Dominic	
	5.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
St. Lucy's	9.00am	Sister Barbara & Sister Joan, RIP
St. Mary's	11.00am	Johny Antony, RIP
Monday	St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr	
	9.30am	The People of the Parish
Tuesday	St. Clare, Virgin	
	NO MASS	
Wednesday	Feria	
	9am	Rosary
	9.30am	Victor Rickard, RIP
Thursday	Feria	
	9.30am	Repose of the Soul of Ulrike Schwemmer
Friday	St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	
	9.30am	Joseph Griffen, RIP
Saturday	Feria	
	5.30pm	Special Intention
Sunday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	
St. Lucy's	9.00am	Anne Quirke, RIP
	11.00am	Amy & Leonard Gilbert, RIP
Confessions Saturday 4.45pm, and by request		

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading Kings 19:9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm

Show us, O Lord your mercy and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia ! I long for you, O Lord, my soul longs for his word. Alleluia !

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

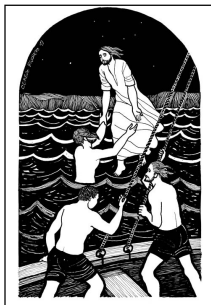
Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Pope's Intentions — 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.



19th Sunday of The Year

9th August, 2026

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is

revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.

“Command me to come to you on the water.”

A POPE'S REFLECTION - Pope Benedict XVI

There is a point in Matthew's Gospel where he recounts that after days of stress the Lord said to the disciples: "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while". And since the Word of Christ is never connected solely to the moment in which it was spoken I have applied this invitation to the disciples also to myself, and I came to this beautiful, tranquil place to rest for a while. I must thank Bishop Egger and all his collaborators, the whole City and Region of Bressanone, for preparing this beautiful quiet place for me in which, during the past two weeks I have been able to relax, to think of God and of humanity, and thus to recover fresh energy. May God reward you! I ought to thank many individuals but I shall do something simpler: I commend you all to God's Blessing. He knows each one of you by name and his Blessing will touch each of you personally. I ask this with all my heart, and may it be my "thank you" to you all! This Sunday's Gospel brings us back from this place of rest to daily life. It tells how, after the multiplication of the loaves, the Lord withdraws to the mountain to be alone with the Father. In the meantime, the disciples are on the lake and with their poor little boat are endeavouring in vain to stand up to a contrary wind. To the Evangelist this episode may have seemed an image of the Church of his time: like the small barque which was the Church of that period, he found himself buffeted by the contrary wind of history and it may have seemed that the Lord had forgotten him. We too can see this as an image of the Church of our time which in many parts of the earth finds herself struggling to make headway in spite of the contrary wind, and it seems the Lord is very remote. But the Gospel gives us an answer, consolation and encouragement and at the same time points out a path to us. It tells us, in fact: yes, it is true, the Lord is with the Father but for this very reason he is not distant but sees everyone, for whoever is with God does not go away but is close to his neighbour. And, in fact, the Lord sees them and at the proper time comes towards them. And when Peter, who was going to meet him, risks drowning, the Lord takes him by the hand and brings him to safety on the boat. The Lord is continuously holding out his hand to us too. He does so through the beauty of a Sunday; he does so through the solemn liturgy; he does so in the prayer with which we address him; he does so in the encounter with the Word of God; he does so in many situations of daily life - he holds his hand out to us. And only if we take the Lord's hand, if we let ourselves be guided by him, will the path we take be right and good. For this reason let us pray to him that we may succeed ever anew in finding his hand. And at the same time, this implies an exhortation: that, in his Name we hold our own hand out to others, to those in need of it, to lead them through the waters of our history.

**Guide us, O Lord, we pray,
in the paths of life eternal.**

Saints of the Week

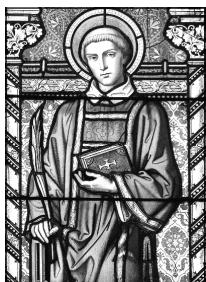
August 9th, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

A brilliant philosopher who stopped believing in God when she was 14, Edith Stein was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated Saint Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. Born into a prominent Jewish family in Breslau, Germany—now Wroclaw, Poland—Edith abandoned Judaism in her teens. As a student at the University of Göttingen, she became fascinated by phenomenology—an approach to philosophy. Excelling as a protégé of Edmund Husserl, a famous phenomenologist, Edith earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1916. She continued as a university teacher until 1922, when she moved to a Dominican school in Speyer; her appointment as lecturer at the Educational Institute of Munich ended under pressure from the Nazis. After living for four years in the Cologne Carmel, Teresa moved to the Carmelite monastery in Echt, Netherlands, in 1938. The Nazis occupied that country in 1940. In retaliation for being denounced by the Dutch bishops, the Nazis arrested all Dutch Jews who had become Christians. Teresa and her sister Rosa, also a Catholic, died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa in 1987 and canonized her 12 years later.

Reflection: The writings of Teresa fill 17 volumes, many of which have been translated into English. A woman of integrity, she followed the truth wherever it led her. After becoming a Catholic, Edith continued to honour her mother's Jewish faith. Sister Josephine Koepfel., translator of several of Edith's books, sums up this saint with the phrase, "**Learn to live at God's hands.**"

August 10th, St Lawrence

The esteem in which the Church holds St. Lawrence is seen in the fact that today's celebration ranks as a feast. We know very little about his life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. Celebration of his feast day spread rapidly. He was a Roman deacon under Pope Sixtus II. Four days after this pope was put to death, Lawrence and four clerics suffered martyrdom, probably during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. Legendary details of Saint Lawrence's death were known to Damasus, Prudentius, Ambrose, and Augustine. The church built over his tomb became one of the seven principal churches in Rome and a favourite place for Roman pilgrimages. A well-known legend has persisted from earliest times. As deacon in Rome, Saint Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Saint Lawrence and said, "You Christians say we are cruel to you, but that is not what I have in mind. I am told that your priests offer in gold, that the sacred blood is received in silver cups, that you have golden candlesticks at your evening services. Now, your doctrine says you must render to Caesar what is his. Bring these treasures—the emperor needs them to maintain his forces. God does not cause money to be counted: He brought none of it into the world with him—only words. Give me the money, therefore, and be rich in words." Saint Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days he gathered a great number of blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church." The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would



indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it, and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

ENTERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

If anyone is considering joining the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation or wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by the rite of reception, then please speak to Fr Peter or Dcn Stephen as soon as possible. There is a period of instruction and Formation that needs to be completed beforehand.

Advanced warning

When the new car par camera system is installed, the charge rates will increase. This will be the first time in ten years that an increase has been scheduled. When the rates are finalised they will be published. This will also include the other rates, Daily, Weekly, and Monthly.



Celebration of Holy Baptism

We welcome
Benjamin Garbarczyk
who was baptised
on August 7th in St Mary's.
Please ask for God's blessing on him
and his family at this special time.

A short prayer for healing by St Augustine

Watch O Lord, with those
who cannot sleep or who weep tonight.
Tend your sick ones. Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. Amen.

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom,
my understanding, and my will.
All that I have and cherish you have given to me.
I surrender it all to be guided by your will.
Your love and your grace are wealth enough for me.
Give me these, Lord Jesus, and I ask for nothing more.
Amen.

CATHOLIC QUOTE:

Our hearts were made for You,
O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You."
St. Augustine of Hippo

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Please remember in your prayers

Baby Polly Phillips, Matthew & Duncan Graham,
John D., Mary McGinty, Regina Elliot,
Francesca Adams, Mary McGrath,
Annie Tomlinson, Rita Rawling, Kate Cradock,
Alex Smith, Jonathan & Lindy Wiltshire,
Simon Wilder, Mary Sturgess, Theresa Davies,
Flavia Stampa Gruss, Kay Hulbert, Pam Barbour

