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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



27th July 2025



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Our Father!

This weekend's readings invite us to dwell on the challenge, privilege, and beauty of the Christian life!

Life 'in relationship' is infinitely more rewarding and satisfying than life in isolation. Shared goals, shared motivation, shared joys and sorrows, and a shared sense of belonging deepen and enhance all that it means to be human.

We can, of course, learn these lessons from our personal experience of life, but our experiences are validated by looking at the life of Jesus. Was it not his greatest desire to call others into his life project of building the Kingdom? Did he not found a church that we all might share in a great sense of belonging to him and belonging to each other? And did he not invite us to join him at the table of sacrifice and gift us with the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit operates like a magnetic force within our souls creating an irresistible attraction to all that is good and holy, and creating a force of repulsion towards all that would cause us, and others, harm.

However, the ultimate gift of Jesus—that which was most precious to him and uniquely his to offer—was his relationship with God who he knew as Father.

Without this knowledge and experience of the fatherhood of God we can only—at best!—experience the belonging of orphans who gather together to find some sort of consolation to overcome their sense of loss and abandonment.

Let's follow the advice and example of Jesus and entrust all that we are to the Father, and deepen this experience by living as one family in this world where we don't discriminate between all the brothers and sisters with whom we share our lives.

Take care and God bless all,

Fr Gerard

Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 28th July

Monday 28th July	Tuesday 29th July	Wednesday 30th July	Thursday 31st July	Friday 1st August	Saturday 2nd August	SUNDAY 3rd August
NO MASS	MASS 10.00am C.C.	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition C.C. 10.00am	MASS 10.00am C.C.	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This Sunday: 27th July	Margaret Borman	Gerard Spain
Next Sunday: 3rd August	Jeremiah	Zechariah

Children's Church: C.C. - Barbara H & Mary M **H.S.** - Sarah and Suzanne / Catherine M, Irene B, Lorraine

Ann Lang RIP

We are sad to announce the death of Ann Lang who died on Wednesday morning after a number of years of struggling against ill health. May the Lord receive her into her eternal reward, and heal the broken hearts of those who will miss her. Funeral arrangements to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tilda Carassale, died recently.
Ann Lang, died recently.
Daisy Julliet Harper—stillborn at 21weeks on 20th July 2025. May Daisy be a friend in heaven to her grieving family.
Anne Pemberton, anniv, 19th July (2022)
Fran Wilby, anniv, 22nd June.
Vieva Halpin, b'day anniv, 17th July & Tom Halpin, anniv, 26th July.

Eucharistic Ministry 4th Sunday (C.C. and H.S.)

Andrew Thomas	Maureen McDermott
Tyrone McLaughlin	Julie Taylor
Zechariah Javed	Suzanne Kelly
Marcin Zycinski	Ewa Zycinska
Mendoza Family	Catherine Masih

CHURCH COLLECTION

20th July: £335.70
Standing Orders: approx: £624 p/w.
Thank you!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

July 27th Hilda Orrell (1993)
(Hilda gifted the Last Supper altar at Christ Church)
Elizabeth Sumner (1988)
Jack Jordan (1985)
July 28th Fr P Dilworth (1993)
July 29th David Dawson (1987)
July 30th Rev Joseph Brodie Brosnan (1961)
July 31st Mary Mgt Hartley (2012)
Aug 1st Clive Asbury (1999)



Molly Brighton Cambodia Appeal

Next Sunday, 3rd August, Molly will be speaking at Mass to appeal for funding for her volunteer project in Cambodia. Let's be generous in our support of one of our young parishioners!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00 Mary Smith
£10.00 Emma Dempsey
£10.00 Steve Wignall
£10.00 Michael Davies
£98.00 raised for parish funds. Many thanks!



CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOLIDAY CLUB

The Children's Bible Holiday Club will take place 11-13th August at Christ Church. Please speak to Monica if you would like your child to attend.

BAPTISMS

There will be a joint baptism ceremony this Sunday for Anaya Variyam and Amelia Jackson. *May these newborn children bring joy to their parents and new life to the Church!*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Weekend Retreat at The Briery, Ilkley organised by Sue Barnes (01282 618231).
Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November.
Men's Retreat Day, Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday 4th Oct (Burnley are playing away on that day!)