

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Annette Bernard
Tues 10:00am Fr Vincent Convery
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Canon Gerard Flynn
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls
Sat 6:00pm Thanksgiving for the fine weather
Sun 08:30am People of the Parish
10:00am For World Peace
12:00noon N.K. Varghese RIP

Fr Jack

Jesus gives us a very simple story of the Sower going out to sow some seed. He gives many simple examples of where the seed falls and much of the seeds are lost because of infertile soil or falling among weeds.

I go a step further and talk about the preparation of the soil. The land has to be ploughed and harrowed and fertilized if you want a good crop. Then once the seed is planted you pray for rain and sunshine to give the growth. All this done you can sleep well and harvest a good crop when the time comes.

And so, we come to the preparation of our Mass, reading the readings beforehand, sharing them, discussing them and practicing them. Then your life will be changed and consequently you will influence the lives of others and together the world becomes a better place for all God's children

HOLIDAY SEASON

Holiday season is upon us and hopefully we all get time to do the things we want to and to relax with family and friends, and in that time also find a little extra time with God. If only to admire his creation. Wherever you go you will never be too far from a catholic church. Let God bless our time together.

Masses

**Next Sunday the 19th July is
our last 8.30am Mass.**

**The following Sunday the 26th July
there will be only the two Masses at
10:00am and 12.00 noon**

Summertime 2026:

**11th August – 14th August: Altar
Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral
Centre, £199. For aged 11-15.**

We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend Mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's Catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your Fr Jack for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 22007 5 at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>.

The St John Bosco Children's Camp

The St John Bosco Children's Camp in Brentwood Essex, is an activities camp with a Catholic ethos that runs for two weeks each summer for boys and girls. Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>.