

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year ‘A’

9th August 2026

Mass times and intentions:

Saturday 8th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Eileen Marrow. Special Intention M.M.
Sunday 9th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Anne Byrne, St Mary’s Parishioners.
Monday 10th	9.15 am	Stoddard & Jackson Families.
Tuesday 11th	9.15 am	Chacko Anniversary.
Wednesday 12th	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Adoration. Bridie Grealis RIP.
Thursday 13th	9.15 am	
Friday 14th	9.15 am	Deceased Members of the Child Family.
Saturday 15th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Anne Nolan RIP. Thanksgiving for Healing Peter.
Sunday 16th	8.30 am 10.30 am	John Lynch.

Feast Days:

Monday 10 th	St .Lawrence, Dc, M.
Tuesday 11 th	St Clare, V.
Friday 14 th	St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, P, M.

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish, and our relatives: Anne & Philip Holland, Sheila Smith, Dorothy Harte, Margaret Scarlett, Margaret Shallcross.

Latently Dead: Your prayers are asked for those who died recently and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Offertory Collections Last Sunday

Plate	£232.78	Gift Aided	£ 53.00
Standing Orders	<u>£580.00</u>	Gift Aid Standing Orders	<u>£510.00</u>
	£812.78		£563.00

Prospective Tax Refund £140.75

Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160

This Week and Later

Children’s Liturgy (term time only): NO Children’s Liturgy this Sunday in the Parish Centre.

Next Prayer Group: Tuesday 1st September 2026, Davenport Lounge 7 pm – 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Bring a Bible, a Rosary and Encounter prayer book, if you have one.

Sick and Housebound: If you know of anyone who is unwell or currently in hospital and would appreciate a visit from Fr Francis, please feel free to contact 01260 273314 or email stmarysrc.congleton@gmail.com

Our Safeguarding Officer: is Erica Stewart. The Diocese has updated its Safer Recruitment process for non-DBS roles in the parish. This includes readers, welcomers, cleaners, flower arrangers, and any other people volunteering purely on parish premises. Please complete a Volunteer Registration Form, which will be available at the back of church, and return to Fr. Francis. The safeguarding information sheet should be detached and kept for future reference.

Youth Club volunteers: Could all Youth Club volunteers please come to the **Parish Centre on Friday 14th August at 6.30pm**. If you cannot make this, please do message Karen Sutton 07714447417. If you are at all interested in being a volunteer, please also come along and find out more about the plans. Please get in touch ahead of the meeting even if you have only expressed an interest in supporting in more general ways too. Thank you, Karen (Reminder: first Youth Club Session runs Friday 4th Sept).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is the Catholic Church formal process for welcoming and forming new adult members into the Church, preparing them for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The next meeting is TBC.

St Mary’s Facebook Page: [St Mary’s Catholic Chapel, Congleton](#)

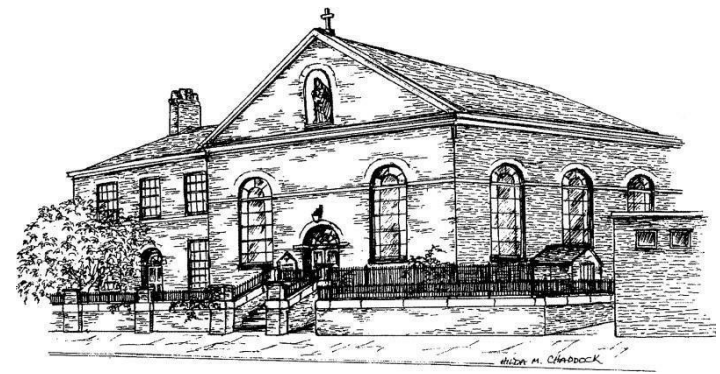
Reflection

The Storms of Life and the Challenge of Faith

Life inevitably brings storms—times of illness, loss, disappointment, uncertainty, and fear. Like the disciples on the stormy sea, we can sometimes feel overwhelmed and wonder whether God is truly with us. Yet the Gospel reminds us that Jesus never abandons His people. He comes to us, often in unexpected ways, saying, “Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid.”

Faith is not the absence of storms but the confidence that Christ is with us through them. Like St Peter, we may begin with courage but falter when we focus more on the wind and waves than on the Lord. Even then, Jesus reaches out His hand to lift us up.

Whatever storms we are facing today, let us keep our eyes fixed on Christ. He is our strength, our hope, and our safe harbour. With Him, every storm becomes an opportunity to grow in trust and to discover the peace that only He can give.



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Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.30pm plus Adoration from 7pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11.00am & 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Saturday of the Month 10am - 11am

Wednesday: 7pm before Mass at 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 11.30am - 12 noon & after 6.30pm Mass

St Mary's Parish Centre Bookings

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