



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 13 SEPTEMBER 2026 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

I wish to thank our regular parishioners for their steady financial support of the parish, together with the contributions of visitors and pilgrims who give one-off donations for the expenses of the parish. At the Parish- In-Council meeting this Monday, I'll be sharing the latest balance sheet for 2025, before its publication in this newsletter next week. With more people tending not to carry much cash, I'll also float the idea of placing a QR code in the collection baskets, so that people can give electronically during Mass. The figures and timing of the organ restoration starting in 2027 are also being finalised – that's on Monday's agenda. Recently, we received an email from someone who remembers being most impressed by the model of Ely Palace which used to be on permanent display in the crypt. It is in storage and appears to be in good condition. I'm looking for suggestions as to where it might be put back on display. All are welcome to attend on Monday. Details are overleaf.

Fr Anthony Furlong IC

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

Today's Readings

Sirach 27:30–28:7; [9 am Mass only.
Psalm 102. **Response: "The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger and rich in mercy."**]; Roman 14: 7–9; Matthew 18: 21–35.

Sunday's Music (11am)

Mozart Spatzenmesse K 220
J S Bach Gratias agimus tibi BWV 232
J S Bach Liebster Jesu wir sind hier BWV 731
Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvum fac
Organ Voluntary: J S Bach Fugue in C minor BWV 546

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Thought for the week

Why do we speak evil? Solely because we have first thought evil, because we have filled our heads with wrong and prejudiced opinions, because we are accustomed to consider things invariably in a manner quite favourable to our own desires and passions and not in an impartial and equitable way. Our judgment is made in favour of what we love and against what we hate, and we do not consider with a tranquil heart and a calm mind whether the matter is really as we judge it to be.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us



Let us remember in our prayers:

For those who have recently married here, Fabian Twist and Clementine Wyke; Aaron Bawdekar and Madeleine George. Louis Johnston to be baptized today.

Rosminian Ascribed Group

The group next meets on Wednesday (16th) at 6 pm in the presbytery. The role of the Ascribed is explained in the information sheet available on the cloister table. Anyone interested in joining is very welcome to come along.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Couples marking Silver, Ruby or Golden Wedding Anniversaries are most welcome to receive blessings or renew their wedding vows as part of our Sunday celebrations. To book, please email us: enquiries@stetheldreda.com

Getting married at St Etheldreda's – how to proceed

You should e-mail the Parish Priest at least 6 months before your intended wedding explaining who you are, your religious background, why you wish to get married at St Etheldreda's, and when (exact day, if possible). If the church accepts your request you will be invited to a preliminary meeting where the initial paperwork will be completed and the whole procedure will be explained and set in motion.

Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme by following this link: <https://givealittle.co/c/choir>. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below.



Parish-In-Council

Tomorrow (Monday), the next open meeting will be held in the presbytery at 5 pm. All welcome.

New Crib Figures

We've inherited a Victorian era crib from a closed convent in the East Midlands. Although much superior to our previous one, a number of the plaster figures have been chipped over time. Do we have anyone in our congregation with expertise in plasterwork restoration? Fr. Anthony would love to hear from you!.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The purpose of this group is to explore aspects of the Catholic Faith in regular meetings from September 2026 to March 2027 (Easter Sunday). Typically, a group includes people who are:

- Already Confirmed Catholics who wish to deepen their knowledge of the faith.
- Baptised Catholics who feel ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and/or their First Holy Communion.
- Christians of other traditions who wish to explore Membership of the Catholic Church.
- Non-Baptised adults who feel drawn to seek Baptism into the Catholic Church.

The first meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Sunday 27 September in the presbytery. Fr Anthony is available to meet anyone interested in knowing more about this group. Parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully consider whether anyone among their circle of friends or relatives might be invited to join us.

Collections

9 am: Plate **£58.45**; Contactless: **£65.00**
11 am: Plate **£168.00**; Contactless: **£50.00**
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£544.90**. Thank you.



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Mass Intentions

Sun 13th September
24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
Lena Sylvester RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 14th September
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
1.00 pm
Gary Bershatsky RIP

Tue 15th September
Our Lady of Sorrows
1.00 pm
David Keena & Family GE

Wed 16th September
Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
1.00 pm
John Kelly RIP

Thu 17th September
Feria
1.00 pm
Eva Hedges & Family GE

Frid 18th September
Feria
1:00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

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