



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 12 JULY 2026 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

The Parable of the Sower



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Many thanks to so many of our regulars who produced goodies for our shared table last Sunday as we celebrated St Etheldreda in worship and friendship. Adolfo and the coffee crew managed the catering very well. Thanks also to the choir who have now begun their Summer break. I wish to pay tribute in particular to our director and organist, Robert, who does a great job in managing an instrument in need of considerable remedial work. We should be in a position to share definite news on the restoration programme in September. Thanks to those who have already given to the fund. Contributions can be made any time using the appropriate category on our contactless devices at the back of church or in the cloister. The 2026 wedding season continues with liturgies adapted to the wide cultural backgrounds of brides and grooms. Each celebration is refreshingly unique, yet they all mark the beginning of new lives for the couples who embrace the vocation to Christian marriage and the responsibilities of parenthood which often follow. In the background, I'm beginning the preparation of couples who have selected wedding dates for 2027 – the diary is looking healthy. Finally, please read the announcement about our RCIA group for September. Spreading the word is a simple act of evangelisation by the laity. Experience suggests that there are significant numbers who would respond positively, but nobody has ever invited them!

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

Isaiah 55: 10–11; [9 am Mass only: Psalm 64. **Response: "Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit."**]; Romans 8: 18–23; Matthew 13: 1–9.

Sunday's Music (11am)

Rheinberger Mass in Ab
Mendelssohn O rest in the Lord (Elijah)
Duruflé Pie Jesu (Requiem)
Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvam fac
Organ Voluntary: Mendelssohn Allegro in Bb

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Thought for the week

I do not want you to let the enemy close up your heart, when God wishes us instead to be great and generous of heart. *I ran in the way of your commandments, for you enlarged my heart.* So what I chiefly urge on you is to be more large-hearted. We are sinful, but God is infinitely good. How little we stop to think about that word, 'infinitely'. If we did, all our fears would vanish. So we must not let ourselves be deceived by the enemy, who sometimes makes our hearts sad, causing us distress which appears under the guise of compunction for our sins. No, our compunction must always be combined with unlimited hope.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us



Let us remember in our prayers:

Ernesto Santibanez and Valentina D'Annunzio,
Bernhard Dachs and Clare Kim; recently married here.
Those who have died recently, Penelope Bolbot RIP.

Peter's Pence

The total sum collected at both Masses came to £317.38
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

Concert: Misteri d'Elx

One of the most singular cultural manifestations of Europe's intangible heritage and declared a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO, comes to London in an exceptional concert to be held at St Etheldreda's this Friday (17 July) at 7 pm. This concert offers a unique opportunity to experience the musical and spiritual richness of the Misteri, a medieval sacred lyrical drama that has been performed uninterruptedly for more than five centuries in the city of Elche. The concert is organised by the Instituto Cervantes of London, in collaboration with the City Council of Elche, the Government of Valencia (Generalitat Valenciana) and the Embassy of Spain in London, as part of their shared commitment to the international promotion of Spain's cultural heritage. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/concert-misteri-d-elx-tickets-1990881027747>
Proceeds from the concert will be used to support the Choir of St Etheldreda's Church.

Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

On Sunday 19 July 2026 at 3:30 pm at St Peter's Italian Church, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DL. Followed by The Sagra: an Italian Street Fête with music and stalls selling Italian food, drinks and lots more; all in an Italian atmosphere.

WEBELIEVE festival

Festival of Catholic Life, Friday 24–Monday 27 July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Book your tickets at webeliefefestival.com

Collections

9 am: Plate **£91.00**; Contactless: **£60.00** plus \$25 US dollars.
11 am: Plate **£328.72**; Contactless: **£180.00**
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£582.40**. Thank you.



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Mass Intentions

Sun 12th July
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
Tom Durcan RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 13th July
Feria
1.00 pm
Welfare of Miriam, Andrew and Mark

Tue 14th July
Feria
1.00 pm
Anthony Joseph Skelchy RIP

Wed 15th July
St Bonaventure
1.00 pm
Brigid Lavery RIP

Thu 16th July
Feria
1.00 pm
May Bryan RIP

Frid 17th July
Feria
1:00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

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