

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year ‘A’

19th July 2026

Mass times and intentions:

Saturday 18th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Trevor Whitehurst RIP. Peter Larvin.
Sunday 19th	8.30 am 10.30 am	St Mary's Parishioners. Repose of the Soul Fred & Margaret Ward. Andrew Peter Harte RIP.
Monday 20th	9.15 am	
Tuesday 21st	9.15 am	All the Sick of the Parish.
Wednesday 22nd	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Adoration.
Thursday 23rd	9.15 am	
Friday 24th	9.15 am	
Saturday 25th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	
Sunday 26th	8.30 am 10.30 am	

Feast Days:

Wednesday 22nd St Mary Magdalene.
Thursday 23rd St Bridget, R Patron of Europe.
Saturday 25th St James, Ap.

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

Lately Dead: Your prayers are asked for **Ron Kelly** and **Lilian Marie Longcake** 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	£256.32	Gift Aided	£ 45.00
Standing Orders	£580.00	Gift Aid Standing Orders	£510.00
	£836.32		£555.00
Prospective Tax Refund £138.75			
Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160			

Sea Sunday Collection: Last week the retiring collection for Stella Maris raised £223.51. Many thanks.

Live Streaming: Access the system via internet access Churchservices.tv/Congleton

This Week and Later

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

Would you like to volunteer as a Catechist / Children's Liturgy helper? Do you feel you would like to help support young children on their faith journey? Our Children's Liturgy group are seeking helpers to join just once a month guiding the children in fun activities and Liturgy / discussions at Sunday Mass 10:30am St Mary's Parish Centre. If you would like to join our informal group, please give your details to the school office or email the parish on: stmarysrc.congleton@gmail.com

The funeral for Emmanuel Iyoha: will take place at Birches Crematorium CW9 7SU, on Monday 20th July at 12 noon conducted by Fr Francis. The family will be joining the 10.30 am Mass and in the parish centre for tea/coffee on Sunday 26th July 2026.

Funeral Arrangements for Ron Kelly: Funeral service on Thursday 23rd July 2026 at 12.30 pm.

Next Prayer Group: Tuesday 4th August 2026, Davenport Lounge 7 pm – 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Bring a Bible, a Rosary and Encounter prayer book, if you have one.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal: You can help our neighbours affected by the 24th June 2026 earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.

We Believe Festival of Catholic Life: Is taking place 24-27 July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott. There is content for people of every age. Book a place here <https://www.webelievefestival.com/>.

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: we are planning on meeting in the Parish Centre for our first session 4 Sept. 6.30-8. Please call Karen if interested (07714447417) in volunteering, supporting, taking part, attending. Thanks all! We'd especially appreciate older teenage/younger adult volunteers.

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

John Bamford RIP: it is with sadness that we inform that the long-standing organiser of the Christian Aid Walk at Tittesworth has recently passed away. Please pray for his soul and his family and friends, particularly his wife who is a parishioner of our parish. We thank God for the generosity in which he gave himself to this great cause for 36 years and raised £1.2 million for Christian Aid.

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.

The Storehouse Project: The growing economy has made us all aware of the massive increase in the cost of living, which is affecting everyone, particularly the poor. The Food Bank that we support at New Life has an increasing demand for its services. So, we must appeal to you for your support, however you can, in providing food and life necessities for those in need. THANK YOU.

Reflection

Ease up a little.

Stop being so demanding for things to be just right. Grant yourself the right to be imperfect.

Allow other people the same right, to be themselves with all their faults, backward ways of doing things, and even their annoying idiosyncrasies.

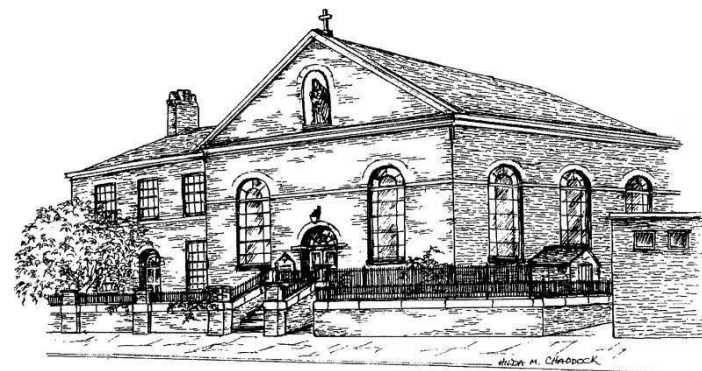
Instead of pointing out to others what disturbs you about them, find something to admire and tell them about that.

Applaud children for their courage in telling the truth, rather than chastising them for lying. You will always find more open minds with compliments than complaints.

The weeds and the wheat will grow together until the end of time.

Nothing you do is ever going to change that.

Peace of mind comes about when you give up trying to make yourself and others something we aren't, and just can't be.



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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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