

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

6th September 2026

Mass times and intentions:

Saturday 5th	10.00 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Adoration. Frank Wall 80 th Birthday. St Mary's Parishioners.
Sunday 6th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Kevin McKenna RIP.
Monday 7th	9.15 am	
Tuesday 8th	9.15 am	
Wednesday 9th	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Adoration.
Thursday 10th	9.15 am	
Friday 11th	9.15 am	
Saturday 12th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	For the Intentions of Jose Burke.
Sunday 13th	8.30 am 10.30 am	

Feast Days:

Tuesday 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 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	£324.99	Gift Aided	£ 50.00
Standing Orders	£580.00	Gift Aid Standing Orders	£510.00
	£904.99		£560.00
Prospective Tax Refund £140.00			
Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160			

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

This Sunday at the 10.30 am Mass, Harley Forwell, will receive his First Holy Communion. We pray for Harley as he takes this important step in his life of faith, and we ask the parish community to keep Harley and his family in their prayers.

All Hallows Catholic College, Macclesfield: Has their Open Evening on Monday 7th September 2026 from 1830-2100 for any interested prospective students.

Family Mass (Sunday 13th September 2026 10:30 am): We will be celebrating our Family Mass. The children will be serving at the Mass, reading, bringing the Offertory and singing.

Meet, Greet and Eat Sunday 20th September 2026, 2pm–4pm St Mary's Parish Centre: Join us for a relaxed afternoon filled with friendly faces, chat, and tasty refreshments. Bring someone along, or simply come and meet new people. It's a simple way for our parish community to spend time together and share light refreshments and friendship. If you're planning to come, please let us know by emailing felicityawhitelock@gmail.com or calling **07971 165984**, to give an idea of numbers to cater for.

Youth200 (the new Youth Club) Aged 7-14) on Friday 4th September 2026. Join us for a variety of games & activities in the Parish Centre: 6.30-8.00pm. All volunteers come too. Any questions, queries or just curious please call Karen Sutton 07714447417.

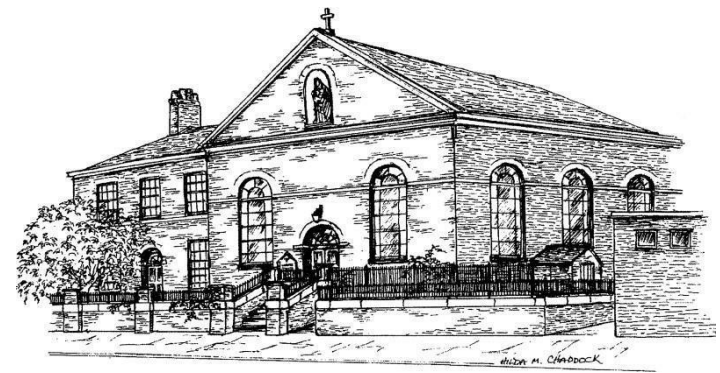
Parish Council Meeting: Monday 14th September 2026, 7.30pm in the Lounge, Parish Centre. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and take part.

Next Prayer Group: Tuesday 6th October 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

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 RCIA meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 6.00pm, and sessions will continue every Tuesday thereafter.

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



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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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Reflection

Harden not your hearts

'Oh, that today you would listen to His voice.

Harden not your hearts.'

From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart

is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone.

To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to harm oneself.

A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love.

A hard heart can't experience joy.

A hard heart is a closed heart.

A hard heart is a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously happy.

Softened by the rain of God's grace,

and warmed by the sun of His love,

the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.