

St Mary, Star of the Sea



PARISH FESTIVAL

18TH - 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Friday 18th September

10am*: Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: For all deceased members of the Parish. Opening Mass of the Festival. Tea in the hall afterwards.

6.30pm: School Quiz Night in the Church hall for children and families attending St Mary's School. Food provided by the parish. Parents to provide drinks.

Saturday 19th September

11am: Walk for Peace. An invitation is extended to all to meet together on the prom across from St Mary's Church and walk to The Pencil where refreshments will be provided.

6pm: Vigil Mass. Theme: for all parishioners who work or are unemployed.

7pm: Dinner Dance in the church hall (7pm-11pm). Hot buffet, deserts, tea and coffee. Music provided by Ebb and Flow. BYOB. Be quick we only have 60 tickets! £20 per ticket.

Sunday 20th September

10am: Mass. Theme: for all parishioners who work or are unemployed. Join us as we welcome “The Schola Cantorum of St. Aloysius’ College” who will provide the music for the Liturgy.

Children from St. Mary’s Primary School will provide Fair Trade tea and coffee in the hall after Mass.

5pm: Ecumenical Songs of Praise, with the 10 most popular hymns which have been voted for. Come and sing your heart out! Tea in the hall afterwards with a biblical quiz!

Monday 21st September

10am: Mass of St. Matthew, Apostle. Theme: ‘The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.’

Tuesday 22nd September

Early bird Mass at **7:30am:** Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit with the renewal of baptismal promises and prayers for the renewal of the graces of baptism and confirmation.

Breakfast served in the hall after Mass.

2pm: Tea Dance in the hall with afternoon tea. DJ Matt providing music. Raffle prizes to be won. 50 tickets @ £5 each.

7pm: “A Diplomatic Short Story.” Fr. Peter will share some memories of his years as a papal diplomat.

Wednesday 23rd September

Memorial of St Padre Pio. A Day of Prayer for Healing.

2pm: Mass for the sick with the sacrament of anointing. Theme: Christ is our Peace. Transport will be provided for those sick and housebound who need it.

Afternoon tea, provided by Pro-Life group, which will be served in the hall after Mass.

6.30-7.30pm: Confessions with at least two priests. Come, let your soul be healed once again by the merciful love of Christ.

7.30pm: Wine and chocolate tasting in the hall provided by the CO-OP. We have 30 tickets available. **£10** per ticket.

Thursday 24th September

10am: Votive Mass of the Holy Eucharist, for the Eucharist Revival of the Parish. School children in attendance. All-day Exposition after Mass until 5pm.

At **12noon** and **2pm**, prayers and reflections will be offered by invited speakers.

At **4pm**, Fr. Peter will speak on the future Shrine to be installed in St. Mary's of the three Assisi Saints and how it is centred on the Eucharist. To be followed by veneration of the first-class relic of St. Carlo Acutis.

5pm: Simple Benediction.

7pm: Concert in the church with a variety of musicians and choirs. Tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

Friday 25th September

10am: Votive Mass for Divine Mercy. For those who are hurting or grieving. Tea in the hall afterwards.

2.30-3.30pm: Exposition and Recitation of the Devine Mercy Chaplet.

Saturday 26th September

1 - 4pm: Garden Fete in Church grounds/hall: (£20 per stall). Tea and biscuits. Baking Stall (Pro-life, 2 tables). Painting Stall (Pauline Gallagher). Games. Bottle Stall. Flower Group Stall. Bric a Brac. Hot Dogs. Treasure Hunt. Raffle. And more! If weather clement, play area for children.

6pm: Vigil Mass of St Mary, Star of the Sea. Theme: Peace in Marriage and Family. Renewal of Marriage Vows.

Sunday 27th September

10am: Solemn Mass of St. Mary Star, of the Sea. Theme: Peace in Marriage and Family. Renewal of Marriage Vows.

After Mass, Tea and Festival cake in the hall.

** All 10am weekday Masses are preceded by Exposition and Rosary from 9am.*