

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year ‘A’ 5th July 2026

This Week and Later

Mass times and intentions:

Saturday 4th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Private Intention (JT), John Hall RIP.
Sunday 5th	8.30 am 10.30 am	John Doyle RIP; Ann Holland.
Monday 6th	9.15 am	Deceased members of the Child Family
Tuesday 7th	9.15 am	Thanks to God
Wednesday 8th	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Adoration.
Thursday 9th	9.15 am	
Friday 10th	9.15 am 6.30 pm	
Saturday 11th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	
Sunday 12th	8.30 am 10.30 am	

Feast Days:

Saturday 11th St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe.

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	£224.15	Gift Aided	£ 60.00
Standing Orders	<u>£580.00</u>	Gift Aid Standing Orders	<u>£510.00</u>
	£804.15		£570.00

Prospective Tax Refund £142.50

Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160

St Mary's 200th Anniversary:

The cornerstone of the church was laid in August 1825. It was opened and dedicated to Our Lady with Holy Mass on 12th July 1826.

Sunday 5th July: NO Children's Liturgy.

The parish and school will come together for Celebration at 10.30 am Mass. This will be followed by a shared table in the Parish Centre when the draw for the Raffle will also take place. NB. Food may be taken into the Parish Centre before Mass.

Friday 10th July: St Mary's 200th Anniversary Mass at 6.30pm will be celebrated by the Rt Rev Mark Davies, Bishop of Shrewsbury. After Mass a light buffet will be served in the Parish Centre for those who have previously booked.

Peter's Pence: There will be a collection after all Masses this weekend, an act of solidarity which supports the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world, while also supporting his charitable activities and providing timely aid to humanitarian emergencies.

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

Sea Sunday: Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate at the collections after Masses on 11th/12th July, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work.

Family Mass: We will be celebrating our next Family Mass on Sunday 19th July. The children will be serving at the Mass, reading, bringing the Offertory and singing.

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.webeliefestival.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

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.

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

Welcome to: Lottie Birtles, who will be baptised this Sunday.

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

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.

Reflection

Receiving the Word

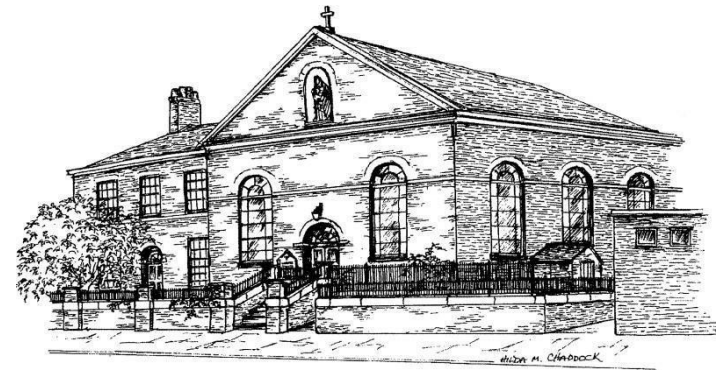
The word of God is to the human heart what a seed is to the earth.

However, just as a seed needs soil, so the word needs a receptive heart.

The earth responds to the rain and sun so that even the desert blooms.

But the arid human heart has the power to resist so that it remains barren.

Lord, soften our hearts with your grace, open them with your gentle love, so that the precious seed of your word may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit in our lives.



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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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