

17th Sunday in O.T.

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Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; He himself gives might and strength to his people.

Psalm response:

O Lord, how I love your law!

Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. *Alleluia.*

The Apostles Creed is on page 456. / Nicene Creed is on page 455

After the Bidding Prayers:

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary,
that it is a thing unheard of
that anyone ever had recourse to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left unaided.
Filled, therefore, with confidence in your goodness,
I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of Virgins.
To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner.
Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God,
but graciously hear my prayer. Amen.

To conclude the Bidding Prayers:

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward
save that of knowing that we do your holy will. Amen.

Communion Antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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Emmer Green and Caversham Park*



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25/26 July 2026

Last week we had a series of endings: the end of the school year, the end of World Cup football and the end of term for the current Prime Minister. While football's not everyone's thing, the national mood has been lifted while England, and earlier Scotland, took part. Fans abroad and at home came together sharing the joy and pain of their team's journey. And they looked to the players and their manager to find a way to beat rival teams by applying finely tuned managerial skills.

In today's First Reading, King Solomon, faced with leading and governing the whole of ancient Israel asked God for understanding to discern what is right from what is wrong. The verb 'discern' comes from the Latin *discernere* meaning 'to separate, set apart, ... distinguish, perceive' from *dis-* 'off, away' and *cernere* 'to distinguish, separate, sift.' When we discern, we try to perceive what it is that God wants from us in a concrete situation.

In Jesuit spirituality, discernment is the art of prayerful decision making. It's particularly important whenever a chapter in one's life ends and a new one begins. It could apply to a new job, retirement, moving up to a new school or to university, in working through the Diocesan synodal process, or in stepping up to lead the Government of a country.

Parents, need discernment to guide their families during difficult economic times and in dealing with the influence and safety and security risks of social media and AI.

The summer break offers us an opportunity for rest, re-setting and reflection on the way ahead. We pray that God protects us and our families, whether traveling abroad or staying closer to home, and helps us make wise choices regarding any changes we face at the end of our holidays.

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WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S

If you are a visitor or new to the parish, we welcome you warmly.

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If you would like a home visit please call Deacon Brian Theobald

Tel: 07484332580 or email dcn.brian.theobald@rcaob.org.uk

Most Masses are live streamed and Mass streaming links can be found on our website.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our Patronal Weekend falls on 25-27 September

PLEASE KEEP THE WEEKEND FREE

We will be celebrating in a variety of ways and we look forward to welcoming Bishop Richard as he makes his Parish Visitation on this occasion. It is a great opportunity for us all to gather together, prayerfully and socially, as the friendly and welcoming parish we are known to be.

FR COLIN BLANEY...

...has returned to the Northern Hemisphere, escaping the Australian winter! We look forward to him re-visiting us and celebrating our Masses on 8/9 August.

CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

Did you know we have a children's activity sheet newsletter available every weekend for children to look at during Mass or to take home after Mass. You can pick up a copy from the console table at the back of Church - usually next to St Michael's newsletters. Please do help yourself. With a child-friendly version of the Gospel and reflection on the Gospel plus a puzzle and colouring-in section, they are a very lovely resource for children, families and grandchildren.

KRISSIE

We continue to remember in our prayers, Krissie and her family as they mourn the loss last weekend of Krissie's beloved mother, Barbara. May she rest in peace and may the family be consoled and comforted by the knowledge that we are praying for and thinking of them.

Please send any items for the newsletter to fran.stm.news@gmail.com

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Parish Liturgies for week commencing 26th July 2026

Weekend Celebrants: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

25/26 JULY

17TH SUN. IN O.T.

Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	9.00am	Antao Family, Deceased. R.I.P.
Sunday	10.30am	Antoinette Doran, R.I.P. (recently dec'd)
Monday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	12 noon	Mass
Wednesday	-	No liturgy
Thursday	9.30am	Mass
Friday	9.30am	Eucharistic Service

1/2 AUGUST Cels: Revv Andrew Foster & Michael Doyle

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Saturday Vigil	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	9.00am	World Peace
Sunday	10.30am	Maddy Sharman, R.I.P.
Confessions	Available before and after each of the weekend Masses	
Sacrament of the Sick	On request: ☎ 0118 972 3418	

Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners, family and friends;

Lord, send your healing Spirit on all who are sick or distressed.

Dominic Antão; Catherine Belletty; Robert Brooks; Joe Bunton; Savanna Clark; Ben Fox; Mary Edwards; Rogan Hodgson; Vivien Kear; Jennifer Learmouth; Peppin Sanz; Dominic Sakrouge; Daniel Carroll; TJ. Cian Murphy; Alan Skingsley;

Carmelina Imperato; Terry Mc Goldrick.

If circumstances change please ask for the name to be removed from the list.

For All Deceased Members of our Parish Family

Michael Collins; Kitty Minter; Rosita Smith; David Andrews; Michael Bartley; Kathleen Butler; Edward Cottrell; Jimmy Minter; Brian Stratmore Cleary; June Payne; Patrick O'Flaherty-Hilder; Brian Mudge; Shirley Anderson-Williams; Joseph Brown; Jeanette Fernandes; James Fornara; Euralia Antao; Edward (Teddy) Jenkins; Carol Tegg; Rachelle De Souza; Margaret Green; Martin Lousley; Frank Ryan

May the light and joy of God's peace shine upon them.