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August 16th 2026 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A
Twelfth after Pentecost (Extraordinary Form)

Our Lady and St Wilfrid's Mass Times and Other Services

DAY	DATE	TIME	INTENTION
Saturday	15th Aug	5.00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday	16 th Aug		
Monday	17 th Aug	10.00am	NO MASS
Tuesday	18 th Aug		
Wednesday	19 th Aug		
Thursday	20 th Aug		
Friday	21 st Aug	10.00am	George & Sylvia Armstrong
Saturday	22 nd Aug	5.00pm	People of the Parish

Confessions: After Mass on Saturday

Sanctuary Candle: Teresa & Tom Graham

Sunday	16 th Aug	St Joseph's Mass Times and Other Services	
Monday	17 th Aug		
Tuesday	18 th Aug	12.05pm	Winifred & Richard Rainbow
Wednesday	19 th Aug	12.05pm	Bernard McGuigan
Thursday	20 th Aug	12.05pm	For the intentions of Cath and Bob
Friday	21 st Aug	12.05pm	Priest's Intentions
Saturday	22 nd Aug	11.00am (EF)	E McPherson
Sunday	23 rd Aug	10.00am 12 Noon (EF)	Sean Smith People of the Parish

(EF) = EXTRAORDINARY FORM OF THE MASS IN LATIN ACCORDING TO 1962 ROMAN MISSAL

Sanctuary Candle: Thanksgiving Soy Family

Confessions: WEDNESDAY after Mass.
SATURDAY 12.00 – 12.30pm

**Rosary for Vocations to Priesthood after
Mass each Tuesday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 11.00am – 11.55am

African Community Mass 2.00pm last Sunday of every Month
followed by social gathering in the hall – all are welcome.

End of Summer **FAMILY BBQ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th** beginning after Midday Mass

Thank you to all those who have offered to help; watch out for further information nearer the time to co-ordinate this.

Tickets are now on sale costing £30 per family or £10 per adult over 18years – no children to come unaccompanied. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

DATES for YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 6th September End of Summer Family BBQ – 1.00pm – Canon's garden

Tuesday 22nd September Book Club – 7.00pm The next book is The Necromancers by Robert Hugh Benson

Saturday 28th November – Almost a Christmas Ceilidh is back

Saint Pius X's Story

Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

The second of 10 children in a poor Italian family, Joseph Sarto became Pius X at age 68. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened confiscation of Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

While Saint Pius X did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Saint Pius X had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Feast Day August 21st

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Assisted Dying Bill

Promoters of the Assisted Suicide Bill will be working hard to promote their Bill for a vote in September. Even though the Bill was defeated earlier this year, they are presenting the same Bill, without change on September 11th. Please do all you can to oppose and encourage others to oppose this Bill. Speak about it with friends and family up and down the country.