



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

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Reflection: On Friday just gone, 17th July, **the 2026 BBC Proms** season

opened – centring upon the Royal Albert Hall (Kensington), but also branching out into the provinces (e.g. Gateshead in the north of England).

The Proms, in terms of genre, are classical music essentially. A very high percentage of classical music presents religious events or spiritual personages historically. The very many great composers have bequeathed us great music, centred upon religious themes & occurrences.

(If such themed music were to mysteriously disappear overnight and become no longer available, the all-round quota of classical music would have been decimated).

(Likewise, in art galleries, if all the paintings depicting religious events or personages were to mysteriously vanish overnight, leaving bare walls, the galleries' overall quota of paintings would have been seriously compromised).

What these imaginings surely demonstrate is the absolute centrality of our Catholic Faith, both historically and for all time. **Our Catholic Faith**, in all its aspects, is (and must always be) for us, foundational and fundamental. We must view it as no mere option or historical coincidence in our individual history. Rather, Faith is always a gift from God – a gift we must treat as nothing less than an absolute priority in our day-to-day lives.

Our individual and communal way must always, and in all ways, be conformed to Our Lord **Jesus Christ** Who is **the Way, the Truth and the Life**, as He Himself has assured us.

When we listen to a piece of religious-themed classical music, or behold a painting depicting a religious event or character, we should seek to enter the mindset of the composer or artist, and seek to emulate their spiritual mindset.

Saturday 18th July 2026 Feria

10am Mass – Those souls in Purgatory who have no-one to pray for them (C & M)

Confessions 11am-12 noon & 5.45pm- 6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – Cynthia Desmond RIP

**SUNDAY JULY 19th 2026
16th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – Tony deSouza RIP (26th anniversary)

11am Mass – Mr. Ashley Basnet RIP

Monday 20th July 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For the grace of fidelity for a parishioner's Godchildren

Tuesday 21st July 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For the living & deceased members of the Bampton family (and Yvonne Lawton)

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 Feast St. Mary Magdalene

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – That through today's saint, John & Jenny may prioritize the singular love of Jesus

Thursday 23rd July 2026 Feast St. Bridget of Sweden

8.00am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Anne Widdecombe RIP (A fortnight's mind)

Friday 24th July 2026 St. Sharbel Makhlof

8.30am Adoration

9.15am – Living & deceased members of the Green family (and Teresa Fernandes)

Saturday 25th July 2026 Feast St. James the Apostle

10am Mass – Vilma Harding RIP (1 month's mind) (C & M)

Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45-6.15pm

6.30pm – That Marietta, Vinnie & sons may be sustained always by the Precious Blood of Jesus

**SUNDAY 26th JULY 2026
17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)**

7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – Elizabeth Nyamayaro RIP (12th anniversary was 5th July 2026)

11am Mass – For God's blessing, guidance & protection of the family members of Stanley & Hana Peterside

Parish Garden party Many thanks to all who attended last Sunday, 12th July. Special thanks, of course, to all those who supplied food and drink for sale and sustenance on the day – the Nigerians, Ugandans, Ghanaians, Filipinos and Keralans. We were blessed with the continuing good weather, of course, and enjoyed the live music supplied first by Marlon, and then Garry's customary DJ music. Many helpers (too many to name!) worked very hard (before, during and after!) to make all aspects run smoothly. In the final analysis, we achieved an overall total of **£1,870.11**, and a percentage of this consisted of monetary donations. Very many thanks to all who were in any way involved.

New Addington foodbank Thank you for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C, at no cost to you. ***Many thanks to those parishioners who joined Gift-Aid in May and June.***

Red mission boxes: please bring yours to Mass for the mid-year emptying. Thank you.

Please pray for those with health issues: Christine Maslona, Peter Brown, Cyril Ojiemen, Curtis Pointu, Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddyn Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy and Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan and Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia and Georgina Holmes, Ken & Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, P. Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

July 12th: Attendance: **173** 1stCollection: **£442.38** Gift-aided: **£287** Loose: **£155.38**

2nd Collection: **£95.19**

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