



# Dome of Home

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9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August, Solemnity of St. Philomena, protectress of the Dome!**

*Both 8.30am and 10.30am Masses will be celebrated by Canon Michael McCowen.*

*Blessing and Veneration of the relic of St. Philomena after 10.30am Mass.*

N. B. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy day of Obligation

## ✠ Support Abbé Matthew Bird

Dear friends, Thanks to your payers and support this year I will begin the my fifth year of formation at seminary.

The formation at the seminary is a minimum of seven years, comprising of a first year of initial introduction to the studies and to the life of seminary followed by two years of philosophy and four years of theology. Our life at seminary is centred first and foremost on the sacred Liturgy, of which the heart is the Holy Mass. The Holy Mass being at the heart and summit of our day, we prolong the divine praises also by the chant of the Divine Office. After prayer and the Liturgy the second most important aspect of seminary life are the studies which we do under the patronage and guidance of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Our studies consist of around six hours each weekday. The third aspect of our day to day life is that of work, for we seek to live according to the maxim of another of our Patrons Saint Benedict, "Ora et labora" or "pray and work".

How may you help?

The seminary fees are around £7,000 per year; this contributes towards our tuition fees, food, accommodation and more. We, as seminarians, are asked to raise what we can to go towards these expenses. If you would be willing to support me and my formation at the seminary, then you may help by making a donation either via [gofundme https://gofund.me/5e807427](https://gofund.me/5e807427) - or via the presbytery. I would be very grateful of your prayers and for any contribution that you can make.

You may be assured of my prayers, May God bless you. Abbé Bird



## ✠ Join the Dome at the March for Life UK on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September in London!

**What does it entail?** The day starts with an indoor pro-life festival in which pro-life organisations from around the country showcase their work along with sessions for children of all ages, talks, testimonies, pro-life games, prayer, music and much more. We then process through the streets of the capital where we proclaim our central message 'Life From Conception – No Exception!' The event ends in Parliament Square where a stage is set up for the keynote speeches, ending with a solemn time of prayer lead by bishops and other religious leaders (including Canon Montjean). [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

**Provisional schedule:** Canon will offer Mass at 6am at the Dome. **We have booked a coach to leave from the Dome 7am.** Leaving London 5pm. Cost £32. To book your place on the coach please see Anne, Sarah or Angela in the piety shop or Jane S 07 59 69 308 50 or Sarah 07 84 523 47 49. Seats reserved with payment. Also let one of us know if you are unable to attend but have the means to sponsor a student or child/family to bring down the cost for them. Thank you. Your prayers would also be very much appreciated.

## Announcements

✠ **Choir Practices:** Summer break during August, practices will resume in September.

✠ **Last Sunday Collection:** Loose Plate: £596.75 Boxes: £254.65 Bank transfers: £245.00 Shop £80.12  
**Total: £1,176.52** Thank you very much for your continued generosity! If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following: Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP.

✠ **Piety Shop:** Mass Booklets available: £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, Ignatius Catholic Study Bible and other books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club at the piety shop.

✠ **200 Club:** July Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Kate Peters, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Billie-Jo James 3<sup>rd</sup>: Billie-Jo James

✠ **Donations for refreshments after the 10.30 Mass:** July's collection for Sundowns £151.46. Thank you for your generosity. We will collect of the Good Counsel network throughout August.

✠ **Church Cleaning.** 11-12am every Saturday morning after Mass. Coffee and biscuits afterwards! Please contact Joyce at 07887 580547 if you would like to join us. *Thank you to all who generously give their time to the upkeep of the church.*

✠ **Offertory Envelopes for 2025-2026.** Please do not forget to approach Canon Montjean to receive your offertory envelopes for 2025-2026!

✠ **Apiculæ – Rosaries & Chaplets:** For beautiful handmade rosaries and chaplets, silver, copper, bronze & brass, see Elaine Gibbons. Commissions taken! Contact [elaineapiculae@gmail.com](mailto:elaineapiculae@gmail.com) or 0151 924 11 78.

## Forthcoming events

✠ **Catechism for catechumens and beginners:** For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. Classes will be held twice per month. Next class: **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.**

✠ **Monthly Liturgy Class:** Explanation of the gestures and rites of Holy Mass. Next class: **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm.**

✠ **Craft Group:** knitting, patchwork, dressmaking, lace making and embroidery. Beginners welcome. **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 11am – 1pm (NB no meeting in September).** Contact: Dorothy McCarthy 07 76 775 26 71.

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✠ **For Life Matters and helplines:** see <https://lifecharity.org.uk>; for prolife helpline <https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk> and for abortion recovery see <https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk>

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**Prayers for the Sick: *Please keep in your prayers:*** Michael, Roisin, Dermot, Eamonn, Sandra, Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward, Tracy, Mary, Peter Joseph, Janet, Elizabeth, Michael and Donna.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions		Devotions	Confessions
		Canon Montjean	Canon Post		
Offer a Mass for your intentions using the Mass Offering envelope (narthex). Write name (living or deceased) or intention. Enclose donation. Place envelope in collection box or give to a Canon. The earliest available date for a Mass at the moment is: 28 <sup>th</sup> October.				Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> August Solemnity of St. Philomena <i>Red</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teresa Piercy RIP</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St. Anthony's intentions</li><li>Richard Clinch RIP</li></ul>	5.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.30am–10.15am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> August St. Philomena <i>Red</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Teresa Piercy RIP</li><li>Joan Nielsen</li></ul>	Mario Pierdominici RIP	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August St Clare of Assisi <i>White</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mary and Emma Hilton</li><li>Joan Nielsen</li></ul>	Holy Souls	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction 7pm Complines	5.30pm–6pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August Feria <i>Green</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>John Hunt</li><li>Private Intention</li></ul>	Special intention	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August Vigil of the Assumption <i>comm of St Eusebius</i> <i>Violet</i>	6.30 pm Low Mass	Eva and Sophia Scott	Private intention (Susan Bolger)	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>White</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	Lionel Barnsdall RIP	Poor Souls	5.30pm Adoration 6.10pm Benediction	5.30pm–6pm
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August St Joachim <i>Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>White</i>	10am Low Mass	Adam and Elizabeth Scott wedding anniversary		9am Adoration <b>*No evening offices*</b>	9.30am–9.30am
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost <i>Green</i>	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	Lee Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kathleen Waine-Right</li><li>Renee Ashcroft</li></ul>	5.30pm Vespers, Rosary & Benediction, followed by Compline	9.30am–10.15am

## The Penny Catechism

### FOURTH ARTICLE OF THE CREED *continued*

57. On what day did our Saviour die?

Our Saviour died on Good Friday

58. Where did our Saviour die?

Our Saviour died on Mount Calvary.

59. Why do we make the Sign of the Cross?

We make the Sign of the Cross - *firstly*, to put us in mind of the Blessed Trinity; and *secondly* to remind us that God the Son died for us on the Cross.

60. In Making the Sign of the Cross how are we reminded of the Blessed Trinity? In making the Sign of the Cross we are reminded of the Blessed Trinity by the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost."

61. In making the Sign of the Cross how are we reminded that Christ died for us on the Cross? In making the Sign of the Cross we are reminded that Christ died for us on the Cross by the very form of the cross which we make upon ourselves

# ST PHILOMENA

## INTROIT *Psalm 118: 46-47, 1*

I spoke of Thy testimonies before kings, and I was not ashamed: I meditated also on Thy commandments, which I loved. Ps. Blessed are the undefiled in the way: who walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be to the Father.

## COLLECT

O God, Who among the wonders of Thy power hast granted even to the weaker sex the triumph of martyrdom: mercifully grant that we who celebrate the heavenly birthday of blessed Philomena Thy virgin and martyr may, through her example, advance nearer to Thee. Through our Lord.

## EPISTLE *Wisdom 51: 1-8, 12*

I will give glory to Thee, O Lord, O King, and I will praise Thee, O God my Saviour. I will give glory to Thy name: for Thou hast been a helper and protector to me, and hast preserved my body from destruction, from the snare of an unjust tongue, and from the lips of them that forge lies: and in the sight of them that stood by Thou hast been my helper. And Thou has delivered me, according to the multitude of the mercy of Thy name, from them that did roar prepared to devour; out of the hands of them that sought my life, and from the gates of afflictions which compassed me about: from the oppression of the flame which surrounded me, and in the midst of the fire I was not burnt: from the depth of the belly of hell, and from an unclean tongue, and from lying words, from an unjust king, and from a slanderous tongue. My soul shall praise the Lord even to death: because Thou, O Lord our God, deliverest them that wait for Thee, and savest the out of the hands of the nations.

## GRADUAL *Psalm 44: 3, 5*

Thou hast loved justice, and hated iniquity. V. Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness.

## ALLELUIA *Psalm 44:15,16*

Alleluia, alleluia. After her shall virgins be brought to the king: her neighbours shall be brought to thee with gladness. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 1-13*

At that time, Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of Heaven shall be like to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom and the bride. And five of them were foolish, and five wise; but the five foolish having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them: but the wise took oil in their vessels with the lamps. And the bridegroom tarrying, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry

## Music for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Kyrie IV

Creed IV

Recessional: We praise Thee Philomena

made: Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye forth to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise: Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. The wise answered, saying: Lest perhaps there be not enough for us and for you, go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. Now, whilst they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage, and the door was shut. But at last came also the other virgins, saying: Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answering said: Amen I say to you, I know you not. Watch ye therefore, because you know not the day nor the hour.

## OFFERTORY *Psalm 44: 15-16*

After her shall virgins be brought to the King: her neighbours shall be brought to Thee with gladness and rejoicing: they shall be brought into the temple of the King, the Lord.

## SECRET

Receive, O Lord, the gifts which we bring on the solemnity of blessed Philomena Thy virgin and martyr, through whose intercession we hope for deliverance. Through Our Lord.

## COMMON PREFACE

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: through Christ our Lord. through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, Dominations worship, Powers stand in awe. The Heavens and the Heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with them we entreat Thee, that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted, while we say in lowly praise:

## COMMUNION *Psalm 118: 78, 80*

Let the proud be ashamed, because they have done unjustly towards me: but I will be employed in Thy commandments and in Thy justifications, that I may not be confounded.

## POSTCOMMUNION

May the mysteries which we have received be a help unto us, O Lord, and through the intercession of blessed Philomena Thy virgin and martyr, may they cause us to rejoice in Thine everlasting protection. Through our Lord.