

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



But as for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord."

Our Gospel reading today

begins with the words 'Do not be afraid.' Jesus spends a lot of time telling people not to worry or be anxious, he knows what we are like! The disciples have been told not to worry about their daily bread, now they are told not to worry about kingdom inheritance. He calls them 'little flock' an Old Testament reference and a reminder that he is the shepherd who will lead his sheep where they need to go. It is a human thing to try and accumulate stuff and we believe that the more we do so the safer and more confident we will feel about the future. Jesus now encourages his disciples to do the opposite and dispose of their goods, 'Sell your possessions, and give alms.' Jesus instructs us how we can have an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, which is indestructible and not subject to decay, by selling and disposal rather than by purchase and acquisition.

CELEBRATING SAINTS THIS WEEK

11th August – The Church remembers **St Clare of Assisi** celebrated for her unwavering commitment to her faith, her pioneering role in women's religious life, and her profound impact on the Franciscan tradition. Clare caught the joy of a new vision of the Gospel from the teaching of St Francis. Her life exemplified the ideals of humility, poverty, and devotion to God. Clare taught about the essence of human identity, that Christ is in each of us and that we are in turn to reflect back the face of Christ to the world.

14th August – **Maximilian Kolbe** – Franciscan friar and martyr, who was taken to Auschwitz in 1941. He stepped forward to take the place of a prisoner who had been sentenced to death, and was executed on this day in 1941.

15th August – **The Blessed Virgin Mary** – This day is celebrated as a major feast throughout the Christian world. Her obedience to God and reverence for his word showed her to be worthy to be the bearer of the Word made flesh. For those of us in the catholic tradition, Anglo and Roman, today is known as the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, as it is believed that her body was "assumed" into heaven at the end of her life, rather than remaining on this earth.

The Benefice Interregnum Prayer

Heavenly Father, we glorify Your name for Your blessings upon us. We pray for guidance and wisdom, Holy Spirit, in the process of appointing a new vicar for our United Benefice. Give us the right person to help us fulfil our vision here in South Norwood. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents and St. Mark, South Norwood

United together in Christ, shining Christ's light in our community



10th August 2025

Vicar: Vacant

Priest (PTO): Revd. Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley, TSSF, SCP

Priest (PTO): Revd. Ada Onyekwelu

Reader (PTO): Mrs. Cicelyn Hinds,

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8.00am BCP Mass (St. Mark)

10am Parish Mass (Both Parishes)

Genesis 15.1-6 * Psalm 34.12-end * Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 *
Luke 12.32-40

Access online worship via

www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood

CHURCH NOTICES

Pastoral Care: for enquiries regarding Holy Innocents, please contact Mother Susan 07890780572 fs.kiley@btinternet.com and for St Mark, please contact Mother Ada 02086574018 or Cicelyn Hinds (both churches) 02086562474 cahinds@btinternet.com

The Benefice is in vacancy. For Parish matters, please contact in the first instance, the respective church wardens, St Mark – Norma McKnight (ndwillis12@outlook.com) and Cicelyn Hinds (cahinds@btinternet.com) Holy Innocents – Church.warden@holynnocentschurch.co.uk

We pray: for Archbishop Stephen; for the Bishops in this diocese, Christopher, Rosemarie, Alastair and Martin.

For the Bishops, priests, deacons and people in our link Dioceses of Zimbabwe and Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

Sutton Deanery Kevin Lewis (Area Dean), Anne Doerr (Assistant Area Dean), Nicholas Peacock (Assistant Area Dean), Alison Huneke (Lay Chair).

For our young people, Teddy and Lizzie, and others as they await their exam results.

For the sick – Barbara, Emma, Rona, John, Richard, Leonard, Reiss, Malik, Simon, Graham, Luke, Linda, Fred, Ethel, Terri-Ann, Marcia, Caroline, Revd. Barbara, Neil and Emma.

The recently departed and those whose Years Mind falls at this time.

Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship (both churches)