

5 July 2026—Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

Hawley Fair—Volunteers needed!

This Saturday sees the return of the Hawley Fair, on Hawley Green's Upper Field (behind the Leisure Centre), from 12 noon to 4 pm. The Church will have a stall, but due to a number of absences next weekend we are looking for volunteers to help with manning the table. We are only asking people to commit for an hour, which hopefully will be enough to cover the need. Please speak to Phil or Diane **today** if you are able to help with this. Thank you!

Mass and Garden Party with Bishop Luke

You are warmly invited to a summer celebration at St Augustine's Church, Aldershot GU12 4SE on **Friday 31 July**, commencing with Mass at 6.00 pm and followed by a Garden Party in the grounds of the church (or in the hall if the weather is inclement). Light refreshments will be provided, together with drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

We are delighted that Luke, Bishop of Richborough, will be with us to preside at Mass and join us afterwards. Tom Middleton, National Director of Forward in Faith, and Libby Holden, FiF Administrative Assistant, also intend to be present. Do come along and meet them.

This invitation is open to all members of either of the parishes of Hawley or St Augustine's as well as anyone else who would just like to come along and join us!

Poppy display

We have been asked by the Royal British Legion Yateley and Hawley Branch if we could knit or crochet poppies to display on the hedge at the corner of Holy Trinity.

We need lots of knitted or crocheted poppies please. The pattern can be found on: parishofhawley.org.uk/remembrance, or see Diane Brown for further information.

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 14 in Ordinary Time, Year II

Monday

1.00 pm: Funeral of Peter Cooper

Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R^z. *Constantly seek the face of the Lord.*

Friday

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R^z. *My mouth shall declare your praise.*
2 – 4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Saturday

St Benedict, Abbot, Co-Patron of
[Europe]

12 – 4 pm: Hawley Fair—*Hawley Green*

Next Sunday—Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*
11.00 am: Sung Mass

'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

Weekly news sheet

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton, John Darcy, Ian McRea, Janet Murton, Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Lauren Scammell, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary, Jill, John, Kirk & Karen, Mark, Pete

The recently departed & their families:

Christopher Fooks, Peter Gardner

Anniversary of death: Dorothy Chandler, Sarah Courtney, Geoffrey Tatham, Mykolaj Znetyniak

Sunday 5th July 2026
Trinity 5 / 14th Ordinary
Gospel: Matt 11: 16 – end



In today's Gospel the Lord speaks – as He often does – in a paradox. He says, 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest'. Nothing paradoxical in this statement so far. But then he goes on to say, 'Take my yoke upon you...' The Saviour is saying to those who are weighed down by burdens (that is, you and me – all of us) that in order to find rest we must take upon us a yoke.

The key which unlocks this paradox is in the choice of the word 'yoke'. What is a yoke but something that binds together two beasts of burden in order to lighten the burden on each. An ox yoked to another ox shares the weight of the plough; one beast of burden has its burden lightened by another standing beside it, walking with it. What weighs us down and causes us to stumble is our own misplaced belief in ourselves. The Lord is saying to you in today's Gospel that you must surrender that weight. Surrender yourself anew to Christ for it is He who has already taken upon Himself the greatest burden, when He bore it stumblingly to Golgotha.

From a Homily by St Augustine

A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit

Let us never assume that if we live good lives, we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticise, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared. We should be displeased with ourselves when we commit sin, for sin is displeasing to God. Sinful though we are, let us at least be like God in this, that we are displeased at what displeases him. In some measure then you will be in harmony with God's will, because you find displeasing in yourself what is abhorrent to your Creator.

July: month of the Precious Blood

Prayer of St Mary Magdalen de Pazzi:

Almighty Father, I place the Precious Blood of Jesus before my lips before I pray, that my prayers may be purified before they ascend to Your divine altar.

Prayer of St Catherine of Siena:

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us! Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace! Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us! Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.