

St Cuthbert's, Marlow Bridge

A Catholic parish of the Diocese of Ashfield · Parish Priest: Fr Michael Okoye

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Mass and services this week

Saturday	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Frank Dolan RIP
Sunday	9.00am	Morning Mass	People of the parish
	11.00am	Parish Mass, sung	Kathleen Byrne, anniversary
Monday		No Mass	Fr Michael's day off
Tuesday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	10.00am	Mass, Lady Chapel	Intentions of the Hollis family
Thursday	10.00am	Mass	Holy Souls
Friday	7.00pm	Adoration and Benediction	First Friday
Saturday	5.00pm	Confessions	

Confessions are also heard at any time by appointment. Please ring the presbytery.

From the parish

First Holy Communion enrolment

Enrolment for next year's First Holy Communion programme takes place after the 11am Mass on 25 August 2026, in the parish room. The programme is open to children in Year 3 and above. One parent should come along. Preparation runs from September through to April, mostly on Sunday mornings, and there is no charge.

The parish room is open again

After six weeks of work, and a great deal more dust than any of us anticipated, the parish room is back in use. The floor has been replaced, the heating now works, and the kitchen has a new boiler and fridge. All of it was paid for by a legacy from the late Kathleen Byrne, who worshipped here for over fifty years. There is a small plaque by the door. The coffee morning returns from Wednesday.

Summer fair, and we need bakers

The parish summer fair is on Saturday 31 August 2026, from 11am to 3pm, in the hall and grounds. Cakes, books, plants, a tombola of variable quality and the famous bottle stall. All proceeds to the roof appeal. Angela in the office is looking for people who can bake, staff a stall for an hour, or take away whatever we fail to sell.

Choral concert

The parish choir, joined by singers from St Aidan's and the Marlow Bridge Singers, will perform Fauré's Requiem on 18 September 2026 at 7.30pm. Tickets £10, or £8 concessions, on the door. The church is cold in the evening even in summer, so do bring a jumper.

The roof appeal

£41,250 raised of £96,000. We are a little over forty per cent of the way there, seven months in.

The summer fair brought in £3,180, the most it has ever raised. A single anonymous gift in June accounted for £5,000. But it is the standing orders, most of them for ten or twenty pounds a month, that have quietly done more than any of the events.

People keep apologising for giving small amounts. They should not. The standing orders are what will finish this.

The faculty application has gone to the diocese and we expect a decision in the autumn. Scaffolding would go up in the spring, with the work taking about ten weeks. The church stays open throughout, and no Mass will be cancelled. There is £54,750 still to find. If you have been meaning to set something up and have not got round to it, Angela can do it in about five minutes. If you are a UK taxpayer, please do add Gift Aid: it adds twenty-five pence to every pound and costs you nothing.

Please pray for

The sick: Margaret Hollis, Sean Brady, Teresa Nowak, Bill Ferguson, and all in the Sacred Heart Nursing Home.

The recently dead: Frank Dolan, whose funeral takes place on Thursday at 11am.

Anniversaries: Kathleen Byrne, Patrick Devine, Maria Santos.

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