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29TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 18 October 2026

Lectionary:
Sundays: Year A – Weekdays: II – Psalter: Week 1



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DATA PROTECTION If you have contact details printed in the newsletter that you do not want published on our website, please inform Fr. Philip John *(details above)*.

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Nicky Marks 07876 713558

HOSPITAL POLICY

PLEASE contact the Chaplaincy Office directly on (01223) 217769 to inform them of any Catholic family members who may have been admitted to ensure that they are registered as a Catholic and that the patient has ticked the box giving permission for a priest or a member of the Chaplaincy Team to visit. More information at:

www.addenbrookes.org.uk/serv/nonclin/chaplaincy/

JUBILEE EMAIL ADDRESS

A **dedicated email address** has been set up for parishioners wishing to submit photos or other media for the Diocesan Jubilee display:

Email: jubileesph@gmail.com

DONA & GIVING TO THE PARISH

If you have a **Mass intention**, you can use one of the small brown envelopes for your offering and give it directly to a priest or post it through the priest's door. If you pay for a Mass intention through **Dona**, please also fill out a brown envelope *clearly* and mention on it that you have paid via Dona. Other ways of giving to the parish include **standing orders**, **gift aid** and through a **legacy** in your will.

Sunday collection: £692.04
Second collection: £584.42



CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN 2026/27

The first Confirmation class of the year is at **1pm to 3pm** on **17 October**. The full schedule along with registration forms is **here**.

CATECHISM CLASSES IN 2026/27

7 NOV.	7 NOV.	28 NOV.	28 NOV.
Y3: 1.30pm Community Room	**Y4: 10.15am** Book Room	**Y2: 10.15am** Community Room	**Y3: 1.30pm** Community Room

Please register your child in advance by sending the registration form to the class teacher listed below under 'general information'.

- **Schedule of classes and registration forms**
- **General information**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

10am Sundays

Liturgy of the Word for Children has started again at the 10am Sunday Mass. We have two groups: **children aged 3-5** meet in the Book Room; those **aged 6-8** meet in the Community Room They have their own space to listen and respond to the readings in an age-appropriate environment. No pre-registration required and we look forward to welcoming our young parishioners.

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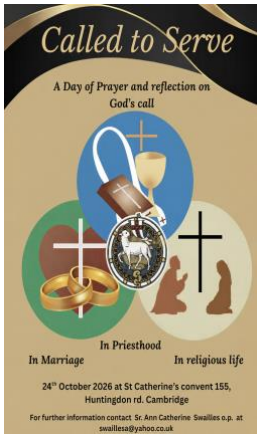


Pope Leo invites all Catholics to support ***Missio***, his charity for world mission, through a special collection **this weekend**. For more information and to donate, please click on **this link**.

PRAYER & REFLECTION

24 October
St Catherine's Convent, Huntingdon Rd, Cambridge

Contact:
Sr. Ann Swailes
swailesa@yahoo.co.uk



CHILDREN'S KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

A **knitting and crochet group** has started in the Parish for **children aged 8–11** years old. It will be held in the Community room at church. The group will meet on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12.15pm. The next meeting is on **Saturday, 17 October**. If you have any queries, please contact Anne Manning on 07742 758095 or Nicky Marks on 07876 713558.

VISITATION OF THE NATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

Saturday/Sunday, 17-18 October in Norwich



The Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich will welcome the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS) of Our Lady of Fatima, together with the relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, for a special two-day visit this Saturday and Sunday. Click **here** for full details of the two-day event.

BIBLE SOCIETY TALK

6.30pm, Friday, 16 October

- Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way
- *Letters in the New Testament & its World* given by Judith Lieu
- Supper (soup, cheese, dessert)
- £10 cash on the door
- penny.f.flynn@gmail.com
- See **here** for full details.

HARVEST LUNCH



Friday, 23 October

11am (*not 10am!*): **Holy Mass** followed by a **sing-along** and **harvest lunch** (pumpkin soup & bread). If you can, please bring along flowers and vegetables to decorate the church. (And also at all weekend Masses.)



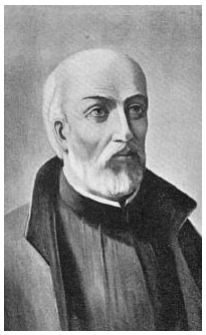
DIOCESAN RETREAT DAY FOR MEN

10.30am–4.30pm, 7 November

- Community of Our Lady of Walsingham,
- Dereham NR20 4AZ
- Two talks
- Adoration
- Bring a packed lunch
- Cream tea provided
- £15 per participant
- Booking to open shortly
- Contact: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk
- Full details **here.**

THIS WEEK'S SAINT

Saturday, 19 October: **Jean de Brébeuf** (1593–1649) was a French Jesuit who travelled to New France (Canada) in 1625. There he worked primarily with the Huron tribe, learning their language and culture and writing extensively about them to aid other missionaries. In 1649, he and another missionary were captured after an Iroquois raid. Together with Huron captives, the missionaries were tortured and killed on 16 March 1649. Afterwards, his heart was eaten by Iroquois tribesmen. He was beatified in 1925 and was canonized in 1930 along with eight Jesuit missionaries.



CAMBRIDGE NAZARETH TRUST

This Trust was established by members of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to provide education and development of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

HOLY FAMILY CRÈCHE

Donation envelopes for this project are available in the display unit in our porch.

OPUS DEI

Women's group meets monthly.
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SECULAR FRANCISCANS

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MISSIO (APF)

Contact: info@missio.org.uk

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Weekend of 1-2 November



Children are asked to dress as their **favourite saint** at whichever Mass they attend on this weekend.

CAMBRIDGE CATHOLIC PARISHES

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Hills Road, CB2 1JR
Tel: (01223) 350787
or (01223) 448780

SAINT LAURENCE
91 Milton Road, CB4 1XB
Tel: (01223) 704640

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Contact: Fr Philip John:
Philip.John@rcdea.org.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-preparation/

USE OF CHURCH PREMISES & NEWSLETTER ITEMS

For information contact:
sphcambridge@gmail.com

CAFOD & JUSTICE & PEACE

For information contact:

Bernard Shaw on **(01223) 240207**
or Sheila Brookes at
Sheila.brookes@btinternet.com
or **(01223) 503948**

J&P Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/people/Cambridge-Justice-and-Peace-Group/100064618067019/

PARISH MUSIC

Contact Fiona:
sphparishmusic@gmail.com

REPOSITORY ITEMS

Contact: Antonia Braithwaite:
antonia.braithwaite@gmail.com

SPH KNITTING GROUP

The SPH Knitting Group will meet in the **Community Room at St Philip Howard Church** on the first Tuesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Nicky Marks (07876 713558) or Anne Manning (07742 758095).



For four days (**20-23 October**), **Radio Maria UK** will celebrate the saints who shaped Britain and the people forming the saints of tomorrow. Their faith built our culture. When you donate to Catholic radio, your gift carries that same faith into homes, hospitals and care homes across the country. Read more about Radio Maria's fundraiser, **Mariathon 2026**, **here.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION — Giving God His Due — *(Mt. 22:15-21)*



They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First, he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next, he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally, he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response but always replies with another question.

REFLECTION: READING 1

Isaiah 45: 1. 4-6
Cyrus, King of Persia, Chosen by God

This passage of Isaiah must have been written at the very end of the exile in Babylon (586-538 BC), as Cyrus, King of Persia, was approaching to take over that city and decree that the captives, Jews and other nations, should be sent home to their own countries. Because of this, the Jews saw Cyrus as God's own envoy. It must have finally confirmed them in their new understanding, reached by being sunk into the hostile and alien civilisation of Babylon, that their God, the Lord, was God not just of Israel but of the whole world. Before the exile, of course, they were convinced that the Lord was their own special God and protector, but what of other nations? Confronted with the alien and materialistic gods of Babylon, they realised that God, their own intimate and loving Lord, was the God not just of Israel but of the whole world, the whole universe, the creator of light and darkness. If no other lesson was learnt from the exile, this was a major advance in understanding of God and his ways.

REFLECTION: READING 2

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5
Paul Greets the Church in Thessalonika

This Sunday we start reading First Thessalonians, the earliest of all Paul's letters. It is read for the next five Sundays. Paul moved so rapidly round the new Christian communities which he established that he could never instruct them fully when they were first founded: indeed, there is always more to learn about our faith. So, Paul needed to keep in touch, answering questions, solving difficulties, showing his 'concern for all the Churches'. Paul's 'letters' are real letters, each responding to a different set of circumstances. Each of them begins with a warm greeting, 'grace and peace'! 'Grace' is God's affectionate and powerful smile, drawing us into God's loving protection, and empowering us to live and work for him. Then, with his thoughtful courtesy, Paul encourages the community with praise for their achievements in Christ (where possible - the Galatians get no compliments, for they have let Paul down badly). In this letter he praises the faith of the Thessalonians, their love and their firm hope, and also the effectiveness in their lives of the power of the Spirit. It never does any harm to look for the best in people, and show that their efforts have been recognised!

HOLY MASS IN PORTUGUESE

- **Saturday, 31 October**
- Our Lady of Lourdes, Sawston CB22 3HJ
- Click **here** for more details



READERS		
Chris Anoop Aeola Fernandes	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Saturday, 17 October
Alan Mielke Remilda D'Souza	10am	Sunday, 18 October
Didith Amper Suzuki KP	12pm	

COUNTERS FOR THE WEEK OF 18 OCTOBER

Antony Pichai & Sheldon D'Souza

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (Norwich)	Saturday, 17 October
World Mission Day (2nd collection for *Missio*)	Sunday, 18 October
Harvest lunch	Friday, 23 October

The Sacred Liturgy This Week (17–25 Oct.)

17 OCT. SATURDAY ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH. BM. Mem.
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Caroline Pfaender (F)
Private intentions (T. Dale)
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: +Fr. Sandy & Jesiliya De Silva (S. Peiris)

18 OCT. 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week 1
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Frank Sheed & Maisie Ward (Braithwaite)
12h00 **Holy Mass**: +Lenor Euste (A. Mendoza)
15h15 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: Special intention: Sebin Jose family

19 OCT. MONDAY ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS P
09h00 **Vespers**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: *(S)* Glen & William families (A. & J. Milne)

20 OCT. TUESDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Winifred Dyra (F)

21 OCT. WEDNESDAY FERIA
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: Luigi Ruggiero (F)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: Special intention: C. Anoop (Anoop fam.)

22 OCT. THURSDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Fr. Sandy Phelps (F)

23 OCT. FRIDAY ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO P
Harvest feast
11h00 **Holy Mass**: Mrs. E. H. Runham (F)
Tom Yates (F)

24 OCT. SATURDAY ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET B
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Victor Alban D'Souza (R. D'Souza)
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: People of the Parish

25 OCT. 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week 2
10h00 **Holy Mass**: Special intention: Clare & Fraser Glen (A & J Milne)
12h00 **Holy Mass**: Margaret McManamon (F)
15h15 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**

(F): Foundation (L): Living (T): Thanksgiving. (P): Private intention (S): Sick (B): Birthday

OCTOBER 2026

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

His Holiness Pope Pius XII, Juan Alfard, Basilio Amabile, Derek Anderson, Barbati, Michael Barratt, Peter Buticus, Hughie Campbell, Mary Carolan, Gertrude Chandler, James Clifford, Colin Cole, David Cowe, Joan Mary Cross, Joseph de Cruz, Thomas Dearing, John Derman, Joe Dunleding, Winifred Dyra, Bridie Egan, Richard Frost, Katie Garvey, John Ginty, Josefina Gomez-Serantes, Brigid Griffin, Anne Griffiths, Collette Given, Johanna Goss, Margaret Haggerty, Ethel Harkness, Sheila Horne, Leonard Hutton, Dina Jacot, Ginette Jeeves, Philip Kennedy, Patrick Lally, Mina Lavis, Jim Lynch, Geraldo Mattos, Patrick McAlinney, Alice McCawl, Patrick McGee, James McGinnity, Danny McGrellis, Anthony McGuinness, Margaret McManamon, Felix McRory, Helena Mackiewicz, Patrick Murphy, Henryk Nedzynski, Barbara Oldridge, Valentinas Parafinavicius, Fr. Sandy Phelps, Chris Plummer, Rachel Porter, Marie Potter, Jane Ramtahal, Fred Roach, Dorothy Roche, Catherine Rouch, Luigi Ruggiero, Jack Rusk, Francis Sheehan, Gerry Sheehan, Doreen Stebbings, William Stellitano, Tony Stigwood, Arthur Bernard Tate, Bridget Tucker, John Wallace, Ethel Winnal, Wendy Pabis, Lazaro Vargas Jr., Anunciacion Rafol.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Owen Crouch, Teresa Margaret Creet, Angela Fordham, Simon Janos, Beth Malubay, Joseph Mashapure, Monica Nwaiku, Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Lucy Richardson, Vyramuthu Sabanathan, Jayne Stewart, Michelina Starace, Frances Wiseman, and all others.

PRAYER

Loving God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. May all who suffer pain, illness, disease, and the frailty of old age realise that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Amen