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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th October 2025

CAFOD Icon at St Edmunds to view from Saturday for a week. Details in the Notices

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The readings this weekend call on us to recognise God's blessings and give thanks to what he has done for us. They help us see that faith grows stronger when we trust in God and give Him praise and how faith brings wholeness.			
In the first reading Naaman washed himself in the River Jordan following instructions from the prophet Elisha and was cured of his leprosy. Naaman was a Syrian not a Jew but wanted to reward Elisha for the cure. However he told him the cure came from the true God. God's mercy was for a person outside the Jewish faith who was so grateful for what God had done for him.			
The second reading from St Paul to Timothy emphasises perseverance in ministry and keeping faithful to God despite trials, In the Gospel Luke never misses the chance to give examples of people outside the Jewish faith acting well. He chooses a Samaritan, hated by pious Jews for their interpretation of the Bible. He alone out of 10 people cured of leprosy returns to thank Jesus reflecting Naaman the Syrian in the first reading. We also must remember to thank God for all he has given us.			

Mass times

Feast Days

6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Thanksgiving
Mass for the
successful
treatment of
Trevor Delves

Saturday 11th Pope St John XXIII Born Italy in 1881. Joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1897. Obtained doctorate in canon law and ordained a priest in 1904 aged 22. Bishop's secretary and lecturer at a seminary. In 1914 drafted into Italian army medical corps as a stretcher bearer and chaplain. Made spiritual director of a seminary at end of First World War. In 1921 president of the Society of Propagation of the Faith in Rome. In 1934 made Apostolic Delegate to Turkey and Greece. Greatly respected by Muslim community. From 1936 he helped the Jewish underground in saving thousands of refugees. In 1939 was made head of Vatican Jewish Agency in Geneva. Then Vatican Nuncio to Turkey and Greece. "Baptism of convenience" certificates sent to priests in Europe and saved many from the Holocaust, mainly Jews. In 1945 was Papal Nuncio to France. Retired bishops who had collaborated with the Germans. He had great humility. Very sociable and approachable to the rich and especially the poor. In 1953 was made Patriarch of Venice and Cardinal. Sad to lose him President of France awarded him the "red biretta" and "Commander of the Legion of Honour". After the death of Pope XII in 1958 he was unexpectedly elected Pope John XXIII at the age of 76. He was not expected to do anything radical and was considered a safe pair of hands. However, he found the formality and procedure of the Vatican and the Roman Curia needed reform and the international Church needed revitalising. He called the Second Vatican Council to the shock of the Cardinals and those in the Vatican. Opened on 11th October 1962 but Pope John, then suffering from cancer, died the next year well before the end of the Council which decided radical improvements in the Church.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 12th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Mass for Fredric

6.30 pm Mass

Monday 13th St Edward the Confessor Born about 1003 in Oxfordshire, eldest son of Saxon King Æthelred. Educated at Benedictine Ely Abbey. King Sweyn of Denmark seized English throne in 1013 and his family fled to Normandy in France. Edward spent half his life in France. Father regained throne in 1016. Edward's older stepson, Edmund Ironside inherited throne. Defeated by King Canute who died in 1035. In 1036 Edward and his brother Alfred tried to regain the throne. Alfred was murdered. Although Edward won a battle near Southampton he returned to Normandy. In 1043 crowned king in Winchester Cathedral. He brought peace to England and ended heavy taxes started by his father. Dispensed justice fairly, generous to poor, was gentle and listened to the complaints of his subjects. Pope Benedict IX asked him to enlarge Saxon Westminster Abbey which became venue for coronations, weddings and the burial place for kings and queens. One of the last Anglo-Saxon kings of England. A holy, pious, gentle, charitable, devoted ruler. Edward died January 1066.

10 am Mass

Tuesday 14th Pope St Callistus I Born a Roman slave. Put in charge of collecting alms to be given to widows and orphans. He embezzled or lost the money. Fled the city but captured. Released in the hope he could recover money. Then arrested in the synagogue for fighting to regain money from the Jews. Convicted and sent to mines in Sardinia. He was released by mistake with a group of Christians. Ordained a deacon and put in charge of the Christian cemetery on Appian Way. Very good at the job and gained prestige for his meticulous work. Still called the *Catacombs of St Callistus*. Became advisor to Pope Zephyrinus. He was the natural successor. Made Bishop of Rome in 218. Liberal Pope who always forgave sinners and heretics. Allowed marriage between Romans citizens and slaves. Opposed by Roman antipope Hippolytus and the North African theologian Tertullian, who was in schism with the Church in Rome, who held that certain sins were too serious to be forgiven. The antipope Hippolytus was harsh, uncaring, lacked social skills and disliked. Pope Callistus was charming and a very likeable person. Preferred resolving disputes than causing conflict. Pope Callistus was murdered by a pagan uprising as a martyr.

SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 15th St Teresa of Avila Spanish noble born in Avila, Spain in 1515. Educated by the Augustinian nuns. At 20 became a Carmelite nun. Keen on religious reading and contemplation. Zeal for mortification which made her very ill. A year in bed and nearly died. Then experienced religious ecstasy. Read and studied medieval mystics. Wrote autobiography "The Life of Teresa of Jesus". Known for her wisdom and advice. Contemplative who thought Carmelites should be more austere. Started new branch of <i>Discalced Carmelites</i>, meant without shoes. With help of her sister and her husband started a new Convent in Avila. New form recognised. Over the years 14 new Convents founded. Despite being plagued with poor health due to mortifications she directed building work, carried out the administration with little sleep. <i>The Way of Perfection</i> was written. Travelled a lot between her Convents. Died in 1582 aged 67. Doctor of the Church, one of the few females
10 am Mass	Thursday 16th . St Marguerite d'Youville French Canadian born 1701 in Quebec. Father died when she was 7. Attended Ursuline Convent. Helped her widowed mother. Taught her siblings. Marguerite married a bootlegger who sold liquor illegally to indigenous people and soon became a heavy drinker who died in 1730. At age 29 Marguerite had been poor, lost her father, husband and four of her six children. Ran a small store to pay off husband's debts and helped the poorest in the area. Did more charitable work. Educated her two sons who later became priests. With 3 young women, cared for the poor and in 1744 founded <i>Sisters of Charity of Quebec</i> later known as <i>Grey Nuns</i>. Took over a ruined and in debt hospital. Renewed as <i>Hotel Dieu, House of God</i>. New standard for medical care and Christian compassion. Hospital was destroyed by fire but raised funds to build better one. Many of the staff of the hospital were British prisoners of war. Order expanded across Canada. She died in Montreal in 1771 aged 70. "Mother of Universal Charity". First Canadian saint
NO MASS	Friday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch Born 1st century in Province of Syria, the area in present day Turkey.. Converted with friend Polycarp by John the Evangelist. Third Bishop of Antioch. Early Christian writer and skilled in pastoral care. Inspired hope and strength during persecution by Roman Emperor Domitian who was so cruel and paranoid that his memory was banned from all documents of the Roman Senate. Period of peace for Christians until new Emperor Trajan demanded worship and thanks to his gods after a famous victory in battle in 107. Ignatius refused to obey and accepted punishment on behalf of members of his diocese. Arrested and slowly taken to Rome in 108. He was martyred in Roman Coliseum killed by lions. Images of him show lions and scrolls for his writing skills.
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass 12noon – 2pm	Saturday 18th St Luke A Greek doctor from Antioch, in present day Turkey. He travelled with St Paul as his doctor. The third evangelist who also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Possibly one of the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus. He wrote in Greek for the non-Jewish community. Brilliant teller of stories. He obtained a lot of his information from Mary or the other women who followed Jesus. Wrote about them more than the other 3 evangelists. He emphasised the importance of Jerusalem as the start of evangelisation. In the <i>Acts</i> he used "we" in three sections as he was involved and was with Paul to the end. In his <i>Gospel</i> on the ministry of Jesus he stresses concern for weakest, the action of the Holy Spirit, the role of women, detachment from material things and providing for the needy and the importance of prayer. Many beautiful narratives and parables are only related in <i>Luke's Gospel</i>.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 19th October Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION	
Your prayers are needed for the following people	
Sue Chandler Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Fr Shaun Budden Ann Drumgoole	

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection was £450.80 including £62.75 gift aid. Many thanks to all contributors.



Next SVP Social this Wednesday 15th October – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

Many thanks to all who contributed to the parish raffle which raised a total of £630.

Also many thanks to those who organised the selling of tickets and donated raffle prizes.

CAFOD Icon (above) at St Edmunds to view from Saturday for a week. Times and dates below.

The icon was painted by Mulugta Araya, an Ethiopian artist who studied at College supported by CAFOD. Inspired by the tradition of Ethiopian iconography, the icon illustrates Jesus reading from the scroll of Isaiah giving good news for the poor and those who are captives or oppressed in Luke 4: 16-21. St Luke, whose feast day is this Saturday, always emphasised the need to support the weak and vulnerable. CAFOD commissioned the icon to celebrate and commemorate 2025's "Pilgrim of Hope" Jubilee Year. It was blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at St Mary's College, Oscott on 14th September, the venue of the famous "Second Spring" sermon by St John Henry Newman whose feast day we celebrated last week. Marina Joyce is looking for volunteers to help her during the week days.

Times to view: Saturday 11th Oct: 12 noon – 2pm (Soup Lunch). Wednesday 15th Oct: 3pm – 4.30pm

During the week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 2pm – 4pm. Saturday 18th Oct: 12noon – 1.45pm

Parish collection for last weekend 4th and 5th October

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Raffle money	CAFOD		TOTAL of all money
£67	£16.75	£144.45	£242.54	£51.98	£522.72	£60	£251 (£62.75)	£137.05	£1,033.52