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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th October 2025

No Mass this week on Thursday or Friday

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The readings this weekend invite us to reflect deeply on the virtue of perseverance especially in prayer, in faith and in our mission as followers of Christ. We are reminded that faith is not a fleeting feeling but a steady enduring commitment.. In a world that often rewards speed we are called to have trust in God's timing, a reliance on Scripture and a life of prayer. The battle between Israel and the Amalekites in the first reading is a symbol of the spiritual struggle against sin and evil. This continuous spiritual battle requires us to stay steadfast with the help of those around us. Community support in our parish and family is very important as we need each other to sustain our faith, just like Moses needed help to keep his arms raised. In the second reading St Paul, in prison in Rome and nearing the end of his life, urges his young protégé Timothy to remain faithful to Scriptures and the teachings he has received as he faces resistance in proclaiming the message of Christ. In Luke's Gospel Jesus relates a parable that plays to the gallery as the lazy judge is clearly a hated Roman judge as a Jewish Court has three judges. They are known to be corrupt but this one just gives way to pressure from the widow unlike God. We must trust in God's justice, mercy and care. He will respond in His own time to those who appeal to Him with faith.			
Mass times		Feast Days	
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Feliciano Dela Cruz RIP	Saturday 18 th 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 Acts 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 19 th October	Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 20 th St Paul of the Cross Born in 1694 in Italy. After his early education he taught the Catechism in local churches. Aged 21 left working in his father's dry food store to join a Crusade against the Turks. After a year realised a military career was not for him and returned home. Aged 26, influenced by the writings of St Francis de Sales, he founded <i>The Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ</i> or the <i>Passionists</i> . His first recruit was his brother. Brothers accepted invitation to start a new hospital in Rome. Provided nursing care and pastoral needs to patients and staff. Both ordained priests in 1727. Preached and organised “retreats” to underline the life of solitude and contemplation needed to preach the message of the Cross in their Order which slowly grew. Austerity of life style did not attract large numbers. Wrote over 2,000 letters. Easy to read, simple and often humorous. Some key works are lost or hidden from the Inquisition. Published his letters. The Order gained final approval in 1769. Founded an Order of enclosed nuns. <i>Passionists</i> spread outside Italy in the 19 th century. Fr Dominic Barberi, who converted John Henry Newman, was a Passionist.		
10 am Mass	Tuesday 21 st St Philip Howard Born 1557 in London, eldest son of Thomas Howard, 4 th Duke of Norfolk. Named after his godfather King Philip II of Spain. Baptised a Catholic by his Catholic parents but educated a Protestant after Queen Elizabeth came to the throne a year after his birth. At 14 was married to his step sister Anne, daughter of his father's 3 rd wife Elizabeth. Papal Bull in 1570 excommunicated Elizabeth and encouraging Catholics in England to remove the queen and the new religion. His father appeared to accept Queen Elizabeth and the new religion but was involved in a plot to marry the Catholic Mary, Queen of Scots, depose Elizabeth and restore Catholicism. Plot was discovered, Thomas Howard was tried, found guilty and executed in 1572. Philip went to Cambridge University where the teaching was firmly Protestant. Had a frivolous life which continued in the royal court. Became a favourite of Queen Elizabeth. Inherited his grandfather's title 13 th Earl of Arundel but not his father's title 5 th Duke of Norfolk. Philip started to live for the first time with his wife Anne. As a secret Catholic she raised Philip's interest in religion. After debates by Catholic priests Philip became a Catholic. Devoted couple decided to leave England. Philip left a letter for Queen Elizabeth. Couple captured before departure to France in 1585. He was fined and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Requested to see his son born after capture. Only allowed if he attended Anglican service with Queen Elizabeth. Refused. Never saw his son or wife before he died 10 years later in October 1595 aged 38.		
	Wednesday 22 nd Pope St John Paul II Born in 1920 in Poland, 30 miles from Kraków. Secretly studying for the priesthood from 1942 during WW2. Helped Polish Jews during German occupation of Poland. As a priest was University lecturer who started youth groups for prayers, debates and social		

6.30 pm Mass	activities. In 1962, as Auxiliary Bishop of Kraków, made contributions to Second Vatican Council. Made a Cardinal 1967. Helped produce <i>Humanae Vitae</i> which banned artificial birth control. In 1978 first non Italian Pope in 455 years. Visited Poland in 1979. Sparked formation of <i>Solidarity Movement</i> in 1980 which ended Communism in Poland. Visited Ireland in 1979 and UK in 1982. Skilled linguist. Visited 129 countries in his pontificate often kissing the ground on his arrival. Pioneered International Catholic Youth Days. Largest papal gathering in Manila World Youth Day in the Philippines in 1995 with up to 7,000,000. In 2001 made a speech calling for Muslims, Christians and Jews to live together in peace and harmony after the Twin Towers attack in 9/11. Able sportsman in his youth but was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001 aged 81. Died in 2005 just before his 85 th birthday.
NO MASS	Thursday 23rd St John of Capistrano Born in 1386 in Italy. Studied law at Perugia University between Rome and Florence. Distinguished lawyer in Perugia. King of Naples made him Governor of Perugia. When war broke out he tried agreeing a peace with the Malatestas but they put him in prison. While in prison analysed his life and decided to join the Franciscans. He entered the more disciplined reformed "Observants" branch. John became one of the most effective at evangelising and converted many. Concerned with care of the sick, especially lepers. Preached under the banner <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> . Promoted the Franciscan rosary of the <i>Seven Joys of Mary</i> . Became a great theologian and religious writer. Was appointed Inquisitor General in Hungary and Bohemia by Pope Nicholas V to control heresies. Turks captured Constantinople in 1453. Pope Callixtus III asked John to preach for a Crusade to help protect Christian Europe. At 70 years old, he led a section of the army in 1456. Earned the title "the Soldier Priest". Battle won. Gave last rites to the dying. Died that year
NO MASS	Friday 24th St Anthony Mary Claret Born 1807 in Spain. Ordained a priest in 1835 at 28. Was drawn to missionary work. Joined the Jesuits in Rome. Advised to evangelise in his country. Returned to Spain and ministered to the poor and those affected by war. Travelled on foot. Was an eloquent preacher fluent in the local Catalan language. Spent hours hearing Confessions. After anti-clerical movements he was sent to the Canary Islands. So successful he often had to preach outside the church in the plaza. Returned to Spain and founded <i>Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> soon to be known as the <i>Claretians</i> . Made Archbishop of Santiago in Spanish occupied Cuba. Vigorous reforms in Cuba to revitalise the Church. Visited all parts of his diocese regularly, visiting hospitals, attended the sick and dying in earthquakes and epidemics. After 7 years recalled to Spain to be confessor to Queen Isabella. He spent time travelling around Spain preaching. Established a science laboratory, museum of natural history and music and language schools. Founded <i>Academy of St Michael</i> for writers and artists. Revolution forced Isabella off the Spanish throne. Anthony accompanied her to exile in France. Claretians houses in Spain had to close. In 1869 took part in First Vatican Council. Strong supporter of papal infallibility. Died in France on 24 th October 1870.
2 pm: Baptism 6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 25th Forty Martyrs of England and Wales 40 martyred between 1535 and 1679 canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Only 5 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> were martyred in the reign of King Henry VIII but 45 others were martyred, 2 saints, St John Fisher and St Thomas More canonised earlier, 33 beatified and 10 venerated. None martyred during the six year reign of young son of Henry, Edward VI. 300 Protestants were martyred, most burnt at the stake as heretics, during the 5 year reign of the Catholic Queen Mary, Bloody Mary, the daughter of Henry VIII by Catherine of Aragon. On Elizabeth taking the throne in 1558, persecution of Catholics did not start until 1569 with the Northern Rebellion and the Papal Bull from Pope Pius V in 1570 which excommunicated the Protestant Elizabeth. In the last 33 years of her reign, 190 were martyred, 20 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 152 beatified and 11 venerated. In the reign of James I, 25 were martyred, 4 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 20 beatified and 1 venerated. Under Charles I, 23 were martyred, 4 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 15 beatified and 4 venerated. Only 2 died in the Commonwealth St John Southworth from the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> and 1 beatified. 25 were martyred in the reign of King Charles II all linked to the fictitious "Popish Plot" invented by Titus Oates in 1678. 6 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 14 beatified, 4 venerated, the last martyr being St Oliver Plunkett on 1 st July 1681, the Irishman, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 26th Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Mass for Bincy Jomy
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.

Very many thanks to the St Thomas Mission who paid for the painting of the church

The decoration of the church which has just been finished has made a marvellous improvement to the appearance of the inside of our church. All in the parish is very grateful to everyone involved in this project.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 29th 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

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Donation Adoration	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£77	£19.25	£257.11	£242.54	£51.98	£647.88	£1,000 £50			£1,697.88