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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Sunday 11th October 2026

Next weekend is World Mission Weekend and there is a Special Second Collection for Missio (Red Boxes)

No Mass on Thursday next week due to funeral of Gabriel Santhosh at 12 noon at Holy Family

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The readings this weekend reminds us that God invites everyone to share in His joy. They speak of abundance, welcome and being ready to take part in what God offers. Like a feast, His love is open to all, but we must come prepared to receive it. In the first reading the prophet Isaiah tells the Jews living in the semi-arid area of Israel that God promises to provide a divine banquet and gather all nations and remove pain and obstacles. He will end sorrow and death, comfort His people, eradicate their disgrace and bring joy to those who trust in Him. All will recognise and rejoice in God's salvation. In the second reading St Peter writes to the Philippians. He never expected payment for his ministry as he worked as a tentmaker in places where he stayed for any length of time. However he had received much help from the people of Philippi for which he as very grateful. He prays that God will reward the community for their kindness to him and others in need. For the third weekend running Matthew's Gospel finds Jesus in the Temple precincts in Jerusalem addressing the chief priests and the elders. Again the message is very pointed. Jesus is saying that these men at the very centre of the Jewish religion, have failed in their duty and refused God's invitation and guidance. This is just a few days before His arrest and trial.			

Mass times

Feast Days

6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Doreen Maciejewski RIP First Anniversary	Saturday 10th St Paulinus of York Born in Rome. Led a mission to Anglo-Saxon England. St Augustine had led the first mission. In Kent Paulinus preached and evangelised for 20 years so continuing the work of St Augustine. King of Kent's sister Æthelburg married the pagan King Edwin of Northumbria and Paulinus went with her as her spiritual advisor. Built a church in York and made bishop. When Bishop Paulinus explained the advantages of Christianity, King Edwin asked Paulinus to pray for success in his battle with West Saxons. After a great victory King Edwin was baptised in 627. Also baptised and consecrated as a nun was Hilda, later founder and Abbess of Whitby Abbey. Her successor was later the daughter of King Edwin and Queen Æthelburg. With the help of the king and queen, Bishop Paulinus built churches and baptised many converts. Pope Honorius I made Paulinus Archbishop of York. King Edwin was killed in battle in 634. Kingdom of Northumbria broke up and his successor reverted to paganism. Queen Æthelburg fled with her son, daughter, grandson and Bishop Paulinus to her brother King Eadbald of Kent. Paulinus became Bishop of Rochester and the Christians welcomed him. Ministered for ten years with many converts but died 10 th October 644. In 1080 Rochester Cathedral was built and a shrine to St Paulinus became a place of pilgrimage.
	Sunday 11th October Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Mass for the birthday of Frederic
9.30 am Mass	Monday 12th October St Wilfred of York Born a Northumbrian noble in 634. William joined the court of Christian King Oswy and as a youth. He studied theology under the Celtic rite. Then went south to Canterbury and learnt the Latin rite. He went to France on his way to Rome and started to prefer the Latin rite. Became a monk in Frankish France. Returned to Northumbria. Sent to Ripon monastery to change them from Celtic rite to Latin rite using <i>Rule of St Benedict</i> . Some left including Abbot Eata and St Cuthbert. Spokesman for Roman rite at Synod of Whitby. Wilfred was arrogant and argumentative. Upset those who supported Celtic rite including St Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, St Cuthbert and St Colman. Decided on Latin rite. Chosen as Bishop of York but ungraciously went to France to be consecrated. Away so long King Oswy made Chad Bishop of York. On his return Bishop Chad removed. Rebuilt York Minster using Frankish masons. Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury divided large diocese into 4 parts. Wilfred went to Rome to appeal against decision. Pope ruled in his favour but new the king would not comply. Went south to Selsey for 5 years. Made Bishop of Selsey and founded Benedictine monastery. After death of king, returned as Bishop of York, now a much smaller diocese. Then quarrelled with new king in 5 years and banished. Appealed to Rome again but made Bishop of Hexham. He spent most of his time in Ripon monastery. Died in 709 aged 75.
6.30 pm Mass Norma Harris RIP	Tuesday 13th October St Edward the Confessor Born about 1003 in Oxfordshire, 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. Died January 1066..
10 am Mass	

6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 14th . Pope St Callistus I Born a Roman slave. Put in charge of collecting alms. He embezzled or lost the money. Fled the city but was captured. Released in the hope he could recover money. Then arrested in the synagogue for fighting to regain money. 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. Soon gained prestige for his meticulous work. Still called the <i>Catacombs of St Callistus</i> . 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 who held that certain sins were too serious to be forgiven. 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 in 222.
NO MASS 12 noon: The funeral of Gabriel Santhosh at Holy Family Church	Thursday 15th St Teresa of Avila Spanish noble born in Spain in 1515. Her father was a wool merchant, one of the wealthiest men in Avila. Fascinated by the stories of the saints. Educated by the Augustinian nuns. Aged 20 became a Carmelite nun. Keen on contemplation and religious reading. Zeal for mortification which made her very ill. A year in bed and nearly died. 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. Was in contact with John of the Cross who founded similar branch for monks. With help of her sister and her husband started a new Convent in Avila. She founded 14 new Convents. Despite poor health due to mortifications she directed building work, carried out the administration with little sleep. <i>The Way of Perfection</i> was written on mysticism and meditation and <i>Interior Castle</i> on her spiritual discoveries. Travelled a lot between her Convents. Died in 1582 aged 67. Doctor of the Church, one of the few females.
NO MASS	Friday 16th St Marguerite d'Youville French Canadian born in 1701 in Quebec. Father died when she was 7. Attended Ursuline Convent. Helped her widowed mother. Taught her siblings. She 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. Nuns used slaves to staff hospital, many of which were British prisoners of war. Order expanded across Canada. She died in Montreal in 1771 aged 70. "Mother of Universal Charity". First Canadian saint.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch Born in 1 st century in Province of Syria, in present day Turkey. Converted with friend Polycarp by John the Evangelist. Third Bishop of Antioch. St Peter had been the first Bishop of Antioch. Early Christian writer and skilled in pastoral care. He inspired hope and strength against persecution by Roman Emperor Domitian who was so cruel and paranoid that his memory was removed from all documents of the Roman Senate after he was assassinated by members of his court. 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 so he could preach and send 6 letters to churches on his route, one to his friend Polycarp. Entered Rome in 108. Martyred in Roman Coliseum killed by lions. Images of him show lions and scrolls for his writing skills.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 18th 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	
Hazel Sale Mary Light Pat Sweeney Phil Boulton David Keates Chris Fitzgerald	

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requiem Mass and funeral of Gabriel Santhosh on Thursday 15th October at 12 noon at Holy Family

The family will arrive at Holy Family at 11 am to enable friends and family to view Gabriel. Burial will take place at Hollybrook Cemetery with his brother Abel at 2.30 pm. May he rest in peace and rise in glory

Next weekend, 17th and 18th October, is World Mission Weekend

Next weekend the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, invites all Catholics around the world to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a second special collection. This weekend of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. For those you can gift aid, special Mission red envelopes will be available this weekend for donations next weekend

Total CAFOD donation with £89.25 gift aid added: £582.85 Very many thanks to all who donated

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 21st October – 1pm to 3 pm

Parish Collection for last weekend 3rd and 4th October 2026

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	CAFON Family Fast Day		TOTAL of all money
£87	£21.75	£165.21	£242.54	£51.98	£568.48		£375 (£89.25)	£118.60	£1,062.08