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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Sunday 18th October 2026

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

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From the readings this weekend we must learn to act with honesty and sincerity and to trust God above earthly power. The first reading shows that God's power reaches everywhere. He can work through anyone, even people who do not know Him. God empowers King Cyrus who does not recognise the Lord to help Israel showing nothing is beyond His reach. In the second reading Paul, Silvanus and Timothy greet the Thessalonians in northern Greece and praises them as their faith is visible not only in words but in their actions as well. He explains that the Holy Spirit strengthens their faith, a gift from God. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is challenged by the unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians who did not agree with regards to the paying of taxes to the Romans. He does not fall into their trap and shows that people have duties to both their country and to God. He says give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God.

Mass times Feast Days

6pm: Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass

Saturday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch Born in 1st 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 the cruel and paranoid Roman Emperor Domitian who was assassinated. 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

6.30 pm Mass

Monday 19th Canadian Martyrs St John de Brébeuf, St Antoine Daniel, St Isaac Jogues, St Charles Garnier, St Noel Chabanel, St Gabriel Lalemont, St René Goupil and St Jean de la Land. First Jesuits arrived in Canada to help the Franciscan missionaries 1625 to convert indigenous Huron Indians. Fr John de Brébeuf had health issues. Wrote a dictionary of the indigenous languages. Fr Antoine Daniel attracted to the missions by one of his students in France. Fr Isaac Jogues, ordained in 1636 at Rouen, Fr Charles Garnier, son of the secretary to King Henry III of France, joined them. Lay brother Jean de la Lande and René Goupil, who had left training as a Jesuit for health reasons, arrived. In 1643 Fr Noël Chabanel, who had studied the Algonquian language, arrived. Last was Fr Gabriel Lalemont. All 8 martyred between 1642 and 1649, killed by rival Iroquois Indians.

10 am Mass

Tuesday 20th St Paul of the Cross Born 1694 in Italy. As a youth 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 *The Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ* or the *Passionists*. His first recruit was his brother. The badge on their habit illustrated their love of the Passion. The two 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, *Diary* written during a long retreat, *Mystical Death* and *Passion and Death of Christ*. Founded an Order of enclosed nuns. *Passionists* did not spread outside Italy until the 19th century. Fr Dominic Barberi, a Passionist priest, converted John Henry Newman.

SVP Social
1 pm to 3 pm

6.30 pm Mass

Wednesday 21st St Philip Howard Earl of Arundel Born in 1557 in London, eldest son of Thomas Howard, 4th Duke of Norfolk. Baptised a Catholic by his Catholic parents but educated a Protestant after Queen Elizabeth came to the throne a year after his birth. John Knox, founder of the Church of Scotland, was his teacher from the age of 7. At 14 was married to his step sister Anne, daughter of his father's 3rd wife Elizabeth. 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. This was after the Papal Bull excommunicated Elizabeth and encouraged Catholics to remove the queen and the new religion. Plot was discovered. Thomas Howard was executed in 1572. Philip was only 15 years of age so did not share the blame. He was sent to Cambridge University where the teaching was firmly Protestant. Had a frivolous life which continued in the royal court where he became a favourite of Queen Elizabeth who allowed him to inherit his maternal grandfather's title as 13th Earl of Arundel but not his father's title as 5th Duke of Norfolk. Philip started to live for the first time with his wife Anne who had a good influence on him. As a secret Catholic she raised Philip's interest in religion. After hearing debates by Catholic priests Philip

	became a Catholic. The now devoted couple decided to leave England. Philip left a letter for Queen Elizabeth. Couple captured before departure to France in 1585. Fined and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Requested to see his son born after capture. Only allowed if he attended Anglican service with Elizabeth. Refused. Never saw his son or wife again. Died 10 years later in 1595 aged 38.				
10 am Mass	Thursday 22nd Pope St John Paul II Born in 1920 in Poland, 30 miles from Kraków. His father, died in 1941. 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 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 who 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 cooperation after Twin Towers attack. 2 nd longest serving Pope in modern history, 26 years. Was an able sportsman in his youth but diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2001 aged 81. Died in 2005 just before his 85 th birthday.				
NO MASS	Friday 23rd St John of Capistrano Born in 1386 in Italy. Father was a German knight. Studied law at Perugia University. 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 on joining the Franciscans. With James of Marches he entered the more disciplined reformed "Observants" branch, started by Bernardine of Siena. Both helped Bernadine in his continual reforms to concentrate on going out preaching rather than the practices in the monastery. John was one of the most effective at evangelising and converted many. Also concerned with care of the sick especially lepers. Preached under the banner <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i> and promoted the Franciscan rosary of the <i>Seven Joys of Mary</i> . Became a great theologian and religious writer. Turks captured Constantinople in 1453 so Pope Callixtus III asked John to preach for a Crusade to protect Christian Europe. Now aged 70, he led a section of the army in 1456. Earned the title "Soldier Priest". Gave last rites to the dying. Battle won. Died later that year.				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 24th St Anthony Mary Claret Born 1807 in Spain. As a child enjoyed pilgrimages to the nearby Shrine of Our Lady of Fussimanya. Ordained a priest in 1835 aged 28. As a parish priest was drawn to missionary work. Went to Rome and joined the Jesuits who advised him to evangelise in his own country. Returned to Spain and ministered to the poor and those affected by local wars. Travelled on foot and was an eloquent preacher fluent in the local Catalan language. Sent to the Canary Islands where he was so successful he often had to preach outside the church in the plaza. His main devotion was to the <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> in his sermons. Returned to Spain and founded <i>Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> soon to be known as the <i>Claretians</i> . He started a publishing enterprise which produced religious books, pamphlets, leaflets and prayer cards. Founded a great religious library in Barcelona now called <i>Libreria Claret</i> . Queen Isabella of Spain asked Pope Pius IX to make him Archbishop of Santiago in Spanish occupied Cuba. 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. Court life being alien to him, he spent time travelling around Spain, invited to preach at many venues. He founded the <i>Congregation of Catholic Mothers</i> . 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. He accompanied her to exile in France. Claretians houses in Spain had to close. In 1869 took part in First Vatican Council. Died in France on 24 th October 1870.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 25th October	Thirtieth 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

This weekend is World Mission Weekend and there is a Special Second Collection for Missio

This weekend Pope Leo XIV, invites all Catholics around the world to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a second special collection. For those who can gift aid, special Missio red envelopes are available.

Next SVP Social is this Wednesday 21st 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.

There was an error in the record or money collected last weekend

Not recorded was a £37.04 from Wednesday SVP Social and a "Tithe" donation of £100 for the parish

Parish Collection for last weekend 10th and 11th October 2026

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£102	£25,25	£179.10	£242.54	£51.98	£600.87			£10.50	£611327