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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Sunday 25th October 2026 No Mass on Monday this week

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The readings this weekend call us to live with love and fairness. Faith should shape how people treat others, especially those who are vulnerable. We can show are love of God by caring for those in need and making choices that reflect justice and kindness. We are reminded that faith is not just words and worship but about real actions that make a difference. The first reading refers to the treatment of widows, orphans, foreigners and people in debt. Today there are many who are struggling; the homeless, people suffering discrimination, refugees, the poor and the lonely. Real love for them means more than feeling sorry but helping them in a real way. The reading has severe warnings for anyone lending money to the poor. In the second reading St Paul praises the Thessalonians in northern Greece because their faith is not just words but in their actions and example. They have left behind false gods to serve the true God. They live in a way that shows what they believe and inspire others with their behaviour. We are called to follow Jesus so our faith shines in how we live even in hard times. In Matthew's Gospel we continue with Jesus being challenged by questions. He has just silenced the Sadduces and now it is the turn of the Pharisees who require Him to interpret the Law of Moses. The ranking of the commandments was often debated by them but Jesus summarises them as two main concepts, to love God and love our neighbour as ourselves.			

Mass times

Feast Days

6pm: Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Stephen Forster
RIP

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 *Immaculate Heart of Mary* in his sermons. Returned to Spain and founded *Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* soon to be known as the *Claretians*. He started a publishing enterprise which produced religious books, pamphlets, leaflets and prayer cards. Founded a great religious library in Barcelona now called *Libreria Claret*. 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 *Congregation of Catholic Mothers*. Established a science laboratory, museum of natural history and music and language schools. Founded *Academy of St Michael* 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 24th October 1870.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 25th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Nora and Michael Hunter RIP

NO MASS

Monday 26th St Cedd Born in Northumbria in the 7th century and had three brothers who were all educated by Bishop St Aidan at Lindisfarne. When Bishop Finan replaced Aidan, he sent Fr Cedd south to preach to the Saxons. After great success he was made Bishop of the East Saxons. He sometimes returned north to preach. Given land for a monastery at Lastingham near Whitby. At the Synod of Whitby he supported the Celtic rite in 664. When the Latin rite won the day he returned to his diocese to change them to the Latin rite in line with nearby Canterbury. Died that year on a trip to his monastery at Lastingham. His brother Chad was appointed Bishop of York and then Bishop of the Mercians and Lindsey People, based in Lichfield where the relics of St Cedd were venerated.

10 am Mass

Tuesday 27th St Louis Guanella Born in northern Italy in 1842 into a religious and loving family. Ordained a priest in 1866. Interest in developing the youth in his parish. Organised Youth Catholic Action and charitable works for the poor despite opposition from the anti-clerical attitude of the Freemasons. Went to Turin to work with St John Bosco. Bishop ordered him back to his diocese and eventually ended up in a parish with a hospice and orphanage. He worked hard for the sick and dying particularly the disabled in the hospice. Founded a Congregation of nuns to care for the sick and dying, and one for men for youth development and preparing young people for the world of work. He started evening classes and a vocational school. Built an institute for the handicapped. Went with nuns to America to work with Italian immigrants. Had a big devotion for St Joseph and founded an Order named after him for caring for the dying. Also a chapel to St Joseph in a poor area near the Vatican. He died in 1915 just before reaching 73 years of age

6.30 pm Mass
Jessy Joseph RIP
41st Anniversary
(Shanty's sister)

Wednesday 28th St Simon and St Jude Two apostles of Jesus. Simon was zealous in keeping the Law of Moses and was referred to a "Simon the Less" to distinguish him from Simon Peter. Jude is also called Thaddeus and was a farmer born in Caesarea Philippi and would have spoken both Aramaic and Greek. The son of Mary of Clopas, sister of the Virgin Mary, and brother of James the Less. Martyred together in Beirut (now in Lebanon) in the Roman Eastern Province of Syria

10 am Mass	Thursday 29th St Narcissus of Jerusalem Narcissus is not to be confused with the character in Greek mythology who enjoyed his own reflection in a mirror to such an inordinate degree he turned into a flower similar to a daffodil. This Narcissus was a Greek born about 99 AD and lived in Jerusalem. In his eighties he was appointed Bishop of Jerusalem and decided to change the way for calculating the day to celebrate Easter. He decided it must be on a Sunday and not on the actual feast of Passover. Easter was defined as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the first day of Spring, 21 st March. This radical idea upset many Church members in Jerusalem and he was subject to vicious, open slander. This prompted him to resign as bishop and retreated into the desert as a hermit. As emotions cooled, he resumed as Bishop of Jerusalem and died in post age 110. A story is related that he miraculously turned water into lamp oil on the vigil night of Easter.
NO MASS	Friday 30th St Marcellus the Centurion A pagan with a brilliant military career in the Roman army as a Centurion. He was married with 12 children in 3 rd century. The whole family converted to Christianity. Marcellus then refused to take part in the army's pagan celebrations to celebrate the birthday of the Roman Emperor Maximian Herculeus. Marcellus was then martyred by the sword after unjust trial at which the secretary of the court, Cassian, refused to record the unjust verdict. The court secretary Cassian was then executed. Later Cassian was declared a saint as well.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass 7pm Mass at St Edmunds with relics of St Gerard Majella	Saturday 31st Blessed Winchester Martyrs 3 of the 4 Blessed Winchester martyrs are depicted in the stained glass window in St Peter's and the Winchester Martyrs Catholic Church in Winchester. The window does not include John Adams as he was martyred in London and beatified years later than the other three who were beatified together in 1929. Blessed John Slade was born in Dorset. Studied at New College Oxford. Went to Douai College in France to study Catholic Canon Law. Returned to England as a school teacher in Winchester. He did not accept the authority in spiritual matters of Queen Elizabeth I and refused to swear the "Ecclesial Supremacy Oath". Hanged, drawn and quartered on All Souls Day, 2nd November 1583 in Winchester Market Place. Blessed John Adams was born in Dorset. An Anglican Minister who converted. Went to English College in Rheims. Ordained a Catholic priest. Returned to minister in Winchester. Eventually arrested and banished to France with 72 other priests in 1584. Next year returned to Winchester and arrested again. Executed in 1586 at Tyburn in London being a Catholic priest trained in France. Blessed Laurence Humphreys was born an Anglican in Hampshire. Very religious and helped the poor, visited the sick and people in prison and encouraged people to live good lives. Converted by a Catholic priest. Became seriously ill. While delirious called Queen Elizabeth a harlot and a heretic. Arrested. At his trial could not recall his words. Executed 1591 in Winchester aged 20. Blessed James Bird, an Anglican born in Winchester. He had doubts about his religion and went to study at the English College in Rheims and converted to Catholicism. Returned to England. Did not accept the authority in spiritual matters of Queen Elizabeth I. Refused to swear the "Ecclesial Supremacy Oath". Hanged, drawn and quartered in Winchester 1593 aged 19. His head was put on a spike at the gate of Winchester much to his father's horror.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 1st November All Saints
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

World Mission Weekend Special Second Collection last weekend for Missio totalled £483.95 with gift aid



Relics of St Gerard Majella are at St Edmund's on Friday 30th October at 7 pm Mass

The relics are available for prayer an hour before Mass and for veneration after the 7 pm Mass.

This year is the 300th anniversary of his birth in southern Italy on 6th April 1726. Gerard became a Redemptorist lay brother who helped the poor in the area acting as the doorkeeper of his monastery. He was a skilful tailor learnt in his youth. His duties included sacristan, porter, cook, carpenter and gardener. He was very devout, humble and prayerful and many miracles were associated with him in his life and after his death. He is the patron saint of mothers, couples, expectant mothers, safe childbirth, trying to conceive, unborn babies, those accused falsely and making a good confession.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 4th November – 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.

Parish Collection for last weekend 17th and 18th 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
£122	£30.50	£212.34	£242.54	£51.98	£659.36		£265 (£66.25)	£152.70	£1,077.06