



29th Sunday of the Year (C)

Mass Times and Intentions

Divine Office – Psalter Week 1

Saturday 18 th October	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday 19 th October	11.00am	Glyn Edwards (Anniversary)
Tuesday 21 st October	9.30am	Bridget Lomax
Wednesday 22 nd October	11.30am	Requiem Mass – James Oakes
Thursday 23 rd October	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 25 th October	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 26 th October	11.00am	Fr Alan Devaney

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October



For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer that draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption



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The Unjust Judge

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus Moses is leading the Israelites through the desert toward the Promised Land. They must go through various enemy territories which often resulted in tribal wars. During one of these situations, Moses implores God to help them defeat the tribe of Amalek. The result was that God has Moses holding up his hands to remind his people that their help really comes from God and Moses is only their intermediary.

In the Responsorial Psalm the psalmist picks up the same theme and acknowledges that "our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth." We should not be ashamed to admit that all we have

and all that we are come from God, and we are dependent upon Him for all our needs.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. This passage is complementary to our theme of persistence in faith and prayer. It is intended to encourage us, through our faith, to be strong in the face of difficulties and to be grateful in times of plenty.

The Gospel Reading is a short parable told by Jesus to His disciples that is often misunderstood because of two statements that Jesus, makes. In the opening sentence, Luke says that Jesus encouraged His disciples (and us) to "pray always." This does not mean that we must be on our knees 24/7. Rather, it means that we should always be in the "spirit" of prayer acknowledging our dependence upon God for all things. Later, Jesus says: "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says." Jesus is not condoning what the judge says. Rather He is holding it up as an example of persistence and of how the Divine Judge, God the Father, will listen to our persistent pleas if we remain faithful, particularly in times of need.



Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

Portico Fundraisers

This Sunday 19th October after the 11.00am Mass.

Christmas tabletop sale. New gifts for all ages New clothes and footwear £3.

Pious Lists for November

November, the month of the Holy Souls, is the month when we traditionally remember the faithful departed, especially our own family and friends, people from our parish, those who have died recently and those who have no one to pray for them.. Pious Lists and envelopes are available at the back of Church, and they should be returned to the Sacristy when completed. These will be placed on the Altar on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (Monday 3rd November) and will remain there throughout the month of November.

World Mission Sunday

Today, people in every Catholic parish around the world are gathering to celebrate World Mission Sunday. In January this year Pope Francis chose "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" as the theme for this year's WMS. Reminding us of our calling to be "messengers and builders of hope" in this Jubilee Year. Hope which, rooted in the resurrection of Christ, has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Your generous donations, coordinated by Missio, will help to bring comfort and support to disadvantage people throughout the world and, with our help we will be beacons of light in their darkness. Due to the fact that this celebration of WMS has fallen 2 weeks after CAFOD Family Fast Day our special collection for World Mission Sunday is being deferred to a weekend in November which will be announced. Thank you for being Missionaries of Hope.

Adoremus 2025

A date for your diary. This year's Adoremus will take place on Saturday 8 November. The theme this year is Ministry, and the timetable of workshops will be released in due course.

Quiet Day

The Cenacle sisters would like to invite you to a quiet day of retreat based around Ignatian spirituality. There will be time for guided meditation, quiet reflection and an opportunity to access the Chapel and gardens. It takes place on Saturday 25th October 10am-4pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Please bring a packed lunch. An offering of £10 is suggested, but give what's right for you. Tel 0151 722 2271. Tithebarn Grove off Lance Lane, L15 6TW

Liverpool Bach Collective

The Liverpool Bach Collective aims to put on performances of J S Bach's cantatas in churches in and around Liverpool every month as part of Sunday Evening Prayer. The next event takes place at St Anne's Church, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 6BH at 6.30pm on Sunday 26th October.. The performance will feature Cantata 179, a meditation on the Gospel reading of the pompous Pharisee and the humble Tax Collector. In this cantata, the three vocal soloists and choristers are joined by the usual instrumental ensemble.

Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation

Pope Leo XIV has released the first document of his pontificate, and Apostolic Exhortation called "Dilexi te" – *I have loved you*. It focuses on the Church's love for the poor and God's special concern for those living in poverty. It can be found on the Vatican website – www.vatican.va

Feast Days This Week

Monday

Monday St Paul of the Cross – He was an effective Italian preacher who founded the religious Order of the Passionists. He was especially interested in the reconciliation of England to the Holy See, an aim pursued by his disciples in the nineteenth century, including Blessed Dominic Barberi.

Tuesday

St Agathopius – He was a deacon in Thessalonica, modern Greece, working with a doctor named Theodulus. Arrested for possessing Christian Scriptures and for professing the faith, the two were tried by Faustinus, the governor of the region. They were condemned to death and thrown into the sea with rocks tied around their necks.

Wednesday

Pope St John Paul II – Karol Josef Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first Auxiliary Bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council. On 16th October 1978 he was elected Pope, and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits around the world. He was also instrumental in the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage for the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the revised Code of Canon Law. He died in Rome on 2nd April 2005, and was canonised by Pope Francis on 27th April 2014.

Thursday

St John of Capestrano – He was born at Capestrano in Italy in 1385, the son of a German knight. He studied law at the University of Perugia and for a time held the office of Judge. Then he entered the Order of Friars Minor, was ordained priest, and travelled throughout Europe leading an apostolic life, seeking to strengthen Christian morals and to argue against the errors of the heretics. He was an inspirational preacher, and established numerous communities of Franciscan renewal. When Mohammed II was threatening Vienna and Rome, Pope Callistus III commissioned him to lead a crusade. Marching at the head of seventy thousand Christians, he gained victory against the Turks at the Battle of Belgrade in 1456. He died in Austria three months later.

Friday

St Antony Mary Claret – He was born at Sallent in Spain in the year 1807, the son of a weaver. After being ordained priest he spent several years preaching to the people throughout Catalonia. He founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Claretian Fathers) and the Apostolic Training Institute of the Immaculate Conception (Claretian nuns). From 1850 to 1857 he was Archbishop in the island of Cuba where he worked for the good of souls with great profit. On his return to Spain he had to endure many trials for the sake of the Church. In 1869 and 1870 he participated in the First Vatican Council. He died at the Cistercian Monastery at Fonfroide in France in the year 1870.

Saturday

St John Houghton – Protomartyr of the English Reformation. A native of Essex, he served as a parish priest after graduating from Cambridge. He then became a Carthusian and the prior of the Carthusian Charterhouse of London. As an opponent of King Henry VIII's Acts of Succession and Supremacy, he was arrested with other Carthusians but was released temporarily. He then refused to swear to the Oath of Supremacy, the first man to make this refusal. Dragged through the streets, he was executed at Tyburn with four companions by being hanged, drawn, and quartered. Parts of his remains were put on display in assorted spots throughout London. Pope Paul VI canonized him in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.