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**26th Sunday of the Year
Year A
September 27th 2026**



10.30 THE PARISH MASS

Opening Hymn 12

Again the Lord's own day is here,
the day to Christian people dear,
when Jesus Christ, the church's head,
arose in power and left the dead.

By all his flock, our Lord declared,
his resurrection shall be shared;
and we who trust in him to save
with him are risen from the grave.

For all his suffering on the cross
was to redeem our shame and loss;
we, one and all, by him possessed,
are with immortal treasures blessed.

Eternal glory, rest on high,
a holy immortality,
true peace and gladness, and a throne,
are all his gifts, and all our own.

And therefore, Lord, to you we sing,
O Prince of peace, eternal King;
your love we praise, your name adore,
on this your day and evermore

V: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen.**

V: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: **And with your spirit.**

The Celebrant introduces the celebration.

V: Lord have mercy

R: **Lord have mercy**

V: Christ have mercy

R: **Christ have mercy**

V: Lord have mercy

R: **Lord have mercy**

V: May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to
everlasting life.

R: **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!
Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.
 Peace to God's people, all people on earth. **R:**

Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
 praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God. **R:**

You take away the sin of the world;
 have mercy on us, receive our prayer. **R:**

Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
 Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High. **R:**

And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
 reigning in glory for ever. Amen. **R:**

The Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power
 above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
 bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
 and make those hastening to attain your promises
 heirs to the treasures of heaven.

Through our lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, forever and ever.

Amen

First Reading (Ref: Ezek 18:25-28)

Theme: 'When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life.'

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

R: Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation. **R:**

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R:**

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R:**

Second Reading (Ref: Phil 2:1-11)

Theme: 'Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.'

A reading from the second letter of S Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Ref: Matt: 21:28-32)

Theme: He thought better of it and went. Tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.

V. The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

V. A reading ✠ from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

R **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Please sit for the Address and then stand for the Creed and Prayer of the Faithful

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

V. Hear us, O Lord

R And have mercy upon us

Those in need

Fr Keith, Fr Steven, Charlie Banks, George Browne, Brenda Burchell, Hazel Chapman, Valerie Clarke, Elle Deveson, Steve Gilliver, Denise Edmunds, Emily Glass, Adrian Gorman, Sue Korth, Minna Lucas, John Mason, Jen and Jez McAteer, Terry Roberts, Chris Swetman, Julie Swetman, Dorothy Valder, Doreen Woolven, Alex, Amy, Ange, Christine, Fiona, John, Rachel, Ray, Rita, Timothy,

The Recent Departed

Audrey Hurley, Paulina Podsaidley

Years Mind

(27) Florence Reader

(28) Thomas Hawthorn, Edwin Cooper

(29) Dorothy Chatfield, Jane Tullett, Stanley Gill, Olive Smith, Arthur Stringer, John Caswell

(30) Anne Antram, Martha Mutter, Christine Cheeseman

(1) Rosina Osbourne, Norah Snoggs, Annie Pierce, Kenneth McKenzie (Bp), Frances Wingrave, Peggy Hyde, Pam Manley

(2) Federick Murphy, Charles Lake

(3)

Offertory Hymn 696

The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that Heav'n affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
And Heav'n's eternal light.

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love
And grants his name to know.

To them, the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of Heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Tho' shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

V. Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**R May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of
his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

V The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

V Lift up your hearts

R We lift them up to the Lord

V Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R It is right and just.

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The Proper Preface

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd, Blessèd, Blessèd is he,
Who comes in the name of the Lord:
Glory and peace in the highest heavens,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The mystery of faith:
**Jesus, Mary's son, word made flesh,
Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising again you restored our life.
Jesus heavn'ly King come again in glory.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

**Glory, honour might and pow'r
Are yours Almighty Father;
Heaven and earth unite in one voice
to sing, sing, sing your praise. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

V Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

R For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever.

V Lord Jesus Christ,
 who said to your Apostles:
 Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
 look not on our sins,
 but on the faith of your Church,
 and graciously grant her peace and unity
 in accordance with your will.
 Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R Amen.

V The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And with your spirit.

V Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our sin; Jesus, Saviour:

**Hear our prayer, hear our prayer;
 through this bread and wine we share
 may we be your sign of peace everywhere.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, bearer of our pain; Jesus healer: **R:**

Jesus, Lamb of God, broken as our bread, here among us: **R:**

V ✕ Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the
 word and my soul shall be healed.**

Please be guided to Communion by the Stewards

Silence will be kept after Communion.

The Post Communion Prayer

Post Communion Hymn 21

All my hope on God is founded;
 he doth still my trust renew.
 Me through change and chance he guideth,
 only good and only true.
 God unknown,
 he alone
 calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
 sword and crown betray his trust;
 what with care and toil he buildeth,
 tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 hour by hour,
 is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
 deep his wisdom, passing thought:
 splendour, light, and life attend him,
 beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore
 from his store
 new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
 his desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 at his hand;
 joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
 high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 one and all:
 ye who follow shall not fall.

V The Lord be with you
R **And with your spirit.**

V And may the blessing of almighty God,
 the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
 come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R **Amen.**

V Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R **Thanks be to God.**

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord brought the tidings to Mary
R And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
 blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,
 pray for us sinners, now
 and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

V Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
**R Be it unto me according to thy Word.
 Hail Mary....**

V And the word was made flesh.
R And dwelt among us. Hail Mary....

V Pray for us, Holy Mother of God.
R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Collect.

School Theme for the Week

‘Harvest’

Mass this Week

Mon	S Wenceslaus	~::~
Tue	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	~::~
Wed	S Jerome	17.30
Thu	S Teresa of the Child Jesus	~::~
Fri	The Holy Guardian Angels	~::~
Sat	Dedication of the Cathedral	11.00

Next Sunday – 27th of the Year

Harvest Thanksgiving
 Parish Mass 10.30

FATHER TREVOR

Please stay for light refreshments after Mass today as Father Trevor prepares to retire from paid employment

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Please note the change in Mass times this week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brian who received the Order of St Richard yesterday.

PCC

PCC minutes are available in your pigeon holes.

SUNDAY, 4TH OCTOBER – HARVEST

This year we will be collecting fruit, vegetables and dried goods. These will then be taken to Fareshare.

WALSINGHAM FESTIVAL DAY

This will take place on Saturday, 17th October 2026 at St Paul's, West Street beginning at 11 am with a Concelebrated Mass. Further details will be circulated later in August. A "save the date" poster can be found on the noticeboard outside the main doors of the church.

JAM JARS

The Monday Group are running short of jam jars. Please bring in your empties.

WINTER WONDERLAND

It is time to start thinking about the Winter Wonderland Fayre

The small change bottle will be available at the back of church from today. Any monies raised will go towards stocking the stalls.

We also need donations for the following:

Bottles for the adult tombola. (These can be alcohol or soft drinks.)

Small new toys costing no more than £2 for the children's tombola

Raffle Prizes

CONTACTLESS AND ON LINE PAYMENTS

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