

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S CONDORRAT.

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Mass times	
Monday to Friday	10 am
Saturday Vigil Mass	6 pm
Sunday	10 am & 12 noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Monday to Friday	9:00 -9:45 am
Confessions	
Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A
Sunday, 8th of November, 2026.

1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is found be those who seek her.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63(62)

For you my soul is thirsting O Lord, my God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Here is the bridegroom! Come out and meet him.

Reflection: Christ our Hope of Eternal Life.

Original Sin left humanity with two deep wounds: concupiscence and death. One draws us towards sin against God and our neighbour, while the other confronts us with the reality of our mortality. We see its manifestations in wars, corruption, injustice, greed, hatred, malice, sexual immorality and all forms of vice. Death brings its own accessories: sickness, ageing, suffering and the eventual end of earthly life.

Throughout history, humanity has fought against the consequences of these two wounds, with remarkable achievements. We establish systems and institutions to protect people's rights, settle disputes, promote moral living and support those in need. Scientific research continues to discover ways of treating diseases, improving health and prolonging life. Illnesses once considered incurable can now be treated with simple medication. Yet, despite all our progress, one battle remains unconquered: the battle against death. At some point, death will come knocking.

This leaves many asking: Is there any meaning to life if death has the final word? If there is nothing beyond the grave, what is the purpose of our struggles and achievements? Are we not, ultimately, a defeated people? This is precisely what Jesus Christ came to address. He confronted the one reality human effort cannot overcome. By dying and rising from the dead, he took life from the mouth of death. As St Paul reminds us in today's second reading, we do not grieve like those who have no hope. Through Christ, death is no longer the end.

This November, as we place before God the names of our loved ones, we are reassured that although physical death may come, Jesus Christ will raise us up to reunite us with our loved ones, where we shall be together forever. We pray this month for our loved ones who are being purified by the Love of God, that the Holy Spirit may hasten their steps and bring them safely into the presence of the Ancient of Days, where, with the myriads of angels and saints, they will worship our God, living a life of perfection while waiting patiently to reunite with us.

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Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: To Jesus heart all burning	**No. 693**
Offertory: Lord accept the gifts we offer	**No. 443**
Communion 1: Immortal, invisible, God only wise	**No. 361**
Communion 2: Sweet Sacrament	
Recession: O Lord all the world belongs to you	**No. 828**

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (*Feast, Monday*), St. Leo the Great (*Memorial, Tuesday*), St. Martins of Tour (*Memorial, Wednesday*), St. Josaphat (*Memorial, Thursday*).

Let us continue to pray for the sick and those recovering in our parish, especially ***Nora Macdonald and James Forrest***.

Anniversary: ***Nicala Blake, Edward McBride, Greta Boyle, Cornelius Boyle, Hugh Frew.***

Thursday Evening Mass and Adoration

Adoration: 5:30 to 6:20 ***Mass begins at 6: 30***

The Chosen - Movie Series

Beginning on **Thursday, 5 November**, we will be showing *The Chosen*, the popular series that brings the life and ministry of Jesus and His disciples to the screen. Screenings will take place every Thursday at **7.00 pm in the Church Hall**.

Mass in Remembrance of the Faithful Departed

A special Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday, 19 November, at 6.30 pm** in remembrance of all those whose funerals took place in our Parish between **1 November 2025 and 31 October 2026**.
Family members and loved ones are warmly invited to attend this Mass as we remember in prayer those who have died and commend them to the loving mercy of God. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of your loved ones. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Collections for 26/10/2026

Offertory: **£336.67** Gift Aid envelopes: **£317.71**

Collections for 01/11/2026

Offertory: **£517.22** Gift Aid envelopes: **£372**

Mass Attendance

Date	***Vigil***	***10AM***	***12 noon***
24/25 October	***63***	***124***	***39***
31 Oct/1st Nov	***72***	***150***	***73***

Much thanks to James Trench for helping us with the annual census.

SSVP Fist Supper Night

Our Conference invites parishioners to a Fish Supper Night on **Friday 13 November at 6.30pm at the Parish Hall**. Allow us to feed you and look after you for the evening. Add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Catholic Education Sunday

Next Sunday, **15 November, we will celebrate Education Sunday at the 10am Mass**. Our children from St Helen's School will take a leading role in the celebration, taking part in some ministries and sharing their thoughts on Catholic Education.

RCAG Young Adult Sessions 2026/27: On the Road: Navigating Tough Terrain | Ages 16–35 | Mon 9 Nov | 1900–2100 | RCAG Offices (G1 4JY). Come and journey with us! Discover what it means to follow Christ with courage, grow as His witnesses and take your next step as disciples. The evening includes prayer, input, real faith stories, pizza and fellowship. Find out more and register: www.rcagyouth.co.uk/on-the-road.

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