

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -A
Sunday, 25th of October, 2026.

1st Reading: Ex 22: 21-27

If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 18 (17)

I Love you Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and wait for his Son.

Gospel: Mathew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbours yourself.

Reflection: Hospitality: The Face of God's Love

Hospitality is often expressed by making a stranger feel welcome, offering someone a meal, or providing a place to stay. At its core is love that recognizes the dignity of every human person. It reflects the very nature of God, who welcomes us into his love and calls us to extend that same welcome to others. In Genesis 18, Abraham offers generous hospitality to three strangers who approach his tent. Without knowing their identity, he welcomes them warmly, provides water to wash their feet, and prepares a meal. Abraham does not see his visitors as an inconvenience but as people deserving of kindness and care. To his surprise, his visitors is God.

This spirit of hospitality is echoed in Exodus 22:21–27, where God commands the Israelites not to oppress strangers, reminding them that they too were once strangers in Egypt. God also expresses particular concern for widows, orphans and the poor. God's instructions reveal his concern for the vulnerable and his desire that everyone should be treated with dignity. The God we encounter in Scripture is the God who hears the cry of the poor and stands in solidarity with the vulnerable.

This call to hospitality extends beyond our Church. In our pluralistic society, people of different religions, Christian denominations, cultures and backgrounds live alongside one another. Hospitality can become a powerful tool of evangelization and witness to Christ. Someone who does not believe in God, or whose understanding of God differs from ours, may encounter the transforming power of divine love through our kindness. Without imposing our faith, we can make Christ present through the way we welcome and care for others. As St. John reminds us, "God is love, and whoever is in Love is already in God" (1 John 4:16).

The spirituality of the ***Anawim***, the Poor of the Lord, reminds us that hospitality must reach beyond those who are familiar or able to reciprocate our kindness. It must embrace the stranger, the lonely, the marginalized and those whose faith or background differs from ours. When we welcome them with genuine love, we become instruments of God's preferential love for the poor.

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Sometimes, the most powerful way to introduce someone to Jesus Christ is not to speak about him first, but to show hospitality and love in a way that allows them to encounter Christ.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: A New Commandment	**No. 133**
Offertory: All that I am	**No. 122**
Communion 1: This is my Body	**No. 681**
Recession: You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord	**No. 759**

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

Death: ***Stephen Frew, Margaret Sweeney, Robert McColl.***
Months mind: ***Daniel Kelly.***
Anniversary: ***William and Alice Shaw, Mary Doherty, Molly Tierney, Tommy McAuslan.***

Thursday Evening Mass and Adoration

From **Thursday, 5 November**, our Thursday Mass will move from the morning to the evening. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at **5.30 pm**, followed by Holy Mass at **6.30 pm**. There will no longer be morning Mass on Thursdays.
This change is intended to accommodate parishioners who, because of work, school, or other morning commitments, may be unable to attend weekly Mass.

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**.
Come along, deepen your understanding of the Gospel, and enjoy fellowship with fellow parishioners. **Tea and biscuits will be served during the screening.** Bring a friend or neighbour.

MINNA'S FUNDRAISER.

The annual **Minna's fundraiser** will be held on the weekend of **Friday, 30th of October at 7 pm**. Fr. Chido will be in the Parish that weekend. Families are welcome, and Halloween costumes are optional. A short video of Minna's Children and Stella Maris will be available after Mass on Sunday, 1st of November.

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.

Weekday Warm Hub and Tea & Toast

Our **Warm Hub** resumes **on Wednesday after Morning Mass**, and **Tea & Toast** will resume on **Friday after Morning Mass**. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us, enjoy refreshments, and share in the warmth of our community. We look forward to seeing you!

Collections for 11/10/2026

Offertory: **£547.28** **Gift Aid envelopes: £266**

Collections for 18/10/2026

Offertory: £**509** **Gift Aid envelopes: £300**

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