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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
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Confessions

Tuesday and Thursday	9:20 am
Saturday	5:20 pm

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Sunday, 5th of October, 2025.

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

The righteous shall live by his faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95 (94)

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith.

Reflection: The Power of a Little Faith.

I have been deeply concerned for each of you after the strong winds that swept through our area, and I truly hope that you and your homes have remained safe. As further winds are expected, I urge us all to take good care, to watch out for one another, and to stay well prepared. We are fortunate when the weather can be forecasted in advance, giving us time to prepare. But what about the storms of life? The sudden illness, loss, disappointment, or conflict? These rarely give warnings. Even when we are cautioned, nothing truly prepares us for the weight of such storms. In these moments, many ask: Is God truly present, or is He an absentee landlord?

It was in such uncertainty that the disciples asked Jesus: "Increase our faith." (Luke 17:5). Jesus did not pour faith into them like water into an empty cup. He instead points to the power of the faith they already had. Even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains when exercised. Exercising faith means holding firm when the storm rages, refusing to let despair have the last word. It means recognizing the hand of God, not only in the calm after the storm, but even in the turbulence itself. To trust that God is still guiding us when we can barely see is itself an act of deep faith. As we rebuild our lives, recognising God's presence in the kindness of neighbours and in the encouragement of friends is itself an act of faith.

Faith matures in action. Just as muscles only grow when they are stretched and used, so too does faith grow stronger when it is lived out, especially in times of trial. The disciples longed for "more faith," but Jesus shows us that growth does not come through passive waiting. It comes through living the faith we already have. It is in prayers whispered in fear, a decision to forgive when it is painful, a word of hope offered to someone who is struggling. Over time, these experiences shape us into people who trust God more fully, no matter the storm.

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So, Jesus boldly assures us: I have given you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). Divine strength is not something to be earned in the future. It is already planted in you. Our challenge is not the absence of faith, but the courage to use it. Faith is not about the size of what we possess, but about the willingness to place what little we have into God's hands. And when we do, that little becomes more than enough.

So, as the winds return, let us not only secure our homes but also anchor our hearts more deeply in God. Every storm, whether of nature or of life, is an invitation from the Lord to lean on Him and to exercise the faith already given to us.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: My Soul is filled with joy	No. 489
Offertory: Father, I place into your hands	No. 251
Communion 1: Sweet Sacrament	No. 635
Communion 2: Be not afraid	No. 757
Recession: Blest be the Lord	No. 178

Memorial: *Our Lady of the Holy Rosary* (Tuesday)

Sick: *We continue to pray for Margaret Lennon.*

The Funeral Mass for **Brian Errol Barclay** will take place on Tuesday, 7th at 10:00 am with a reception on Monday, 6th October, at 7:00 pm.

Deaths: Gleen Mohan, Theresa Zanieri, Eileen McMahon, Mary Spillane (Frew).

Pre-Baptism Classes

October Batch: Thursdays, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 6:00 pm
November Batch: Thursdays, 6th, 13th, and 20th at 6:00 pm

Venue: Church Hall. **Kindly enroll for the classes with Fr. Paulinus.**

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🎃 Ladies' Halloween Night 🎃

🌟 *Sing & Dance with Harmony!* 🌟

📍 Church Hall – Friday, 31st October

🎫 Tickets £5 | B.Y.O.B. 🎟 Raffles • Bingo • Fun

👗 Fancy Dress (Optional)

👉 Proceeds to **Breast Cancer & The Beatson**

☎ Call **07510 557 717** for tickets

SSVP Hubs Closure: The Hubs will be closed during the week of **13th October** to give our volunteers a well-earned break.

SSVP and Condorrat Food Bank: The Food Bank continues to support our local community and remains deeply grateful for your generosity. We kindly seek further donations of:

- Non-perishable food items, Toilet rolls, Toiletries

A drop-off box is available at the church entrance.

🙏 Thank you sincerely for your ongoing support.

Mary's Meals

A volunteer from the charity Mary's Meals will be speaking at Masses on Saturday, 11th and Sunday 12th October, giving an update on their work in providing school meals to children living in poverty around the world. Mary's Meals would appreciate your prayers for the continued growth of their work. For more information on how to support, visit marysmeals.org.uk

Collections for 28/09/2025

Offertory: £647.29

Gift Aid envelopes: £310.10 Thank you for your generosity.