

OUR LADY AND ST. HELEN'S

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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday, 18th of October, 2026.

1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96(95)

Give the Lord glory and power.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5b

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

Reflection: Can you dream with God?

Jesus said, “The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.” (Matthew 9:37–38). On this Mission Sunday, we are reminded that the mission of the Church belongs to all of us. Each of us has a part to play in bringing Christ to the world, whether through our family life, our work, our service to others or the witness of our faith. Today, we are invited to give special attention to one important aspect of this mission: encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life. How can we, as families and parish communities, help our young people recognize and respond generously to God's call?

To our young people, if you feel a desire to do more for God and his Church, if a fire within you urges you to serve God in a special way, please do not dismiss it. Give it time. Pray about it. Speak to someone you trust. That quiet invitation may be the beginning of a wonderful adventure with God.

Some are discouraged by the apparent “aloneness” of religious life and priesthood. Be assured that vocation is not a call to loneliness, but a call to be alone with God so that we can give ourselves more completely to his people. The priest or religious may sometimes experience solitude, but never lives without love and community. We belong to God, and we serve his people.

Neither does a vocation destroy your dreams, passions or joy in life. Rather, God's grace can purify, deepen and perfect the gifts he has already placed within you. Did you know that Gregor Mendel, the Father of Genetics, was an Augustinian friar? His patient scientific work in the monastery helped lay the foundations of modern genetics. Fr. Georges Lemaître, a Catholic priest and physicist, made a major contribution to modern cosmology through his work on the expanding universe and the Big Bang theory.

What about Sister Mary Kenneth Keller, an American Catholic religious sister who, in 1965, became the first woman in the United States to earn a doctorate in computer science? She dedicated much of her career to advancing computer education and making technology more accessible.

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Their lives remind us that religious vocation does not mean abandoning one's talents or ambitions, but placing them at the service of God and humanity.

Our task today is to create families and parish communities where vocations can grow. Do we pray for our young people? Do we encourage them when they express an interest in priesthood or religious life? Do we speak of vocation with hope rather than fear?

During the Second World War, the call went out: "Your country needs you!"

Our Church makes a similar appeal to our sons and daughters:

"Today, more than ever, your Church needs you!"

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: Yahweh **No. 744**

Offertory: Almighty Father, take this bread **No. 130**

Communion: O Bread of Heaven **No. 500**

Communion 2: Sweet Sacrament

Recessional: Glory and praise to God **No. 279**

Sick: *James Forrest, Keiran Baclay.*

Recently Deceased: *Danny Kelly, Bruno Maslanka, John Currie, Jim Higgins, Joe Sloan.*

Month's Mind: *Collin Robert McIlwraith.*

Anniversary: *John McAulay, Beth Haidachuk, Elizabeth Ward, Helen Frew, Jack McGuckin.*

Thank You, Fr Harry

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Fr Harry for supplying in the parish during my holiday. We are very grateful for his generous assistance with daily Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, the Forty Hours devotion and other pastoral responsibilities. I particularly appreciate his willingness to

undertake these duties despite the demands they placed on him. May God bless him abundantly for his generosity and kindness.

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.

Solemnity of St. Andrew: Archbishop Nolan will preside at Evening Prayer of the Church on the Vigil of St. Andrew's Day, Sunday 29th November 2026 at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 7p.m. All are invited to this celebration as we gather together as a diocesan community to celebrate our patron Saint.

Music for an Autumn Evening: Sunday 25th October at 7:30pm in St Andrew's Cathedral. A concert by Cecilian Choir and Orchestra in support of St Andrew's Cathedral new organ appeal. With music including Requiem in D Minor and other choral and instrumental classics. Tickets £15 from anotherorganforglasgow@gmail.com at the cathedral bookshop or at the door.

Newman Association: God as Nothing - A talk by Gilbert Markus: The Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, 2049 Maryhill Road, Glasgow, G20 0AA at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th November 2026. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Open Heaven: Come along to Stefan Smarts new play, "Open heaven" - it's focused on the Acts of the Apostles - the infant church coming to birth. Remember "I am Mark" - same guy - same chair - same brilliant revues - all welcome - pay at door - Friday 13th November 7.00pm Sacred Heart Hall, Cumbernauld. £10.

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