

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-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

Sunday, 11th of October, 2026.

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a

The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23(22)

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.

Reflection: When God Invites, How Do We Respond?

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues His admonition of the Pharisees and scribes, challenging their attitude towards God. They had received the privilege of knowing God, His promises and His commandments, yet they had become so accustomed to these blessings that they failed to recognise their true value. Their familiarity with sacred things has made them complacent rather than bringing them closer to God.

Is this not a danger for us too?

Many of us were born and raised Catholic. We grew up attending Mass, receiving the sacraments, praying familiar prayers and celebrating the feasts of the Church. These are beautiful gifts, but precisely because they are so familiar, we could begin to take them for granted. We may attend Mass without truly praying, receive Holy Communion without appreciating whom we receive, and hear the words of absolution without reflecting on the immensity of God's mercy.

The danger is that we can be physically present at the banquet while our hearts remain far away from the One who invites us. The king's invitation reminds us that our relationship with God is not something we have earned by our righteous works. It is a privilege born of God's love and mercy. We have been called to become His children, welcomed into His family and invited to share in the banquet of His Son. Yet this invitation also demands a response. The wedding garment in the parable reminds us that we must allow God's grace to transform our lives. It is not enough to bear the name Christian. We must strive to live as disciples of Christ.

Let us never become so familiar with God's gifts that we forget how extraordinary they are. Let us never become so accustomed to His presence that we cease to recognize His holiness, or so comfortable in His mercy that we forget the need for conversion. Today, Christ calls us to renew our "Yes" to God. Let us put on the wedding garment of faith and holiness, so that the

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grace we receive at this altar may transform the way we live, love and treat one another.

The King has invited us. The banquet is prepared. Christ is waiting to give Himself to us. Let us not take this invitation for granted, but come with grateful hearts, receive Him with reverence, and be determined to live as people who know how blessed they are to be called Children of God.

Hymns for Sunday

Entrance: The Lord is my Shepherd	No. 661
Offertory: Take our bread	No. 641
Communion: Love is His Word	No. 462
Communion 2: As the deer pants	No. 142
Recessional: Awake from your slumber	No. 154

St. Teresa of Jesus (Memorial, Thursday), **St. Ignatius of Antioch** (Memorial, Saturday).

Flourish: This month's Flourish contains full details of the blueprint approved by the Archbishop and the Council of Priests to reduce parish numbers to 40 through a programme of mergers and closures. The shortage of priests is now urgent. Projections show we will have fewer than a dozen Archdiocesan priests to cover the current 80 parishes in 20 years' time. Please take a copy of Flourish and familiarise yourself with the process and what is involved locally. Also in the current issue: the 50th anniversary of St John Ogilvie's canonisation; Pope Leo's extraordinary visit to France and new headteachers commissioned for our schools.

Charismatic Renewal: The Glasgow Service of Communion of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal invites you for a Weekend of Renewal. Come and join us for a time of praise, fellowship and teachings on the topic of 'Be holy, because I am holy!' - 1 Peter 1:16. Venue: St Peter's, 46 Hyndland St, Glasgow G11 5PS. Guest Speaker: Daniella Stephens. Friday 30th Oct: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Saturday 31st Oct: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. Tea and Coffee provided. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday. For more information, phone: Minin 07448786569 Email: glasgow.service.team@gmail.com

The Second Collection for next week is for *Missio* Scotland.

Collections for 13/09/2026

Offertory: **£655.38** Gift Aid envelopes: **£282**
Spred: **£416.70**

Collections for 20/09/2026

Offertory: **£663.70** Bulletin Gift Aid envelopes:
£252

Collections for 27/09/2026

Offertory: **£555.98** Gift Aid envelopes: **£331**

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