

25TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held on Sundays
at 3pm in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 21st – St. Matthew
Tue 22nd – Dedication of the
Basilica of Monte Senario
Wed 23rd – St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Thu 24th – St. John Henry
Newman
Fri 25th – Sts. Louis Martin and
Zelle Guerin
Sat 26th – St. Paul VI



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on **30th September
2026** at 6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

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Reflection

The readings for the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, invite us to reflect on the boundless generosity and mercy of God.

The 1st reading from the book of prophet Isaiah 55:6-9, we hear a moving call to seek the Lord while He may be found and to call upon Him while He is near. Isaiah reminds us that God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our own. The prophet invites us to embrace the incredible generosity of God, who is ever ready to welcome us, to forgive us and to enrich our lives with His mercy and grace. When we turn to God, no matter how far we may have strayed, we find a Father who is always ready to receive us with open arms.

The 2nd reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27, the apostles Paul expresses his longing to be with Christ, recognizing that to live is Christ and to die is gain. In every situation, St. Paul finds meaning and purpose in Christ and he encourages us to conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel. If we align our lives with Christ's generous love, we too will discover a life rich in meaning, one that extends generosity beyond ourselves to others.

The Gospel is taken from Matthew 20:1-16, presents us with the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. Jesus illustrated the Kingdom of Heaven as a place where the last are made first and where the generous employer gives equally to everyone, regardless of when they were called to work. For the workers who moaned, their dissatisfaction stems from a concept of entitlement. They fail to rejoice in the goodness shown to others and in the graciousness of their employer.

How often do I mirror this mindset in my own life? Do I rejoice in the blessings of others, or do I allow jealousy/envy and comparison to darken my hearts?



First Holy Communion – application forms for children in Year 3 and older can now be collected from the parish office or at the colonnade. You may also download the application form at the parish website.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) – A course will be held for adults who have not been baptised and would like to be. Application forms are now available from the Parish Office. The session will start on 12th October 2026 (Monday) at 7:15 pm at the Founders Room.

Appeal for the Lighting System – We are deeply grateful to our parishioners and everyone who has contributed towards the repair and upgrade of our church lighting system. We invite other parishioners and friends to help meet the remaining cost. Every gift, however small, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. May God bless you abundantly.

The Feast day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila – will be celebrated on 27th September at 3pm. The Novena will be from 18th Sept. to 26th Sept. every evening at 7.00 pm except on 18th Sept. in which the mass starts at 6:30 pm.

Mass Collections (12th & 13th September 2026) – £1,436 was received in the main collection, and £335 in the second collection for Church Restoration. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.



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FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet

Isaiah

55:6-9

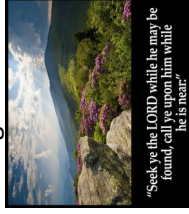
Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have
compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly
pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the
Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

45(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of

St. Paul to the Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be
honoured in my body, whether by life or
by death. For to me to live is Christ, and
to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh,
that means fruitful labour for me. Yet
which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am
hard pressed between the two. My desire
is to depart and be with Christ, for that is
far better. But to remain in the flesh is
more necessary on your account. Let your
manner of life be worthy of the gospel of
Christ.

The word of the Lord.

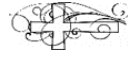
All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of
your Son.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Matthew

20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this
parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a
master of a house who went out early in the
morning to hire labourers for his vineyard.
After agreeing with the labourers for a
denarius a day, he sent them into his
vineyard.

And going out about the third hour he
saw others standing idle in the
market-place, and to them he said, "You
go into the vineyard too, and whatever is
right I will give you." So they went. Going
out again about the sixth hour and the
ninth hour, he did the same. And about
the eleventh hour he went out and found
others standing. And he said to them,
"Why do you stand here idle all day?"
They said to him, "Because no one has
hired us." He said to them, "You go into
the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of
the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the
labourers and pay them their wages,
beginning with the last, up to the first."
And when those hired about the
eleventh hour came, each of them
received a denarius. Now when those
hired first came, they thought they would
receive more, but each of them also
received a denarius. And on receiving it
they grumbled at the master of the house,
saying, "These last worked only one hour,
and you have made them equal to us who
have borne the burden of the day and the
scorching heat." But he replied to one of
them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong.
Did you not agree with me for a denarius?
Take what belongs to you and go. I choose
to give to this last worker as I give to you.
Am I not allowed to do what I choose with
what belongs to me? Or do you
begrudge my generosity?" So the last will
be first, and the first last.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you,

Lord Jesus Christ

NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father
almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all things visible and
invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten,
not made, consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were
made. For us men and for our
salvation he came down from heaven,
(All bow for following three lines)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary and became man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate, He suffered
death and was buried, and rose
again on the third day in accordance
with the Scriptures. He ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have
no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord
the giver of life, who proceeds from
the Father and the Son, who with
the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through
the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the life
of the world to come. Amen.