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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th September 2026

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 19 th September	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20 th September	11:00am Mass of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 21 st September	<i>SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist</i> 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Tuesday 22 nd September	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 23 rd September	09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Friday 25 th September	2.00pm Mass for SVP
Saturday 26 th September	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 27 th September	11:00am Mass of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass readings this week:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Readings:

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9;

"My thoughts are not your thoughts"

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 145 (144):2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Response: The Lord is close to all who call him

Second reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a;

"For to me to live is Christ"

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

"Do you begrudge my generosity?"

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£488.79**

Standing order: **£ 450 (estimate per week)**

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for Home Mission Sunday, for the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate, which supports the Church in a wide field of service and mission across England and Wales.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

This Sunday, 20 September, the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday, an opportunity to reflect on our call to share the joy of the Gospel with those around us.

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM

REPOSITORY

Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and much more available at the back of the church after mass; please contact Pat or Janette if you wish to buy or order any religious item.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2027 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

If your child wishes to prepare for First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2027, registration forms are now available. You can collect a form from the parish board in the narthex or download it from the parish website.

Please return completed forms to the Parish Office by the Feast of All Saints (1 November), leaving it in the office after mass or posting in the letter box at the Presbytery House. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Oliver Low, who will be happy to help: oliverlow@gmail.com

We look forward to accompanying our young people and their families on this important step in their journey of faith.

MASS FOR SVP

On 25th September the SVP hold a mass at 2pm followed by tea and cakes. The Mass is to celebrate the feast day of their patron saint, St Vincent de Paul. All are welcome.

DIOCESE

ADOREMUS: A NATIONAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

On Saturday 10 October 2026, Catholics from across England and Wales will unite in prayer, worship and witness for the Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress. Taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, and Westminster Cathedral in the heart of London, Adoremus is the Bishops' invitation to the whole Church to renew and deepen our devotion to Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Fifty representatives from our diocese will attend the Congress and everyone is encouraged to join this national celebration. More information at <https://northamptondiocese.org/adoremus-3/>

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Northampton, through all its places of work and activities, is committed to the highest standards of safeguarding. We recognise the God-given dignity and value of every person and are committed to ensuring that all people are valued, supported and protected from harm. We have a zero-tolerance approach to abuse and take all safeguarding concerns seriously. In line with the Catholic Church in England and Wales allegations of abuse and situations where adults or children are at risk of harm are reported to the statutory authorities. The Diocese follows national safeguarding policies and guidance established by the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency. For more information please visit the safeguarding pages on the Diocesan website:

<https://northamptondiocese.org/safeguarding>

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

On Thursday, 24th September we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham. The national shrine in Walsingham will livestream the novena each day at 3pm until 24 September.

[Watch Livestream - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady](#)

SEASON OF CREATION

The season of creation continues until 4 October, inviting Catholics around the world to pray, reflect and act for the care of our common home. More information at

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/season-of-creation/>

DAY OF HEALING, 7 NOVEMBER 2026: 10:15 AM – 4PM

St Thomas Centre, Semilong Rd, Northampton

This outreach event is for everyone. People can pop in for a short while or stay all day – everyone is welcome. We will have praise and worship, some teaching, and testimonies in a relaxed and faith filled atmosphere guided by the Holy Spirit. This can be the first time that someone has attended a Christian meeting. People have said that they like the relaxed atmosphere and are amazed at the healing power of Jesus. It is an opportunity for Catholic Christians to invite people of any belief and none so that they can come to know Jesus and experience His love through them, and others at the event. This outreach day will be led by the Littleway team. Please bring a packed lunch.

PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS MORE



PRAY that, for the glory of GOD and in the pursuit of His justice, I may be trustworthy with confidences, keen in study, accurate in analysis, correct in conclusion, able in argument, loyal to clients, honest with all, courteous to adversaries, ever attentive to conscience. Sit with me at my desk and listen with me to my clients' tales. Read with me in my library and stand always beside me so that today I shall not, to win a point, lose my soul. PRAY that my family may find in me what yours found in you: friendship and courage, cheerfulness and charity, diligence in duties, counsel in adversity, patience in pain—their good servant, and God's first. AMEN.

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PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(to be used especially by those not receiving the Eucharist)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

