



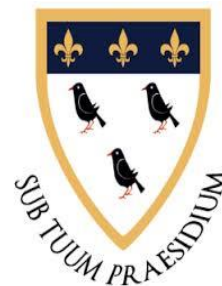
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th October 2026



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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Readings:

First reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

"The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 80 (79): 9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

Second reading: Philippians 4:6-9

"Practise these things and the God of Peace will be with you."

Gospel Acclamation:

I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

"He will let out the vineyard to other tenants."

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 3 rd October	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 4 th October	11:00am Mass of the 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>John Nester, RIP</i> <i>Hugh McCann, RIP</i>
Monday 5 th October	09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Tuesday 6 th October	6:00pm Mass
Wednesday 7 th October	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Friday 9 th October	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, Priest and Doctor of the Church 09:00am Rosary 09:30am Mass
Saturday 10 th October	4:45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions 5:00pm Rosary 5:30pm Vigil Mass of the 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 11 th October	11:00am Mass of the 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Weekly collection: **£472.03**

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

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, inviting us to pray, fast and give in solidarity with communities facing hunger and water shortages. In Northern Zimbabwe, 12 year old Tayla's school now has a solar-powered water pump and vegetable gardens, supported by CAFOD's local Caritas partners. The gardens provide nutritious food for school meals, helping children stay healthy, learn and play. Parishioners are encouraged to support the appeal and help communities grow food, provide meals and give children hope.

TEA AND COFFEE

Every Sunday and Wednesday after mass in the LOMBARD ROOM

REPOSITORY

Cards, rosaries, crosses, icons, and much more available in the Lombard Room and at the back of the church after mass; please contact Pat or Janet if you wish to buy or order any religious item. New stock just in, including a range of Christmas items!.

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.

DIOCESE

OCTOBER DEVOTION

October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and this year Pope Leo XIV has invited Christians to pray the Rosary throughout the month, particularly for peace and an end to war. The Rosary is a simple prayer which helps us contemplate the life of Jesus with Mary, through familiar prayers including the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. It can be prayed alone or together, in church, at home or wherever we find a quiet moment.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

This October, Pope Leo XIV invites us to pray for mental health ministry, asking that it may become established throughout the Church and help overcome the stigma and discrimination experienced by people living with mental illness.

PREACHING IN THE LIGHT OF THE QUIET REVIVAL

The Catholic Association of Preachers invite you to their forthcoming webinar on 15 October at 4:30pm. Canons from the Agency for Evangelisation, Westminster will be sharing their knowledge to better equip us to preach. Please contact CAP for the Zoom link: admin@catholicassociationofpreachers.org.uk

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>

From 18-23 October the Jesuit Institute is offering a free online week of guided prayer for those affected by clergy abuse in the church. Anyone can access the offering, including laypeople, priests, deacon (and their families) and religious. For more information: <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/events/an-online-week-of-guided-prayer-for-those-affected-by-clergy-abuse-in-the-church>

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency is also inviting victims and survivors of abuse in a Catholic Church setting to join its Survivor panel, helping bring lived experience to the development and inspection of safeguarding standards. The role is remunerated, with expenses covered. Expressions of interest are invited by 5pm on 16 October. Please contact sarah.gleadall@catholicsafeguarding.org.uk.

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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This prayer is an adaption of "An Appeal to St. Thomas More" by Henry Bender, Jr., published in *The Catholic Mind*, Feb. 1951.

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.

