

Mass times and intentions: 27th September – 05th October 2025

Saturday	27	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Kerry Peterson RIP
Sunday	28	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	29	No Mass
Tuesday	30	St Jerome 10.00 – Giambrone Family – improved health
Wednesday	01	St Therese of the Child Jesus 10.00 – Diane Hunt RIP
Thursday	02	The Holy Guardian Angels 10.00 – Betty James – get well soon
Friday	03	Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 10.00 – Liam and Kevin Hayes RIP
Saturday	04	St Francis of Assisi 10.00 – Maria Vas – intentions
		TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Seamus O'Neill
Sunday	05	11.30 – The People of the Parish

Tuesday to Saturday, after the Holy Mass,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Holy Rosary

Mass Intentions / Offerings: Special envelopes are available at the back of Church. If you would like Mass offered on a particular date or anniversary, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 313

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 854.44

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous week and I look forward, very much, to working with you for the good of our Parish.

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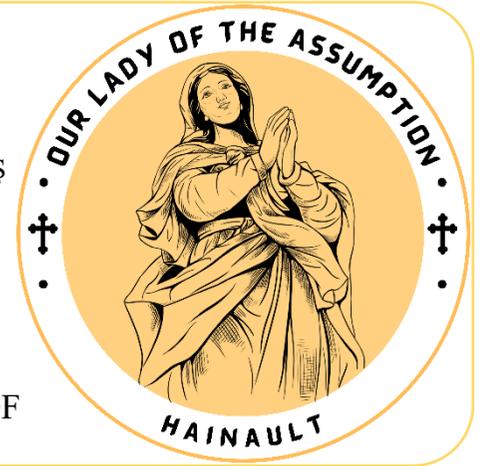
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 28th September 2025

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

312 – Into one we all are gathered through the love of Christ

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

678 – Take our bread, we ask you

88 – Blest are the pure in heart

215 – God is love: his the care

800 – When I need a neighbour were you there were you there?

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel presents us with two very different men: a rich man who lived in luxury, and a poor man named Lazarus, who sat at his gate hoping for crumbs. Their destinies after death are reversed: the rich man ends up in torment, while Lazarus is welcomed into Abraham's bosom.

Jesus is not condemning wealth itself, but **indifference**. The rich man did not directly harm Lazarus, but he sinned by ignoring him. Every day he passed by and saw him suffering, yet his heart was closed.

The prophet Amos warns against those who enjoy comfort but do not care about the suffering of others. Saint Paul encourages us to pursue "righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" – values that truly last and draw us closer to God.

The message is simple: **our life has value in God's eyes not by what we possess, but by how much we love and share with others.**

There is a story about a wealthy man who prayed: "Lord, show me your face!" That same day, a hungry child asked him for a piece of bread. The man turned him away. That night, the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said: "Today I showed you my face, but you did not recognise me."

This is exactly the story of the rich man in the Gospel: every day he had the chance to meet God in Lazarus, but he refused to see.

Dear brothers and sisters, in just a few days we begin the month of October, a very special month in the Church: It is the Month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is not just the repetition of prayers, but a simple and powerful way to meditate on the mysteries of Christ's life together with Mary. When we hold the rosary in our hands, it is like taking the hand of our Mother, who leads us closer to Jesus.

October is also the Missionary Month. We are invited to pray for missionaries who bring the Gospel to distant lands, and also to remember that each of us is called to be a missionary right where we are – in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighbourhoods – through our example, our kindness, and our faith.

The "Lazarus" of today is not only far away – he is near us too: the lonely, the sick, the elderly, the poor child, the struggling neighbour. God asks us not to be indifferent.

At the same time, He invites us to pray. Prayer and action go together. Saint John Paul II once said: "The Rosary is my favourite prayer." Through the Rosary, we learn to look at the world with Mary's eyes: with faith, with compassion, and with love.

So, dear brothers and sisters, today's Gospel warns us not to walk past those in need with closed hearts. And as we prepare to enter October, let us rediscover the beauty of the Rosary and strengthen our missionary spirit.

If we unite prayer with good works, then we will not be like the indifferent rich man, but like Mary, who said "yes" to God and brought Christ to the world.

Amen.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass

I would like to invite you to join us for refreshments after the Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, some biscuits and a chance to meet, socialise and get to know each other.

Sunday Missals

Some Sunday Missals are now available at a cost of £20 each. Please ring Sheila on 020 8500 0073 if you would like one. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession is available every Saturday during Adoration and Holy Rosary and on request on weekdays during Adoration and Holy Rosary after the morning Mass.

I Invite You to Prayer

I would like to share with you some important news for our parish community. As you know, the church is the heart of our parish, the place where we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and to encounter the Lord in prayer. At this time, we are preparing to begin much-needed repairs on the roof of our church, so that this sacred house may remain strong and welcoming for all.

However, we are still waiting for the necessary approvals from the diocese. Meanwhile, the seasons are changing: the weather is turning colder, and the rains will soon arrive.

For this reason, I warmly invite all of you to join together in prayer. Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, to guide our steps, to remove any obstacles, and to grant that the work may begin and be completed at the right time.

We do our part, but our trust and our hope are in our Lord alone.

May the Lord bless our intentions, strengthen our unity in faith, and reward the prayers and sacrifices of each one of you.