

**Mass times and intentions: 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11.30</b> – Emmanuel Ayanru RIP (5 years anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Maria Vas – intentions
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>St John Paul II</b> 10.00 – Bill and Molly Donovan RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Baby Sonny – good health
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 – Ruth Mekako
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 10.00 – Joan Eadon
		<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> 18.00 – Anna and John Harvey RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11.30</b> – 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: 258**

**Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 761.62**

**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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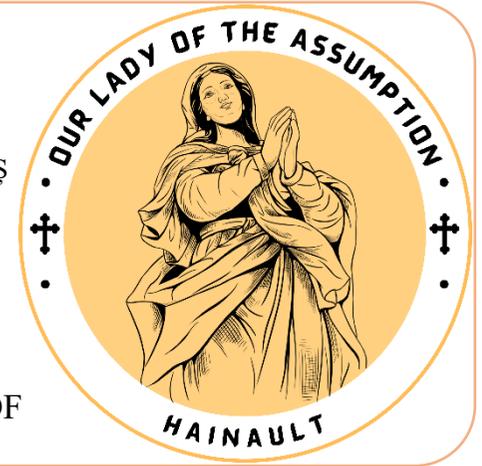
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**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

**179** – For the healing of the nations

**Responsorial Psalm:**

***Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***

**678** – Take our bread, we ask you

**633** – Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

**496** – My God, and is thy table spread

**488** – Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord

***Dear brothers and sisters,***

Today's Gospel speaks to us about the power of prayer that never gives up. Jesus tells us about a simple woman, a widow, who keeps asking for justice. She doesn't stop knocking on the judge's door - not because she is strong, but because she has a heart that refuses to give up. That is the kind of prayer Jesus asks of us: patient, trusting, and faithful - even when God seems silent.

In the first reading, Moses keeps his hands raised toward heaven, and the people of Israel win the battle. When his arms grow tired, they begin to lose. Then Aaron and Hur come beside him and hold up his hands.

What a beautiful image - a community held together by prayer. When one grows weak, another one lifts him up. That is how the Church should be: hearts supporting each other through prayer.

We are now in the month of the Holy Rosary, the month when the Church invites us to return to Mary's heart - to that simple, powerful prayer that has saved souls and changed hearts throughout history. The Rosary is the prayer of those who never give up. It is the prayer of mothers who cry for their children, of grandparents praying for the world, of the sick who offer their pain. Each "Hail Mary" is like a heartbeat for the world. And when millions of believers pray together, the world beats again with life, peace, and hope.

There is a story from a small village by the sea. One night, a terrible storm broke out. Winds were howling, waves were rising, and fear filled every house. While everyone was panicking, an old woman lit a candle, sat before an icon of Our Lady, and began to pray the Rosary. Her neighbours came running and said: "Come on, old woman, can't you see the waves coming? Run!" She calmly answered: "I cannot stop the sea, but I know Who can." The next day, the village was almost untouched, while nearby towns were flooded. People whispered, "The lady with the Rosary held the sea back." Maybe it's just a legend, but there is truth in it: a single heart praying with faith can calm many storms.

And another story. A missionary in Africa, tired and discouraged, returned home after years of work. He felt like a failure. At church one day, an elderly woman came to him and said, with tears in her eyes: "Father, for ten years I've prayed the Rosary every day for you and for your people." A few months later, he received a letter from that same village: "Father, the people are coming to church, they are praying, and they ask for baptism." Then he realised: he had done the sowing, but she had kept heaven open. Her Rosary had been her mission - and maybe the most fruitful of all.

Dear friends, today, on Mission Sunday, the Church reminds us that every one of us is a missionary. Some go far away, others stay at home. But we can all be missionaries of prayer, of hope, of love. When we pray the Rosary, our hearts travel farther than our feet ever could. Our prayer reaches African villages, hospital beds, broken families and wounded hearts. The Rosary connects heaven and earth; it unites our hearts with Mary's heart - and through her, with the heart of her Son.

So, let us not let the Rosary grow silent in our homes. Let us not leave it forgotten in a drawer. Take it in your hands with faith, because in those

beads rolling gently between our fingers, the story of God's love for the world is still being written.

The Rosary does not only change the world - it first changes us. And a changed heart is already a mission fulfilled.

**Amen.**

#### • **Today is World Mission Sunday**

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection after both Masses this weekend for World Mission Sunday. We are called to be Missionaries of hope among all peoples as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need.

#### • **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.

#### • **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.

#### • **Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary praesidium (Queen of Angels) meet every Sunday after 11.30 Mass and invite all of you dear children of Mary to join us. Active members as well as auxiliaries are warmly welcome.

#### • **A Loving Gift for the Future**

Writing your will can be seen as writing a letter of love - a way to share what truly matters to you with the people and places that have shaped your life. When the time feels right to write your will, please consider remembering our Church. Our parish family relies entirely on the kindness and generosity of those who cherish this sacred place and wish to see its mission continue. By including our Church in your will, you help to keep faith alive and strong for generations to come. Every gift, no matter the size - even one percent - makes a real difference and becomes a lasting sign of love and hope.