

Mass times and intentions: 03rd – 11th October 2026

Saturday	03	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	04	11.30 – Flora Cumberbath and Sarah Joseph RIP
Monday	05	NO MASS
Tuesday	06	Feria of Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – McDowell Family
Wednesday	07	Our Lady of the Rosary 10.00 – Fr. Joseph Edattu
Thursday	08	St Osyth 10.00 – Annette Hatcher RIP
Friday	09	St John Henry Newman 10.00 – Jean Murphy – intentions
Saturday	10	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Fr. Jean-Claude Selvini – intentions
		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Anna and John Harvey – anniversary
Sunday	11	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.

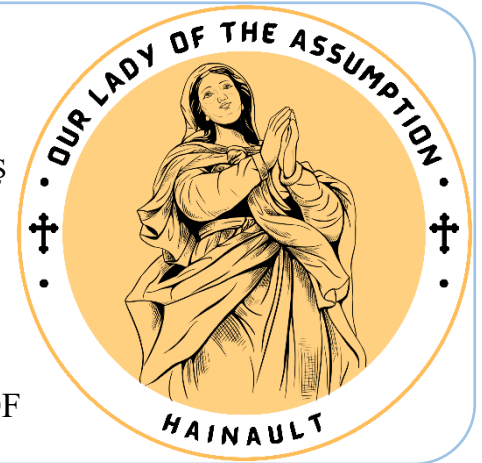
Mass Attendance last weekend: 288

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 583.65

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 04th October 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

782 - We plough the fields and scatter

Responsorial Psalm: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

285 - Here I am, Lord

398 - Love divine, all loves excelling (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

118 - Colours of day dawn into the mind

568 - O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel speaks of "a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower." He did everything necessary for the vineyard to bear fruit. Then he entrusted it to tenants and went away.

The trouble begins when the tenants forget a simple truth: the vineyard does not belong to them. It was placed in their care, but they begin to behave as though they owned it. When the landowner sends his servants to collect the fruit, they beat and kill them. Finally, they even kill his son.

This parable does not concern only the people of the past. It speaks directly to us. God has entrusted a vineyard to each of us: our life, family, faith, time, health, work, talents, and the people he has placed beside us. They are gifts entrusted to our care so that they may bear fruit.

The question of the Gospel is very practical: ***what fruit does God find in my life?*** Not what good intentions I have, or what I promise to do one day, but what fruit is present now.

If God has entrusted a family to me, the fruit he expects is love put into practice: patience when I am tired, a kind word instead of a hurtful reply, time given to children, care for elderly parents, and the courage to say, “I am sorry.” It is not enough to say that we love our family; that love must be felt by those who live beside us.

If God has entrusted work to me, the fruit is honesty, responsibility and respect. It means doing my duty even when nobody is watching, not humiliating those who are weaker, refusing to spread gossip, and never building my success upon an injustice done to someone else.

If God has given me faith, its fruit cannot be only that I attend church on Sunday. The fruit of faith becomes visible on Monday morning, in the way I speak, forgive, choose, and treat people. A faith that changes nothing in my life risks becoming like a beautiful vineyard with no grapes.

There is also a more subtle temptation. Sometimes we want God’s gifts, but no longer want God himself. We ask him for health, protection and peace, but do not allow him to tell us how to live. It is as though we said, “Lord, thank you for the vineyard, but I will keep all its fruit for myself.” The parable reminds us that the Owner will ask what we have done with everything we received.

During his recent visit to France, Pope Leo XIV spoke about rebirth. He recalled Notre-Dame Cathedral, gravely damaged by fire and then rebuilt, as an image of the Church and of every person who can be renewed by God’s grace. The Pope also stressed that the Church is not made only of stones and cement, but of people who love Christ because they have first been loved by him. This means that each of us is a living stone and a worker in the Lord’s vineyard. We cannot wait for the priest, the bishop, or “someone else” to repair, help and become involved. A community is renewed when each person asks: what can I do? Perhaps I can visit someone who is ill, call someone who is lonely, help a struggling family, offer some time to the parish, or help two people make peace. Great fruit often begins with small acts performed with love.

Pope Leo hoped that his visit would bear “abundant and lasting fruit”, and repeated the call: let us not hide our faith. This does not mean imposing it upon others or speaking about it constantly. It means living with such goodness, honesty and mercy that people can recognise that God dwells within us.

Let us ask ourselves simply: what is the vineyard entrusted to me, and where is fruit still missing? Perhaps my family needs the fruit of forgiveness; my workplace, the fruit of integrity; my prayer, greater faithfulness; or my parish, the fruit of participation.

The Gospel is serious, but it is not without hope. God still comes looking for fruit because he has not abandoned his vineyard, and he has not abandoned us. He can restore what has been damaged, heal what has been wounded, and make a heart that has grown dry bear fruit again.

Let us ask the Lord not to live as owners of his gifts, but as grateful stewards. And when he comes seeking the fruit, may he find in us not only beautiful words, but love, forgiveness, justice, faith, and care for those around us.

Amen.

• 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.

• October – A Month of the Holy Rosary and Mission

During October, the Church invites us to rediscover the beauty and power of the Holy Rosary. As we pray each decade, Mary gently leads us through the mysteries of the life of Jesus. The Rosary gives us a precious opportunity to place before God our families, our worries, those who are suffering and our troubled world. In a time filled with noise and anxiety, it teaches us to become still, to trust God and to pray especially for peace.

In our church, from Tuesday to Saturday, we pray the Rosary together after Holy Mass with all those who are present. On Sundays, the Rosary is recited together before Holy Mass. During this special month, everyone is warmly invited to join us in this beautiful prayer and to entrust their personal intentions, their families and the needs of our world to the intercession of Our Lady.

October is also a special month of mission, when we remember and pray for missionaries who leave their homes to proclaim the Gospel and serve communities throughout the world. We are invited to support them through our prayers, generosity and encouragement.

Yet mission is not only something that happens in distant countries. Through Baptism, each of us is called to be a missionary. Our mission begins in our homes, workplaces, schools and parish: in the way we speak, forgive, welcome, serve and care for others.

The Rosary draws us closer to Christ through Mary, while mission sends us out to share his love. May our prayer during this month strengthen us to become joyful missionaries of faith, peace and hope wherever God has placed us.