

Mass times and intentions: 10th – 18th October 2026

Saturday	10	TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – Anna and John Harvey – anniversary
Sunday	11	11.30 – The People of the Parish
Monday	12	NO MASS
Tuesday	13	St Edward the Confessor 10.00 – Anna-Leah – healing
Wednesday	14	Feria of Twenty-Eight Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Daniela Fanatan – intentions
Thursday	15	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila) 10.00 – Seamus O'Neill RIP
Friday	16	St Margaret Mary Alacoque 10.00 – Gary Sullivan – intentions
Saturday	17	St Ignatius of Antioch 10.00 – Anthony Alabi – birthday
		TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	18	11.30 – Ayomide Ishmael and Emmanuel Ayanru RIP

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: 266

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 760.50

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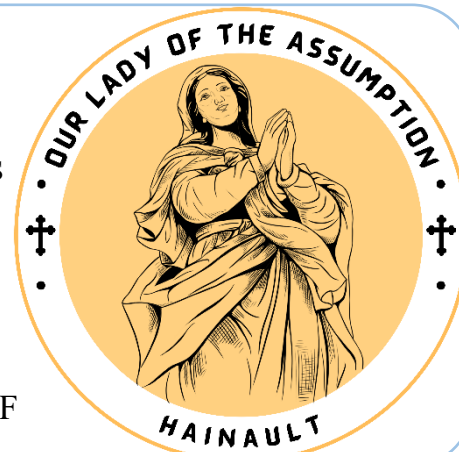
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TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 11th October 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

74 - Be thou my vision (v. 1, 3, 5)

**Responsorial Psalm: *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.***

157 - Father and life-giver

77 - Because the Lord is my shepherd

215 - God is love: his the care

567 - Oh Lord, all the world belongs to you

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel begins with something beautiful: God prepares a feast and invites us. He does not invite us to fear or sadness. He invites us to a feast – to joy, to communion, to a life lived with Him.

And yet, something surprising happens in Jesus' parable: the invited guests do not come. One goes to his farm, another to his business, and others simply refuse. Perhaps this is where today's Gospel begins to speak directly to us.

Because God continues to invite us today. He invites us to pray, to come to Mass, to forgive, to go to Confession, to do good, to come closer to Him.

The problem is not always that we do not hear His invitation. Very often, our answer is simply: "Not now." I will pray... but later. I will go to Confession... another time. I will forgive... but not yet. I will spend more time with my family... when life becomes less busy. I will change... one day. And without noticing it, life can pass while we keep saying to God: "Later."

Pope Leo XIV has reminded Christians of something very simple: conversion cannot always be postponed until tomorrow. God calls us today.

So perhaps the first message of this Sunday is: do not postpone the good that you already know you should do. If you need to say, “I am sorry,” say it today. If you need to forgive someone, begin today. If you have grown distant from God, come back today. If someone you love needs to hear, “I love you,” do not wait for a special occasion.

But there is another beautiful detail in the parable. The king sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. The Gospel says they gathered “all whom they found, both bad and good.” Everyone is invited.

We are often very quick to put labels on people: good or bad, worthy or unworthy, close to God or far away. God looks deeper.

And this is particularly meaningful today as we mark ***Prisoners’ Sunday***. We remember those in prison, their families and children, the victims of crime, and those who work with and care for prisoners.

It is easy to look at someone and see only what they have done. But our faith tells us something important: a human being is always more than the worst thing he or she has ever done. Wrongdoing has consequences. Justice matters. But so do repentance, forgiveness and the possibility of beginning again.

And perhaps we are not behind prison walls, but we too can become prisoners: prisoners of resentment, pride, fear, addiction, our past, or the opinions of others.

Christ comes today and says: Come. There is still a place for you.

Then comes the challenging image of the wedding garment.

It reminds us that it is not enough simply to call ourselves Christians or to come to church on Sunday. Our encounter with God must change something in us. Our wedding garment is seen on Monday morning.

It is seen in the way we speak to our family, in our patience with our children, in the way we treat our colleagues, in our willingness to forgive, in our honesty, and in our care for someone who is lonely or forgotten.

So perhaps we can leave church today with three simple questions: *What good thing do I keep putting off? Whom have I excluded from my heart? What small thing can I change today?*

And if our answers make us realise that we have not always responded well to God, we should not lose heart.

Perhaps we have made mistakes. Perhaps we have chosen other things. Perhaps we have hurt others or have been deeply hurt ourselves. Perhaps we carry things in our hearts that God alone knows.

But this is the beauty of today’s Gospel: God is still calling us.

He does not say, “You are too late.” He does not say, “There is no longer a place for you.” He simply says: “Come.” Come with your tiredness. Come with your mistakes. Come with your desire to begin again.

Because at God’s table there is still a place for you.

And no matter how far we may have wandered, God never grows tired of calling us home. When we return, we do not find a closed door. We find a Father waiting for us, a table prepared for us, and a place kept for us.

Let us not keep Him waiting any longer.

Amen.

• **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, which this year marks its 100th anniversary. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, this special day reminds us that every Catholic is called to share in the Church’s mission.

There will be a second collection for Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission. Our prayers and generosity will help missionaries and local Churches serving communities affected by poverty, conflict and hardship around the world.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support. Together, we can help bring the hope and love of Christ to those who need it most.

• **OCTOBER – A Month of the Holy Rosary and Mission**

Throughout October, the Church invites us in a special way to rediscover the beauty of the Holy Rosary and to remember in our prayers the mission of the Church and missionaries throughout the world. The Rosary is a simple but powerful prayer which, with Mary, leads us closer to Jesus. During this missionary month, let us also pray for all those who dedicate their lives to bringing the Gospel to others, especially in places of poverty, conflict and hardship.

In our parish, we pray the Rosary together from Tuesday to Saturday after Mass, and on Sunday before Mass. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

May this month help us to pray with Mary, grow closer to Christ, and become missionaries of His love in our own daily lives.

• **St John Vianney, Clayhall – 60th Anniversary Celebration**

Our friends at St John Vianney Parish, Clayhall, warmly invite us to join them for a special Dinner & Dance on Saturday, 17th October 2026, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the opening of their church.

The celebration will take place at the London Chigwell Prince Regent Hotel, Manor Road, Woodford Green IG8 8AE, beginning at 5.00pm, with dinner served at 6.00pm, and concluding at midnight. Tickets: £55 adults | £25 children under 12

For tickets, please contact Francis: 07950 657777 | faddai@btinternet.com

We warmly congratulate the parish community of St John Vianney on this joyful anniversary and wish them every blessing for the years ahead!