

Mass times and intentions: 24th October – 01st November 2026

Saturday	24	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	25	11.30 – Joan Eadon – anniversary
Monday	26	NO MASS
Tuesday	27	Feria of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Francesco RIP
Wednesday	28	Ss Simon and Jude 10.00 – Esther Olusanya – birthday
Thursday	29	Feria of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Laura Rob Hatt – intentions
Friday	30	Feria of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time 10.00 – Dolores Masterson – intentions
Saturday	31	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary 10.00 – Anton and Nila – intentions
		ALL SAINTS 18.00 – The People of the Parish
Sunday	01	11.30 – Silveen Bakose Pritchard 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: 261

Offertory Collection last weekend: £ 463.27

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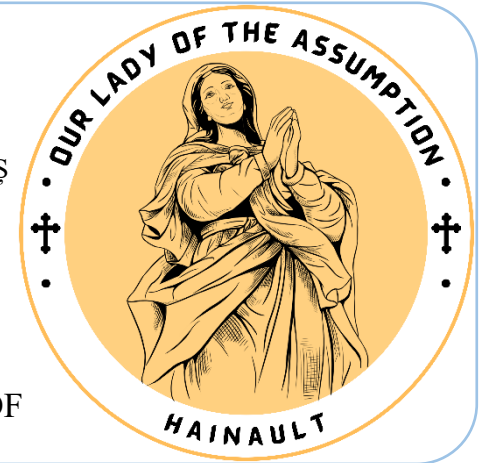
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 25th October 2026

Hymn Book numbers for Sunday Mass

738 - Thou whose almighty Word (v. 1, 3, 4)

Responsorial Psalm: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

71 - Be still and know that I am God

280 - I received the lining God

4 - A new commandment I give unto you

478 - Make me a channel of your peace

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel, a lawyer comes to Jesus and asks Him a question: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" Jesus answers: "***You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.***" And immediately He adds: "***You shall love your neighbour as yourself.***"

Two commandments. One simple word: **love.**

And yet, perhaps this is one of the most difficult things Jesus asks of us. Because it is easy to talk about love. It is easy to say, "I love you." But it is much harder to love when we are tired, when someone upsets us, when we feel misunderstood, or when someone hurts us. And perhaps this is where today's Gospel begins to challenge us.

Love is not measured only by what we say, but above all by what we do.

We can come to church every Sunday. We can say beautiful prayers. We can know many things about God. But what happens when we go home?

How do we speak to our husband or wife? How patient are we with our children? How do we treat our parents, especially as they grow older and need more of our attention? How do we react when someone disappoints us?

Because our love for God must be visible in the way we treat the people He places in our lives.

Pope Benedict XVI reminded us in his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* that love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. We cannot claim to love the God we cannot see if we refuse to love the people we can see.

And perhaps we should stop here for a moment. Maybe there is someone in our lives whom we find difficult to love. Perhaps a family member we no longer speak to. A neighbour who annoys us. A colleague who has treated us unfairly. Or someone who has deeply hurt or disappointed us.

Jesus does not ask us to agree with everything others do. He does not ask us to accept wrongdoing or allow ourselves to be hurt again and again. But He does ask us not to allow hatred to take root in our hearts.

Sometimes love means taking the first step towards reconciliation. Sometimes it means refusing to answer anger with anger. And sometimes it simply means praying for someone we are not yet able to forgive. These things are not easy. But they are small steps through which love begins to grow.

And there is something else worth remembering. Jesus tells us to love our neighbour as ourselves. Perhaps sometimes we forget this part.

There are people who take care of everyone else but forget to take care of themselves. People who work until they are exhausted, who carry so many worries, and who judge themselves harshly for every mistake.

But you too are loved by God. You too need rest, forgiveness, peace, and a little kindness towards yourself. You do not have to be perfect to be loved by God. He loves you when you are tired, when you make mistakes, and when you do not know which way to turn. And His love teaches us, little by little, how to love others.

Dear brothers and sisters, during this coming week, I would like us to try three very simple things. First, give God a few minutes of sincere prayer each day. Second, do one small act of kindness for someone who needs you. And third, try to be a little more patient with someone you find difficult to love.

Perhaps we will not always succeed. Perhaps we will make mistakes again. Perhaps there will be days when loving others seems too difficult. But let us not lose heart. God does not expect us to become saints in a single day. He invites us to learn to love, little by little, with the help of His grace.

And perhaps, at the end of each day, instead of asking ourselves only how much we have achieved, we could ask one simple question: “Have I made someone’s life a little better today?”

Because, in the end, this is the beauty of Christian life: receiving God’s love and sharing it with others. And if one day we fail to love as we should, let us remember that God never stops loving us. He remains close to us, lifts us up, and gently teaches us to begin again. And wherever there is even one small act of genuine love, God is already present.

Amen.

• **ALL SAINTS' DAY – SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER**

Next Sunday, 1st November, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a beautiful occasion to honour all those who have reached the joy of heaven, both the saints we know by name and the countless others known only to God.

This solemnity reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a few, but is a calling for every one of us. Through simple acts of love, kindness, forgiveness and faithfulness in our daily lives, we too are invited to follow the path of holiness.

May the example and prayers of all the saints inspire us to grow closer to Christ and to live each day with greater love, faith and hope.

• **NOVEMBER – A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

November is a special month in the life of the Church, a sacred time to remember with love and gratitude our parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, and all those who have gone before us. We pray for our departed loved ones throughout the year, but during this month we are especially invited to remember them with renewed faith and hope in the Resurrection.

Throughout November, you are warmly invited to write the names of your departed loved ones on a piece of paper and place them in the box provided before the altar. You are also welcome, if you wish, to make a small voluntary offering in their memory, as a gesture of love, remembrance and charity.

Each day, Eucharistic Adoration and the Holy Rosary will be offered for the souls of the faithful departed. Let us unite in prayer, entrusting our loved ones to God's infinite mercy and asking Him to welcome them into His eternal peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.