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27th & 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5th October & Sunday 12th October 2025 – Pages 146 & 149

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to trust God, even when life feels unfair or unclear. The readings speak of faith that waits with hope, worship that listens, and service that does what is needed. Each passage points to a life that relies on God, not on our own strength. Habakkuk cries out over the violence he sees, but God tells him to wait for His plan. The psalm invites us to worship with open hearts and to listen to the Lord, unlike those who doubted in the desert. Paul encourages Timothy to stay strong in his mission. Jesus teaches that even the smallest faith can do great things.

This Sunday calls us to keep faith alive and active. It is a reminder that faith grows when we trust God and serve Him with simple obedience. The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to live each day in hope, love, and quiet faithfulness.

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to notice God's blessings. It calls us to give thanks for what He has done. The readings show healing, mercy, and the gift of faith. They help us see that faith grows stronger when we trust God and give Him praise.

Naaman is healed after listening to the prophet Elisha. He chooses to follow the God of Israel. In the Gospel, ten lepers are healed, but only one comes back to thank Jesus. This man, a Samaritan, shows true faith by giving thanks.

These stories remind us that faith is not just believing. It is also saying thank you to God. On the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are invited to look at our own lives. We can ask if we thank God enough for His care and love.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest: Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [//cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. **There is a second collection today for CAFOD Family Fast day.**

PARISH HALL: We are pleased to advise that the work on the Parish Hall is basically complete now. They are a few snagging issues to be resolved but otherwise all is good. Those groups who use the Parish Hall will now be able to recommence their activities. Furthermore, Fr Mark would like to thank all those who helped to get this project done (both in the school and parish), a project that was clearly long overdue. We hope that everyone will be pleased with the end result, and at one of the Coffee mornings after the 9.30am Sunday Mass, Fr Mark will pray for God's blessing upon it.

ROME/ ASSISI PILGRIMAGE: The dates for the proposed Rome/Assisi Pilgrimage for next year do not seem to be working for people, so we are going to look at some alternative dates in October 2026 instead.

PHOTOS OF DECEASED LOVED ONES: The month Of November is not far away, and during this month when we remember our dead, we invite you to bring a photo of your loved ones who have died, so that we can put up them in either the Lady chapel or Sacred Heart chapel as a way of remembering them. Perhaps avoid bringing your best photographs as we are likely to put them up using *BluTack* or something similar.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS: Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 24th May 2026 (Pentecost Sunday). With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time.

CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 FROM SEPTEMBER: The parents of Year 5 children who are applying for Secondary Schools next year (October 2026) are invited to enrol for the Year 5 Mass attendance register which will begin the weekend of 18th/19th October. The register facilitates a fair approach to the signing of Certificates of Practice which confirm that a family is coming to Mass each Sunday/or Saturday night in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of the enrolment this year, we ask you to email us the following details – child's name, parents' names, contact number, photo of Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates no later than Monday 13th October. For the sake of transparency, the register itself will be strictly applied. More information will be supplied once families have enrolled.

BRING&BUY SALE POSTPONED: we apologize for any inconvenience caused but the Bring & Buy sale has been postponed until further notice.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: +44 7887 296 983

SAFEGUARDING: If you have received a reference form from someone who wishes to volunteer for a role in the parish could you please fill it in and return to Donna Coy **ASAP**. Clubs and other activities will be starting soon, and it is imperative that we have up to date references for those who will be helping to look after our children. Thank you.

ARCHSBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO: Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Archbishop John has made a special study of St Oscar Romero, and it is a great honour and privilege to invite him to our Cathedral Parish and Diocese for this talk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially:

Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Paul Hiscock, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill, Paul & Margaret Lodge, Patricia Magson nee Shanahan, Lyndsey McCauley, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Eleanor O'Connell, Baby Shae Christy O'Donoghue, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul & Jill Ridley & Anne Sullivan.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	4 th October	6.30pm	Marie Coughlan RIP
Sunday 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5 th October	8.00am	Grant Cambridge RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Chris Murphy RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	6 th October	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family Norie Donovan Int
Tuesday Our Lady of the Rosary	7 th October	9.15am	Mary Magdelene RIP
Wednesday St Osyth, Rel	8 th October	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Patrick Terrance O'Shea RIP
Thursday St John Henry Newman, Pr	9 th October	9.15am	Micheal Bowes RIP
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	10 th October	9.15am	John Gormily RIP

Saturday In honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	11 th October	9.15am	Nora Maguire RIP
		9.45 – 11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Dec'd members of the Camilleri Family, & Alfred Farrugia RIP

Sunday 28 th Sunday in ordinary time	12 th October	8.00am	All Parishioners
		9.30am	Pat Fells RIP
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction
Monday	13 th October	9.15am	Deceased members of the Lenehan Family, Norie, Marion & David Donavan Int
Tuesday	14 th October	9.15am	Olatunde Onyeacholam RIP
		7.30pm	Elizabeth Browne RIP
Wednesday St Teresa of Jesus, V,D	15 th October	7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Marie Tweedie RIP
Thursday	16 th October	9.15am	Micheal Maguire & family Int
		9.45-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp,M	17 th October	9.15am	Sister Mary Magdalene OSC
		10.30am	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Elizabeth Browne
Saturday St Luke, Ev Vigil Mass	18 th October	9.15am	Maria & David Judge RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30-6pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		6.30pm	Oliver Mee RIP
Sunday 29 th Sunday in ordinary time	19 th October	8.00am	Michael & Maureen Harrington RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Eamon Commings RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

HOSPITAL: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass. Also, there is Adoration from 8.15am – 8.45am on Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:

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