



"Charity is the soul of faith, makes it alive; without love, faith dies." St. Anthony of Padua

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Catholic Parish

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second collection for CAFOD Fast Day

Saturday 4th October—**Memorial of St Francis of Assisi**

6.00pm Holy Mass—**Hilda & Patrick Tierney RIP: Deceased Members of the Ward & Dalton Families**

Sunday 5th October

7.30am Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

10am Holy Mass—**Thanksgiving, Birthday of Granddaughter Shantelle**

Monday 6th October—**Feria in Ordinary Time**

No Mass

Tuesday 7th October—**Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Perpetual Novena St Anthony of Padua

9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10 am Holy Mass

Wednesday 8th October—**Feria in Ordinary Time**

9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10 am Holy Mass

Thursday 9th October—**Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest**

9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10 am Holy Mass

Friday 10th October—**Feria in Ordinary Time**

9.30 am Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary 10 am Holy Mass

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11th October—**Feria in Ordinary Time**

6.00pm Holy Mass

Sunday 12th October

7.30am Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

10am Holy Mass—**Mum's birthday from Mary, Ant, Stu and Andover family**

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Parish Finance SO Sept £591.70		Father Hudson's £153.00	Thank you for your donations
Gift Aid	£115.00	Retiring collection CAFOD Fast Day this weekend	
Cash	£279.65	50/50 Club Draw after Sunday Mass	
Total	£394.65		

Please pray for the sick and those who care for them especially Chris & Mary Scott, David Walsh, Trevor Quinton, Margaret Smith, Harminder Luis, Martyn Davies, Mary Therese Richard, Doris McShane, Maura Gallagher, Carole Mountford, Mary Doll Gallagher, Robert and Eileen Palmer, Ann O'Rourke, Margaret Clemson, Maureen Tannian.
Names may be added to the list with the consent of the person concerned

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joseph Thomson, Mary Smith, Rosa Abruzzese, Emily Broome, Hilda Tierney, John Waeker, Doreen Corless, James O'Rourke, Florence Straton, Emily Lambeth, Louisa King, Nellie Hutnik, Mary O'Connor, Angela Head, John Creaven, Mary Mulrennau, Geoffery Wylde, Michael Cannon, George Scott, Christopher Handley, Joseph Flynn, Clive Rudge, Joyce Marsh

Rota	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
Sat	Phil Y	Marlene	
Sun	Sue	Anne	Liz, Kath, Anne
Sat (Next weekend)	Gemma	Richard	
Sun	Robert	Dieudonne	Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna

We urgently need more Foundation Directors and Governors to help guide our schools and keep Christ at the heart of their mission. This is not simply an administrative role, it is a true vocation and a way to serve Christ and His Church. If you are a practicing Catholic, committed to our mission, and willing to share your time, skills, and faith, you can make a lasting difference for thousands of children and young people. No prior experience is required as full training and support are given.

Please speak to your Parish Priest or visit the Diocesan Education Service's website for further details: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/could-you-be-a-foundation-governor-or-director-at-your-local-catholic-school> and <https://www.bdes.org.uk/governor-online-application-forms.html> to complete an online application form.

NEEDED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN. Did you know there is a rota for people to help clean our Church? But there is a need for more people (**men and women**) to join us.

If you feel you have some spare time (to suit you), and would like to help, you could join with a current group or could make a group up with family or friends.

COME AND TALK TO SOME MEMBERS OF THE CLEANING TEAM, who will be in the Church Entrance at Saturday Evening Mass or Sunday Morning Mass and put your name on the list. Thank you.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick

The SVP will be holding their annual Mass of Anointing on Saturday 11th October at 12noon in the Church of St. Michael in Penn. All are welcome to attend this Mass.

Those among you who are unwell, elderly or housebound are invited to receive the Sacrament during this Mass. There will be light refreshments after Mass in the parish hall. If you'd like to attend but lack transportation then please get in touch either by Telephone 07868677863 or Email: secretaryF201402@svp.org.uk

Preparation for 1st Holy Communion 2026

Any children aged 8 or above who are not attending a Catholic school and wish to make their 1st Holy Communion in 2026, please make themselves known to Martyn or Fr George.

First reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, explained: Habakkuk was a minor prophet who lived during the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and encouraged his fellow Jews to retain their Faith during this disaster. He interprets Faith as a persistent confidence in God's saving power. The first two chapters of the Book of Habakkuk are in the form of a dialogue between the prophet and God. The prophet repeatedly complains, and the Lord answers each time. Around 600 BC, God's people had been unfaithful, and, as a deserved punishment for their sins, God permitted a pagan nation, Babylon, to invade Jerusalem. What distressed the prophet was that Judah's punishment came at the hands of brutal pagans who were overly aggressive. It looked as if bad were being punished by worse. To Habakkuk, it seemed that the Lord God was strengthening the arm of injustice in not punishing the excesses of His people's enemy. He saw this as unworthy of God's holiness and justice. Hence, the prophet cried out to God, *"How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen? I cry out to you, 'Violence!'—Yet you do not save."* But God told His prophet to trust in Him, to persevere, and to be patient, because He was aware of both the goodness of the good people and the evil they fought against. The reading concludes with the positive answer from God: *"The just man, because of Faith, shall live"* [Hb 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38]. This means that that the righteous, or just, one is steadfast in faithfulness, even in the midst of violence and destruction, and this faithfulness assures life. Faith here is not simply one's assent to a series of doctrines, but includes trust and righteous living, with a steadfast expectation of release in the face of suffering and delay. The just man lives because he keeps his relationship with God. The word "Faith" (*emunah*) used here refers to a living Faith, a Faith expressed in actions, a Faith with works (Jas 2:17, 26). Therefore, it can only be concluded that Faith without works is indeed dead. *"Faith is compounded of belief and love as well as of trust and confidence amid trials and tribulations"* (The Jerome Biblical Commentary, page 297, # 39, 4b).