



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

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Twenty-Eighth 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:

Thanksgiving Morico Family

Monday 13th October—Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 14th October—Feria in Ordinary Time

Perpetual Novena St Anthony of Padua

No Mass

Wednesday 15th October—Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

No Mass

Thursday 16th October—Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Friday 17th October—Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

No Mass

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Second Collection Missio

Saturday 18th October—Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

6.00pm Holy Mass

Sunday 19th October

7.30am Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)

10am Holy Mass—Good Health Rourick Gama

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Parish Finance SO Sept £591.70		CAFOD £354.60 Thank you for your donations
Gift Aid	£190.00	50/50 Club Draw could not be drawn last weekend it will be drawn after Sunday Mass
Cash	£139.90	
Total	£329.90	

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:

Dorothy Pinder, James Harty, Michael Ryan, Mary Evans, Bernard Downey, Hilda Williams, Jessie Smith, Giovanni Mougovi, Brenda McArthur, Ray Smith, Roger Rotton, Katherine Harrison, Katherine Colley, Clinton Moore, Colin Leary, Charles Galyas.

Rota	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
Sat	Gemma	Richard	
Sun	Robert	Dieudonne	Anne, Wendy, Marie, Donna
Sat (Next weekend)	Lewis	Martyn	
Sun	Phil C	Debra	Liz, Gail, Wendy

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.

Proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission Second collection 18th/19th October

Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.

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. Forms are available.

First reading (2 Kings 5:14-17) explained: The narrator describes a vivid expression of thanksgiving (*hodah*) made by the pagan Naaman, the army commander of the King of Aram, (in present-day Syria; its capital was Damascus), at his healing from leprosy through the power of Yahweh. When the prophet Elisha refused to accept Naaman's costly gifts as reward for the healing, the grateful Naaman asked the prophet's permission to take two mule-loads of earth with him from Yahweh's land of Israel, so that when he got back to Damascus, he could place an altar for Yahweh on the soil, and so pray to Yahweh on the soil of Israel. Most people at that time had a crude, physical and territorial notion of Divinity. It was just understood that one god governed the land of Aram, and another god held sway over the territory of Israel, and so on. If one wanted to worship the God of Israel in another country, one had to take some of Israel's soil with one, dump it on the ground in the other country and stand on it. That way, one would "be in Israel," and so could worship Israel's God. The grateful Naaman who had come to Faith in the Lord God through this miracle worked to heal him of leprosy, promised that he would accept Yahweh as his only God and would now offer private holocausts to Him alone, [though, as he explained to Elisha, the Prophet, he would have to continue his mandatory attendance at pagan ceremonies because of his position in the King's court; the prophet Elisha agreed and dismissed him in peace (2 Kgs 5:18-19)]