



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th October 2025

The Holy Rosary

October is the month in which Mary Most Holy, Queen of the Holy Rosary is venerated. -We cannot forget that Jews, Christians and Muslims adore God as the only God. The three major religions, therefore, have the vocation of unity and peace. We are called to be agents of peace to the world. At its heart the rosary brings peace, inner peace and universal peace. Pope Saint John Paul II spoke about Mary's intercession in such a way. "May the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, intercede for all humanity, so that hate and death never have the last word!" Our Lady of the Rosary, inspires us to rediscover this traditional prayer, so simple yet so profound.

What is the Rosary? The Rosary is a way of contemplating the *face of Christ* seeing him - we may say - *with the eyes of Mary*. For this reason, it is a prayer that drawing upon the core of the Gospel. The rosary is a method of prayer that combines mental prayer and vocal prayer. It is a way praying whether alone or together with others. The rosary focuses on events in the lives of Jesus and his mother Mary. We refer to these events as mysteries. The practice of praying the rosary with beads dates back to the 12th century, when Mary appeared to St Dominic. Rosary beads make it easy for a person to count the different prayers without distraction.

The first "Hail Mary" comes from the Gospel of Luke which records the angel Gabriel saying. "**Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you**" (Lk 1:28) The prayer of the Rosary fills a person with inner peace. We are invited by the church to meditate often on the mysteries of Jesus' life, through the eyes of Mary. Why not try it this October. *Fr Denis*

Scripture Reflection

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul, We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave himself on the Cross for us. The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear

or intervene when we cry for help. We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people. He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone.

Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfilment. For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

Saint Francis Of Assisi

Francis was born in 1181 into a wealthy family in Assisi. His father was a silk merchant, and as a youth he dressed in fine clothes and spent lavishly. He was a soldier and prisoner of war before he experienced a conversion in his early 20s. After selling his property he gave the proceeds to the church and began a life of poverty. He soon attracted followers, whom he sent to preach throughout Europe, and founded the Franciscan order. The Rule of St. Francis stressed the need to imitate the life of Jesus. Francis viewed all nature as a mirror of God, calling all creatures his brothers and sisters. He allowed formation of an order for women, called the Poor Clares. In 1219 he went to Egypt, preached to the sultan, and visited the holy places of Jerusalem. In 1224, after a vision, he became the first person to receive the stigmata. He is one of the most venerated of saints and the patron saint of Italy.

Sunday Reading: Parish Mass Page 146

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

The envelopes will be collected after each Mass this weekend. Spare envelopes are still available at the back of the church if you wish to donate. Alternatively, please donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or use the QR code. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year.



World Mission Sunday is on Sunday 19th October. There will be a short presentation and collection for this important cause at all weekend Masses.

Young@❤️ Our next coffee morning will be held on Thursday 23rd October after the 10am mass & blessing of the sick. We provide the tea & cake, so you can come along for the chat. Cake donations also welcome. See you there.

2025 Parish Dates for your Diary

Saturday 18th, 25th October, 1st November - Baptism Preparation Course: 11am-12pm in the Parish Rooms.

Sunday 19th October - First Holy Communion Welcome Meeting for the children and their parents: After the 10.30am Mass in Church.

Thursday 23rd October - Young @❤️: At the 10am Mass.

Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November - Cakes 4R Church. More details to follow.

Sunday 7th December - Confirmation Meeting for young people (in Yr9 or 10) and their parents: After the 10.30am Mass in Church.

Please speak to Fr. Denis if you have any questions regarding these events.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish, especially Tara Ferrissey, Sally-Ann Riegel and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Camilla McCallion, John Chujecki, Margaret Holmes Walker, Jean Barkley, Andrew Kane, Cornelius Morrissey, Joy Smith, Annie Madden, Karoly Hugyecsz, Margaret Barrett, Barbara Gunn, Elizabeth Arnold, Sr John Ryan.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 4 th	6.30pm	Angelo- 3 rd Birthday
Sun 5 th	8.30am 10.30am	Froilan & Vincent Hulganga - RIP Claudia Pater - RIP
Mon 6 th	No Mass	
Tue 7 th	No Mass	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wed 8 th	No Mass	
Thu 9 th	No Mass	Saint John Henry Newman
Fri 10 th	No Mass	

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury.**

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Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

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