



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



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## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Hope From On High

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death. By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies Red Sea and brought water from the Rock.

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God.

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

**Missio Red Box Scheme**- Could red box holders please leave their boxes on the back table of the church. Many thanks.

## Today is World Mission Sunday

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Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio - the Pope's charity for world mission - we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need.

### Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends

Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm

November is the month of Holy Souls, when we pray for our deceased loved ones. In the church we have our book of remembrance, in which we place the names of our family and friends who need our prayers. Following on from our service of the Blessing of the Graves in August, we will celebrate with a special Mass in November. Do come and join us and if you know of anyone who has lost a loved one and would like to join us please do invite them to this Mass.

### Gift Aid

Please don't forget that, if you are a tax payer, you can increase the value of your donation through 'Gift Aid'. As an example, a basic rate tax payer donating £100 to the parish could actually be donating £125. How? By completing a Gift Aid declaration allowing the parish to claim the basic rate tax on every £ donated. Pick up a form at the back of the church. Many thanks

### 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.

**Sunday Reading: Parish Mass Page 152**

**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.

**Kid's Night of Light Party - Fri 31st Oct, 4-6pm**

Children are invited to join us for a positive alternative to Halloween, starting with a kid friendly and interactive Holy Hour (feel free to bring colouring/journal/Christian books/fidgets), followed by refreshments, crafts and sparklers! Teens are very welcome too. Parents to please stay. If you'd like to help, email [n.mbeutcha@gmail.com](mailto:n.mbeutcha@gmail.com)

**Volunteers Needed** On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10am, we need help to remove the plastic covers from old Mass Book and to cover our new Mass Books in preparation for the beginning of Advent. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you are able to help please let Fr. Denis know.

**2025 Parish Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November - Baptism Preparation Course:** 11am-12pm in the Parish Rooms.

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Young @❤:** At the 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Mass for Deceased Relatives and Friends:** 7.30pm

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Cakes 4R Church.** More details to follow.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Sally-Ann Riegel and Kay McKenna and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

*Adam Taylor, Ronald Broadbent, Mary Chadwick, Phyllis Hardcastle, Rose Pike, Terence Patrick Concannon, Henry Bartram, Michael Armstrong, Rose Holloway.*

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	<b>Nora McComish (RIP) &amp; Julie Ashton</b>
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	<b>Sisters of Providence at Baldock</b>
	10.30am	<b>Claudia Pater - RIP</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	<b>Richard Valance - RIP</b>
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	

*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.**

**Contacts**

**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](mailto:enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk)

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