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

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Twenty Nine Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th October 2026

World Mission Sunday

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 100th WORLD MISSION DAY 2026 18 October 2026
One in Christ, united in mission

For World Mission Day 2026, which marks the centenary of a celebration established by Pius XI that is very dear to the Church, I have chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission'. Following the Jubilee Year, I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust. As we reflect on being one in Christ and united in mission, let us allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, 'to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation' and advance together in the commitment to evangelisation, in this 'new missionary age' in the history of the Church…

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: 'So that the world may believe that you have sent me' (John 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power…
If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. The Good News that we are sent to proclaim to the world is not an abstract ideal; it is the Gospel of God's faithful love, which became flesh in the face and life of Jesus Christ. This weekend there will be a collection for World Mission Sunday.

Gift Aid-

Thank you all for your continuing generosity and continuing support.



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 Spiritans Mission Appeal Collection

On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), I offer our sincere thanks for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our recent Mission Appeal. With gratitude, we received **£516.34** from your parish. This amount will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, and to respond to their cries for help.

CHURCH FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need more people to join the flower arranging team as at the moment we are a very small group. If we have a few more volunteers it would mean that we would be able to keep our church looking beautiful all the time. The commitment would be **one hour or so every five or six weeks**. You might like to work with a friend as a pair, which would make the job quicker. If you would like to help please contact Veronica on 01462 892640 or email: Baldock@rcdow.org.uk



This Sunday, Jack Philbin, is running the Amsterdam marathon to help support the St. John's School Baldock Parents Association! The money raised will help provide play equipment & storage facilities, essential for the growth of the school's new Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) initiative.

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2026 Parish Dates for your Diary

All Souls Day 2nd November 7.30pm:

November is the month of Holy Souls, when we pray for our deceased loved ones and those who we remember in our book of remembrance, in which we place the names of our family and friends who need our prayers.
As we have our service of blessing the graves in August, I thought that it might be a nice idea to celebrate a special mass in November this year. 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 the Mass.

Confirmation 2026-2027

If you are in year 9 or 10, please consider if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish. The first meeting will take place in December 2026. Subsequent meetings will then take place on a Saturday evening before Mass.

RCIA 2026 – 2027

Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. The course consists of regular weekly meetings in the Holy Family room; the first meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm, if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127.

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers Day

There is a change of date for this day; it will now take place on Saturday 7th November from 10am till 12.30pm, followed by lunch.

Celebrating 50 Years of the New Parish Church. Sunday 13th December.

The Archbishop of Westminster Richard Moth, will celebrate Mass with us and bless the foundation stone as we celebrate fifty years of the new church built here in Baldock.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish; *and* for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently; especially Keith Britter, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rose Holloway, Louise Burke, John Brennan, Eileen Copps, Alfred Field, Ronald Bromage, Adelina Molloy, Michael Fitzgerald, Margaret Speck, Arthur Joseph Wilkinson, Michael Windebank and Christopher Windebank.

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parish.rcdow.org.uk/baldock and click on 'Subscribe to Alerts' at the bottom of the page.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 17th	6.30pm	Gordon Wyld RIP
Sun 18th	8.30am 10.30am	Keith Britter RIP Andy Lewis & Emma Owen
Mon 19th	10.00am	Margert – Happy Birthday
Tue 20th	10.00am	Angelo Mbetutcha 4th Birthday
Wed 21th	10.00am	Emma Targett RIP
Thu 22nd	10.00am	Anne Anthony
Fri 23rd	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***.

GLUTEN FREE ALTAR BREADS.

Are you aware that we have gluten free altar breads? If required please make yourself known to Father Denis before each Mass that you attend.

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:
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