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**Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm**  
**Evening Mass Thursday 6pm**  
**Sat 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025**



“One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back.” Luke 17:15

The **Solemnity of St Charles Borromeo** will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 9th November. There will be a ‘bring and share lunch’ after the 11am Mass. You are all very welcome to join our celebration of the Titular Saint of our parish and to bring some food and drink to share. Make sure to save the date!

12th October is **Prisoners’ Sunday**. We shall remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. There will be a second collection to support the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) which is the national Catholic charity working to support prisoners and their families in England and Wales. PACT gives prisoners and their families HOPE and a better chance of doing well in the future. Please consider making a donation at the retiring collection or through this QR code. Thank you for helping to give people a fresh start.



Thank you very much for your contribution last week to the **CAFOD** collection for the Harvest Fast Day. You donated £ 179.43. Well done!

*“It is foolish to think that we will enter heaven without entering into ourselves.”— St Teresa of Avila*

Saturday, 11 October 2025. A day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land.

**Music in St Charles Borromeo**

Join our WhatsApp group to find videos and music for the hymns to be sung the following Sunday.



**Mass Schedule**

Sat 11th October	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate Beatriz Tarragona—wellbeing
Sun 12th October	9am Valentina Zakusilo INT
Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year C	11am Pro Populo
Mon 13th October	7am P Watson & S Johnson & B. Kelly Wellbeing.
St Edward the Confessor	
Tue 14th October	12:30pm Franca Capua RIP
Wed 15th October	12:30pm Amodio Falato RIP
St Teresa of Avila	
Thu 16th October	12:30pm Paulo Zakusilo RIP
St Margaret Mary Alacoque	6pm Michael Hibberd RIP
Fri 17th October	12:30pm Beatrice Ogunnupebi RIP
St Ignatius of Antioch	

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH**



**Every Monday and Thursday at 8pm in the crypt. Everyone is welcome!**

Our parish recently underwent an internal audit conducted by the Diocese, resulting in a compliance score of 89%. We thank our bookkeeper for helping us achieve this excellent result and are committed to implementing the recommendations provided.

# The daughter of hope



*Beloved,*

Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda entered the Convent of the Incarnation in Avila in 1535 when she was 20 years old.

For 20 years she persevered in praying without experiencing any particular joy or consolation in prayer. Quite the contrary. She recalled, *"I was more anxious for the hour of prayer to be over than I was to remain there. I don't know what heavy penance I would not have gladly undertaken rather than practise prayer."*

Then one blessed day she at last experienced the power of the love of God entering her soul and her life was changed for ever. She came to see prayer as *"an intimate sharing between friends. It means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything."*

Inspired by this love, she went on to reform the Carmelite Order and to found more than a dozen convents. She travelled, wrote, fought – always to renew, to reform.

She had conquered through patience and in one of her most famous poems exalted this virtue with these words: *"La paciencia todo lo alcanza,"* that is, *"Patience attains all things."*

Patience, that is, *"the ability to wait, or to continue doing something despite difficulties, or to suffer without complaining or becoming annoyed"* is closely linked to hope. The bull proclaiming the Year of Hope says, *"Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation."* (from 'Spes Non Confundit')

St Teresa invites us to 'watch' against impatience and invites us to hope: *"Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end."*

Yes, whenever we are tempted by impatience, we should ask for the grace to pray: *"Hope, O my soul, hope."*

*Fr Oscar*