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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 20th September 2026

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9 Isaiah calls us to repentance, emphasising that God's thoughts and ways are so far above our human ways, especially in God's generous capacity to forgive.

Philippians 1:20c-24. 27a Paul wishes to magnify Christ, stating, 'For me life is Christ, and to die is gain,' while emphasising the need for continued, faithful service.

Matthew 20:1-16 The parable of the landowner highlights God's grace and generosity, challenging our notions of what is fair and proper.

Mass This Week			**Intention**
Saturday 19th	6:00pm		Olavo Nazareth (RIP)
Sunday 20th	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Fr Vitus Adita (Intention)
Tuesday 22nd	6:00pm	Weekday	Josephine Elliott (RIP)
Wednesday 23rd	9:15am	St Pius of Pietrelcina	Spiritual seekers
Thursday 24th	9:15am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Pilgrims
Friday 25th	**8:00am**	Weekday	Rensche Maria Wilson (RIP)

Please note change to usual time.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Students preparing for University

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may usually be celebrated during exposition (5: 30pm Saturday) or by appointment

Please note we intend to livestream the 9am Mass this Sunday.

Mass Offering
This QR code will take you to our parish online donation page.

Please note Mass on Friday 25th will be at 8am

The Weekend of 26th/27th September Harvest Produce Sale: Please bring along any excess from gardens, allotments, baking, jam making, etc etc. to sell in aid of Church Funds. There will also be a second hand book stall, a stall of baby things – or any other stall someone is willing to offer. If you are willing to help organise, set up and so forth please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church.

Open 'Come and See' meeting We will have the first RCIA session of our new cohort of Adults seeking to explore Catholicism, maybe with a possible view towards baptism or reception, confirmation, and communion at 6:30pm on **Tuesday 22nd September** in the Sacristy. Catholics willing to accompany those exploring faith and practice, or wanting to think about their own faith and practice are welcome.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation and RCIA 2027 If you have not yet returned the forms (available in the Sacristy), please ensure that these are returned by **this weekend.**

The first Parents Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be at 7:30pm in the sacristy on **Thursday 8th October**, the first children's workshop on **Saturday 10th** and the first Link mass on **Sunday 11th**.

Confirmation The opening session of our Confirmation programme will be the enrolment Mass at 6:30pm on October 10th. Bp Paul has chosen to come for the Confirmations on **Saturday 22nd May 6:30pm.**

Secondary School Transfer The season is upon us to make choices about the next step for Yr 6 pupils. Several Catholic Schools request that practising Catholics (i.e. those participating at mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation) should present a Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you are eligible for this, or require another form of affidavit for you regular practice, please see Fr Philip after any weekend mass to arrange a short interview with him.

The Saint John Henry Newman School warmly invites parents of year 6 pupils to an Open Evening on ***Thursday 24th September from 5:30pm to 8pm***. Prospectuses and application forms will be available on the evening. The last tour will be at 7pm and the school will close to visitors once the final Headteacher's address starts at 7:30pm. There will be opportunities to view the school the following week.

Save The Date! ***Saturday 3rd October at 7:30pm***
Join us for our Parish Quiz Night in the school hall in collaboration with ourschool. This promises to be an enjoyable evening of fun, friendly competion and community spirit. **Tickets: £12 per person/ Free for Under 14's**

Parish Retreat Day We will be traveling up the A1 to Buckden Towers for a day retreat with a Franciscan Theme. Please sign up on the poster in the Sacristy, both to say you are coming, but also to indicate if you can drive and how many passangers you could give a lift to.

We are actively seeking new volunteers in every area of Church life. This includes: **Musicians** We value the involvement of musicians at all our masses. We thank Caroline Pung who has been playing the organ at the 6:30pm Saturday mass. We are actively seeking someone else to support our singing at that mass and/or the 9am Mass. Don't worry if you are a pianist rather than an organist, or if you can offer an non-keyboard accompaniment. Singers are always welcome to join our choir for the 10:30am Mass on Sundays and major festivals. Indeed it would be good to have musical support at all the weekend masses. Please see Fr Philip if you can help with these or with anything else.

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest
Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

CAFOD envelopes will be available next week, or you can donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**.

Safeguarding All those who volunteer to work with Children, young people and vulnerable adults need to have had a DBS check for the specific role they have in the Church and renew it every three years. If you think you may need a check or a renewal please see Fr Philip and/or Anthony Ogwara (roystonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk)

Praying with the Scriptures Workshop led by Archbishop Richard Moth
Saturday 24th October, 2:00–5:00pm, - Westminster Cathedral Hall, London The Agency for Evangelisation will be hosting a workshop on the prayerful reading of Scripture, with Archbishop Richard Moth, who will lead us deeper into the practice of Lectio Divina. Please find booking details on the poster.

Come & See Vocations Morning – Sat 17th Oct, 10.30-1.30 at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove W52 DY. Could God be calling you? If you have ever wondered whether God might be calling you to serve the Church as a Priest or Permanent Deacon, come and learn more about the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate. Hear from those already serving in their vocations and meet others who are also discerning their vocation. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance: contact Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Ian Edwards Assistant Director, Permanent Diaconate ianedwards@rcdow.org.uk

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for September
For The Care of Water Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.