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Mass this Sunday: Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 4th October 2026

Today's Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7 Isaiah compares Israel to a vineyard which God has prepared but the people have neglected.
Philippians 4:6-9 St Paul encourages us to pray and give thanks to God, who gives us peace of heart.
Matthew 21:33-43 Jesus uses Isaiah's imagery of a vineyard in a parable to the chief priests and elders, but they don't realise it applies to them.

Mass This Week			**Intention**
Saturday 3rd	6:30pm		CAFOD
Sunday 4th	9:00am		For Our Parishioners
	10:30am		Jack Mudd (anniversary)
Tuesday 6th	6:00pm	Weekday	Special Intention (CO)
Wednesday 7th	9:15am	Our Lady of The Rosary	St Dominic's Priory
Thursday 8th	9:15am	Weekday	Fr Thomas Allan (RIP)
Friday 9th	9:15am	Weekday	Holy Family, Gaza

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for Peace
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.

Produce Sale Thank you to everyone who helped with the Harvest Produce Sale last weekend. You raised £408.13 for Church funds. Also everyone seemed to have a good time and there was a lovely social atmosphere. My admiration goes to the creative skills of our community. Thank you.

Our Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7pm in the Sacristy on Wednesday 7th October. The PPC is a body which helps Fr Philip with advice and insight on the life of the parish and our plans. We will be considering our plans for Autumn and Winter, including Advent and Christmas. Anyone is welcome to participate in our discussions.

First Holy Communion 2027 The first parents meeting is on ***Thursday 8th October at 7:30pm*** in the Sacristy. This will be followed by the children's workshop on ***Saturday 10th October 11:30am to 1pm.*** Please ensure you are on time as this will start promptly at 11:30am. The first Link Mass is on ***Sunday 11th October at 10:30am***

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*.** There will be a planning meeting for catechists 7pm Tuesday October 6th in the Presbytery.

RCIA There will be a meeting for adults who wish to explore more about Catholic believing and belonging, but who found a daytime meeting difficult. This will be on Wednesday 14th October at 7pm, probably in the Presbytery. We would very much welcome practising catholics to be part of this process and sharing their experiences and insights.

Secondary School Transfer 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, please see Fr Philip after any weekend mass.

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest 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 are available for donations, or you can donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** or call **0303 303 3030**.

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.

Volunteers *We are actively seeking new volunteers in every area of Church life.* This includes: Musicians, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA Catechists, Readers and many more. Please see Fr Philip if there is something you can help with.

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)

Faith Sharing Group Resource The *We Dare to Love* booklets we ordered have arrived. Please see Fr Philip after any weekend mass to pick up your copy if you requested one.

Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for October *For Mental Health Ministry* Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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? Come and learn more about the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate.. 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

St Mary's University is hosting a conference on AI and Human Flourishing on 26th October, following the publication of Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica humanitas*. Speakers, including Bishop Paul Hendricks, will explore AI, human dignity, ethics, business and the Church's mission.
The conference is open to all. The cost is £25 (free for those connected with St Mary's University), and lunch is included. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
For further details and to sign up, please follow the link below
https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2026/human-flourishing-in-the-age-of-artificial-intelligence

October is the Month of the Rosary

Pope Leo has said:

"The Rosary is one of the most powerful devotions entrusted to us by Our Lady, and in these turbulent times, it remains a sure path to peace, conversion, and deeper love of Christ."

May we all be blessed by joining our prayers with those of our Blessed Mother this month

