

Our Parish Liturgy . . . . .

This Week (28 A)

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DIVINE OFFICE             | WEEK 4                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ENTRANCE HYMN             | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                         |
| PENITENTIAL ACT           | Spoken                                                                                                                                                                            |
| GLORIA                    | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                   |
| FIRST READING             | Isaiah 25:6-10<br><i>'The Lord will make a feast, and he will wipe away tears from all faces.'</i>                                                                                |
| PSALM RESPONSE            | <i>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.</i>                                                                                                         |
| SECOND READING            | Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20<br><i>'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.'</i>                                                                                        |
| GOSPEL ACCLAMATION        | <i>Alleluia, alleluia!</i><br><i>May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia!</i> |
| GOSPEL READING            | Matthew 22:1-14<br><i>'Invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'</i>                                                                                                      |
| PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                         |
| SANCTUS                   | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                   |
| MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION      | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                   |
| GREAT AMEN                | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                   |
| OUR FATHER                | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                   |
| AGNUS DEI                 | 18.00 Spoken<br>09.00 Spoken<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                   |
| COMMUNION ANTIPHON        | <i>The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.</i>                                                                                          |
| THANKSGIVING              | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                                                                                         |

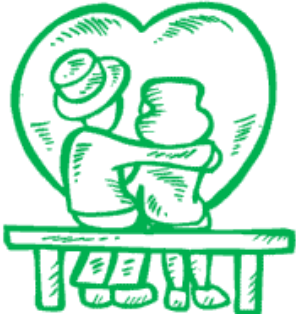
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| RECESSION                                                                                                                                                                    | 18.00 N/A<br>09.00 N/A<br>11.00 Musicians                                                                         |
| Next Week (29 A)                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                   |
| DIVINE OFFICE                                                                                                                                                                | WEEK 1                                                                                                            |
| FIRST READING                                                                                                                                                                | Isaiah 45:1, 4-6<br><i>'I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before him.'</i>                 |
| PSALM RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                               | <i>Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.</i>                                                                       |
| SECOND READING                                                                                                                                                               | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5<br><i>'Remembering your faith, love, and hope.'</i>                                         |
| GOSPEL READING                                                                                                                                                               | Matthew 22:15-21<br><i>'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'</i> |
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MARRIAGE MATTERS

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis offers a profound insight into the joy of Christian marriage and reminds us of its place at the very heart of the Church's life. Christian marriage, he observes, 'is a sign of how much Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses. By becoming one flesh, they embody the espousal of our human nature by the Son of God.'

As we know, the Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another. It is for this reason that these scriptural reflections are offered. They should help enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed each Sunday of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed in the great Sacrament of Marriage.

ADD ANOTHER STITCH



God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

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THIS WEEK:

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mo Mt. 9; Lk. 7  
Tu Mt. 10-11; Lk. 11  
We Mt. 13; Lk. 8  
Th Mk. 4-6  
Fr Mt. 14; Lk. 9

Financial News . . .

Weekend of 04/10/26  
1<sup>st</sup> Plate £ 340:90  
Standing Orders £ 755:00  
Contactless £ 187:00  
1<sup>st</sup> Total £ 1,282:90  
2<sup>nd</sup> £ 249:29  
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Thankyou for your continuing generosity to your Parish.

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection . . .

This Weekend 11/10/26  
PACT (Prisoners Sunday)

Gift Aid Members able to make this collection tax efficient by using PACT's Envelope only.

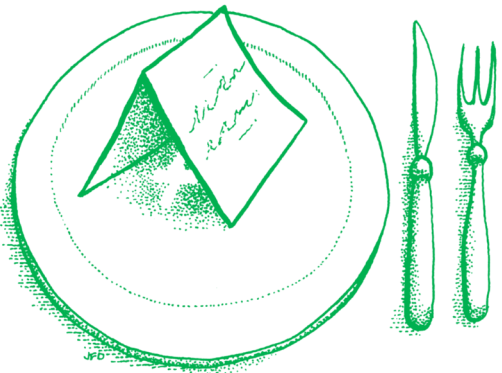
Next Weekend 18/10/26  
Missio (World Missions)

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Bite Size . . .

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Will Rogers

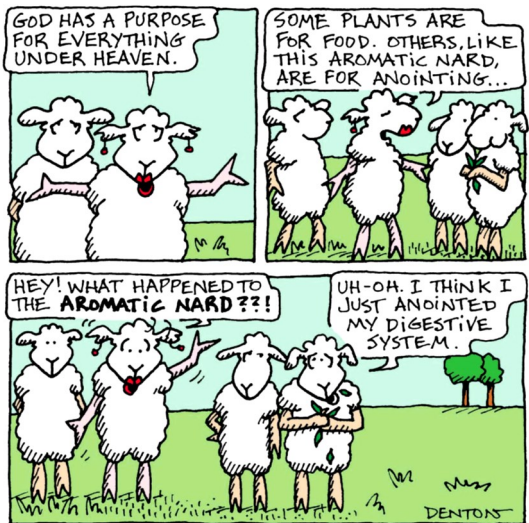


Before Mass - Talk to God During Mass - Listen to God After Mass - Talk to your friends

Matthew's Gospel was written about 50 years after Jesus walked the earth, and it gives us glimpses into the issues of the early Christian community of the day. Jesus' parable of the wedding feast would have helped explain to Matthew's audience the reality that some people accepted Jesus and his message while others did not. God issued invitations to a heavenly banquet through the prophets in the Old Testament (the servants in the parable), but they ignored them. Then God sent Jesus, who again invited people to live in the Reign of God (not just in a distant afterlife, but here and now on earth). Jesus was "mistreated" and "killed" by some of the invited guests (the chief priests and Pharisees).

The reference to the enraged king sending troops, destroying the murderers, and burning their city is probably a reference to the Roman troops who burned down Jerusalem and destroyed the Jewish temple in the year 70 AD, about a decade before Matthew recorded this parable. Matthew, and other early Christians, seemed to interpret this destruction as punishment for Israel rejecting Jesus and his Good News. The ones who accepted a belated invitation to the wedding feast represented those on the margins of Judaism (tax collectors, sinners, prostitutes, etc.) as

well as Gentiles. They became followers and received Jesus with joy and gratitude. The final verses about the wedding guest without the proper garment may have originally been a separate parable. The garment seems to have some symbolism that is lost to us today. We are left with the question of how someone who wasn't expecting an invitation to a wedding banquet would have the proper clothes on in the first place.



"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Sheepish Question:

What grace has God given me this week? What shall I do with it?

Questions of the Week

- 1 What is your first impression of this Gospel passage?
- 2 When have you experienced a joyous coming together of unlikely people responding to something good in life?

## Parish Office . . . . .

**Normal Office Hours :** Monday to Friday 09.30 - 12.30.

**Parish Secretary :** Sarah Cox (01932) 860244  
cobham@abdiocese.org.uk

**Newsletter Editorial :** Items for possible inclusion in the Parish Newsletter (if there is room) need to be received (in writing please) at the Parish Office by midday on Wednesday.

**Gift Aid Organiser :** Dan Meehan (01372) 456416  
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**Safeguarding Rep. :** Mark Hillas 07436 571060  
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## General Parish Information . . . . .

**Parishioner Registration :** Every household within the Parish is requested to complete a 'Parishioner Registration/Census' form so that our Parish records may be kept up to date. These forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and should be completed fully before being returned to the Parish Office.

Should you move address within the Parish at any time please complete a new form and write 'AMENDMENT' across the top of the form. Thank you.

**Hospital :** If you are going into hospital as a 'planned admission' you are strongly encouraged to make contact with Fr Daryl well beforehand so that, if appropriate, the Sacrament of the Sick can be celebrated beforehand.

**Infant Baptism :** Infant Baptisms are intended for the children of practising parishioners only and are celebrated on five occasions during the year after parents and godparents have completed a course of preparation. There can be no celebration without this important course. The dates of the courses for the current year can be found in the application form available from the Parish Office. Baptisms do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Sacramental Preparation :** Notice of the availability of Application Forms for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will be made via the Parish Newsletter between the school Summer Half Term and 31<sup>st</sup> August each year. Possible candidates for Confirmation should respond to the announcements made via the Parish Newsletter at the beginning of the Autumn school term.

Parishioners are advised that it is very difficult to imagine that any family or individual who is not regularly practising the Faith as members of our community could possibly be ready to celebrate a Sacrament of the Church.

**Marriage Preparation :** Marriages are celebrated by appointment with the Parish Priest. It should be remembered that in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton twelve months minimum notice is required before a marriage may take place; this is a requirement of the Church for all marriages that involve a Roman Catholic (even if they are not taking place in the Catholic Church). It is also necessary that one of the parties must have a meaningful connection with the Parish. Marriages do not take place during the seasons of Advent or Lent.

**Parish Car Park :** All Parishioners attending Mass and using our Car Park need to make sure that they have fully completed our 'Parishioner Registration/Census Form' (available from the Parish Office) before using the Car Park; this ensures that your current vehicle registration is lodged in the system. Registering only needs to be done once (unless you change your car or if you use another car in the family that is not registered on the system).

**Important :** if you are not registered on the system and you use the car park you will receive a parking notice. Registered Parishioners and pre-registered visitors are able to park whilst they attend our Masses/liturgies without fear of a charge notice. (Car Park queries - parking@shpcobham.com)

**NOTE :** the Car Park does not use QR codes any found are **scams!**



## Church Mouse (cub reporter). . .

The musings of one of God's smallest creatures on events in and around the Parish over the past seven days . . . .

Well, he has been away on his holiday for a week now, although I have yet to receive a post card . . . . .



Churchmouse

## CHILDREN'S WORD SEARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY YEAR A

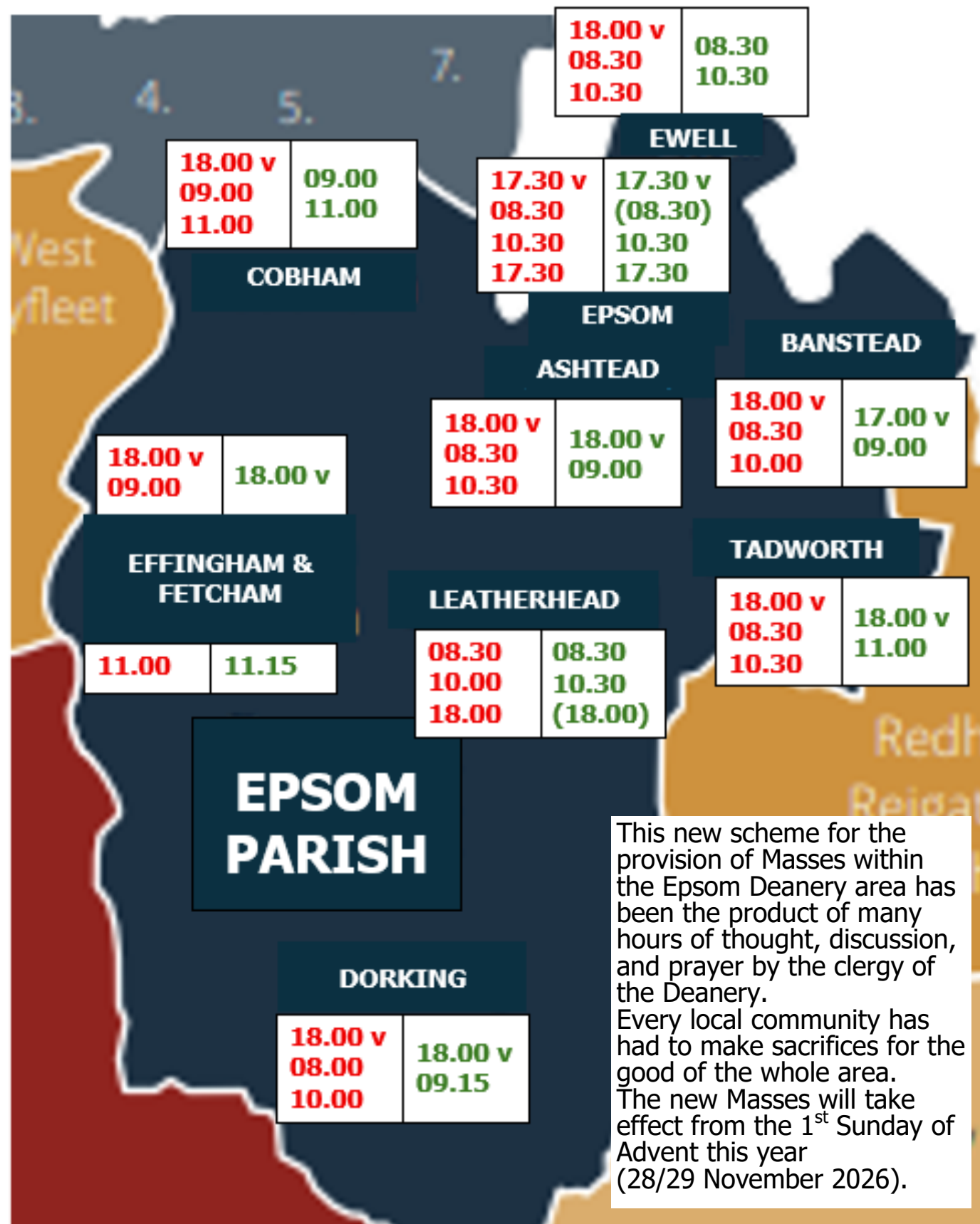
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EPSOM PARISH / DEANERY

Masses (Old & New)



This new scheme for the provision of Masses within the Epsom Deanery area has been the product of many hours of thought, discussion, and prayer by the clergy of the Deanery. Every local community has had to make sacrifices for the good of the whole area. The new Masses will take effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent this year (28/29 November 2026).

| Saturday Vigil | Sunday <u>am</u> Early | Sunday <u>am</u> Late | Sunday Evening | Total   |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| x 6            | x 6 (7)                | x 6                   | x 1 (2)        | 19 (20) |

| Day                                                 | Date                     | Time  | Service / Intention                                      | Donor                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sat.                                                | 10 <sup>th</sup> October |       | St Paulinus of York, Bishop                              |                              |
| PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today  |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
|                                                     |                          | 18.00 |                                                          | Nigel Burdfield †            |
| Sun.                                                | 11 <sup>th</sup> October |       | 28 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A         |                              |
|                                                     |                          | 09.00 |                                                          | Mary Boylan †                |
|                                                     |                          | 11.00 |                                                          | For the Parishioners         |
| Mon.                                                | 12 <sup>th</sup> October |       | St Wilfrid, Bishop (Secondary Diocesan Patron)           |                              |
| No Service Today Mass 09.30 at Effingham            |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
| Tue.                                                | 13 <sup>th</sup> October |       | St Edward the Confessor, King                            |                              |
| PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
|                                                     |                          |       | PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today Mass 09.15 at Effingham   |                              |
|                                                     |                          |       | PLEASE NOTE : No Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Today   |                              |
| Wed.                                                | 14 <sup>th</sup> October |       | Ferial Weekday                                           |                              |
| PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
|                                                     |                          |       | PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today Mass 09.15 at Fetcham     |                              |
| Thu.                                                | 15 <sup>th</sup> October |       | St Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Religious                   |                              |
| PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
|                                                     |                          |       | PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today Mass 09.15 at Effingham   |                              |
| Fri.                                                | 16 <sup>th</sup> October |       | St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Religious (Day of Abstinence) |                              |
| PLEASE NOTE : No Morning Prayer of the Church Today |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
|                                                     |                          |       | PLEASE NOTE : No Service Today Mass 09.30 at Hersham     |                              |
| Sat.                                                | 17 <sup>th</sup> October |       | St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr                  |                              |
| PLEASE NOTE : No Sacrament of Reconciliation Today  |                          |       |                                                          |                              |
|                                                     |                          | 18.00 |                                                          | Rev. Canon Patrick Pearson † |
| Sun.                                                | 18 <sup>th</sup> October |       | 29 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A         |                              |
|                                                     |                          | 09.00 |                                                          | For the Parishioners         |
|                                                     |                          | 11.00 |                                                          | Fred & Betty Wilson †        |
|                                                     |                          |       |                                                          | D. & S. Wilson               |

Mass may be offered for both the living and the dead and also for most other intentions. We do our best to try and accommodate specific dates but this can be especially difficult on weekends and at less than three months notice. 'Mass Intentions' are published in the Parish Newsletter on the weekend before they are celebrated although sometimes a Requiem Mass will 'bump' an intention to a later date.

St Wilfrid . . . . .

Born in 634, St. Wilfrid was educated at Lindesfarne and then spent some time in Lyons and Rome. Returning to England, he was elected abbot of Ripon in 658 and introduced the Roman rules and practices in opposition to the Celtic ways of northern England. In 664, he was the architect of the definitive victory of the Roman party at the Conference of Whitby. Appointed Bishop of York he laboured zealously founding many monasteries of the Benedictine Order, but he was

obliged to appeal to Rome in order to prevent the subdivision of his diocese by St. Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury. While waiting for the case to be decided, he was forced to go into exile, and worked hard and long to evangelize the heathen south Saxons until his recall in 686. In 703, he resigned his post and retired to his monastery at Ripon where he spent his remaining time in prayer and penitential practices, until his death in 709. St Wilfrid was an outstanding personage of

his day, extremely capable, of unbounded courage, remaining firm even though running foul of both civil and ecclesiastical authorities. He helped bring the discipline of the English Church into line with that of Rome. His feast day is October 12<sup>th</sup>.



| DATE / MASS                                     | WELCOME MINISTERS               | READERS       | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  | REPOSITORY AFTER MASS    |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SATURDAY<br/>29 A<br/>17/10/26<br/>18.00</b> | Still Required;<br>please offer | G. Alby       | N/A at present           | P. Hunt<br>A. Essien     |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>29 A<br/>18/10/26<br/>09.00</b>   | Still Required;<br>please offer | D. Meehan     | L. Kolber<br>G. Fisher   | D. Westsmith<br>M. Smyth |
| <b>SUNDAY<br/>29 A<br/>18/10/26<br/>11.00</b>   | Still Required;<br>please offer | C. Hourquebie | J. Vizzini<br>D. Yearley | I. Heims<br>S. Williams  |

**PLEASE REMEMBER :** If you are unable to complete your particular ministry then it is **your responsibility** to arrange cover with another minister. In this way our Sunday Liturgies will run in a smooth and prayerful way.



### OUR PARISH SUPPORTS THE COBHAM AREA FOODBANK

### UPDATED LIST OF WANTED ITEMS



Are you able to help local people in crisis by purchasing items on the list below and placing them in the Foodbank's collection point in the narthex when you come to Mass at the weekend? Thank You!

- |                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ⇒ UHT Fruit Juice         | ⇒ Shaving Foam                    |
| ⇒ UHT Semi-Skimmed Milk   | ⇒ Tinned Meat                     |
| ⇒ Sweet Biscuits          | ⇒ Floor Cleaner                   |
| ⇒ Tinned Soup             | ⇒ Tinned Fish                     |
| ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti Hoops  | ⇒ Tinned Fruit                    |
| ⇒ Savoury Biscuits        | ⇒ Pasta Sauce                     |
| ⇒ Tinned Rice Pudding     | ⇒ Adult Toothbrushes & Toothpaste |
| ⇒ Tinned Custard          | ⇒ Shower Gel                      |
| ⇒ Hair Conditioner        | ⇒ Sanitary Pads                   |
| ⇒ Deodorant (Men & Women) | ⇒ Disposable Razors               |

## Prayers Please . . . . .



### FOR THOSE UNWELL AT THIS TIME:

Maggie Dongray, Tom Delbridge, Jonica Fox, Fiona Frank, Maureen Garner, Celine Gomes, baby Naomi Hunt, Stella Leggett, Nancy Lyall, Michael Nutter, Fr Sebastian Paul, Brenda Parker, Pascal Smyth, Anne Sproul and John Wilkey.

### THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

None

### ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH:

Jemma Williams †  
Carmel Pugh †  
John Burns †  
Michael Walsh †  
Fr John Curtin †  
Fr John Bradley †  
Canon Dermot Fogarty †  
Fr John Horn †  
Archbishop Michael Bowen †

### HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION:

"... 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."

For those who  
are unwell.....

those who have  
died recently....

those whose  
anniversaries  
occur.....

the Holy  
Father's Prayer  
Intention....

### CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OF PRACTICE / CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE AT MASS -

The Diocese has updated its admissions policy so that, if a Catholic school is oversubscribed, Catholic applicants may be ranked using a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice.' These certificates are issued by a Parish



Priest to confirm that a child comes from a Catholic family regularly attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation over a substantial period. Catholic families are encouraged to be actively involved in the life of the Parish as part of their own and their child's faith journey, rather than solely for the purpose of securing a school place.

Therefore those who will be applying for their child to have a place in a Catholic Secondary School in **September 2028** (and beyond) will need to bring along a *passport sized photograph* of their child to obtain a '**Celebrating Attendance at Mass**' card from the Parish Office. To celebrate attendance, these cards will need to be stamped after each Sunday Mass (including

the Saturday Vigil), starting with the Holy Day of All Saints on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, and continuing for one year.

**COBHAM CARE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** - New Drivers Needed. Cobham Care is a local community transport service which is run by volunteers. They give local residents who no longer drive, or who have difficulty using public transport, the independence to attend their medical appointments. You will join an established team of supportive and friendly local volunteers. It is a very rewarding experience knowing the difference you can make to your community. Please call 07913 629926 to find out more.



**NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE DEAD** - Traditionally the month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope . . . for the Lord himself shall come down from heaven . . . and the dead who are in Christ shall rise." The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought "well and religiously concerning the resurrection." It was believed that "they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them" and that "it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins." We know that a defiled soul cannot enter into heaven.

**NOVEMBER BOOK OF THE DEAD** - As usual Parishioners are invited to complete a 'Dead List' (available in the narthex) for any family or friends who have died since last November. These will then be added to our Parish Book of the Dead which will be placed on the sanctuary throughout November. It is customary for these lists to be accompanied by a Mass Intention for the 'Holy Souls' (the diocese has stipulated that the donation for a Holy Souls Mass is £10). Each weekend during November one of our Masses will be celebrated for the Holy Souls.

**NOVEMBER BLESSING OF GRAVES** - Our annual Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 16.00 (Cobham Cemetery) and will be followed by tea and scones in the Parish Centre. Please put the date in your diaries now.

**POPE LEO INVITES ALL TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE DURING OCTOBER** - "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace personally, and in the family," he said. When Fr D returns we will, as usual, pray one decade of the Rosary after our weekday Masses on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Unless there is a requiem being celebrated).

### RETIRING COLLECTIONS:

**PRISONERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES: A FRESH START** - For over fifty years now, the annual Prisons



Week has provided an important focus for Christian communities to pray for the needs of all those affected by prison: prisoners and their families, victims of crime, those working in the criminal justice system, and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons. Prisons week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and talents, in prisons and in their own communities. It also provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind. Our Retiring

Collection this weekend is for the work of P.A.C.T. (Prisons Advice and Care Trust).

**WORLD MISSIONS SUNDAY** - Next weekend our Retiring Collection will be the annual one for the Pope's own missionary society the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (now known as Missio). Last year Missio raised £5.6 million in England and Wales, helped 30,000 of the world's poorest children, and trained 1,751 seminarians on the way to becoming priests.