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 Website at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

Twenty Ninth Sunday **in Ordinary Time**

Sat. 18th Oct. 06:30pm. **Adrian and Julie Cannon (RIP)**
Sun. 19th Oct. 09:30am. **Sarah Moroney (Birthday RIP)**
 11:00am. **Mr Tul Bhahadur & Mrs Pramila Tamang (RIP)**

Mon. 20th Oct. NO MASS
Tues. 21st Oct. 10:00am **Catherine Mackintosh (RIP)**
Wed. 22nd Oct. 10:00am **Eileen Moore (RIP)**
Thur. 23rd Oct. 10:00am **Mrs Santana Predade Rebello (RIP)**
Teresa McHugh (Anniversary RIP)
Fri. 24th Oct. 06.00pm **Holy Hour and Benediction**
 07:00pm. **Ursula Pereira (RIP)**

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 25th Oct. 06:30pm. **Xavier Family (In Thanksgiving)**
Sun. 26th Oct. 09:30am. **Roy & Cathy Hadingham 62nd Wedding Anniversary**
 11:00am. **Forbina Collins (RIP)**

Memorial Service **Sheena De Melo (RIP)**

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of October, that believers of different religious traditions will work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Saints of the Week:



18th St Luke the Evangelist;
21st St Margaret Clitherow;
22nd St Pope John Paul II;
23rd St John Capistrano;
24th St Anthony Claret, Bishop;
25th The Blessed Virgin Mary;
25th 40 Martyrs of England & Wales

Parish Life



Parish Surgery: Parish Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal or personal.

Devotion to our Mother Mary: If you would like the travelling statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to visit your home. Please add your name at the back of the Church.

Offertory Collection

The Offertory on 11/12th October raised £1179.67 for our parish. Money from the candle stands comes to £97.15
 Priests do not earn a salary, all Mass Intention stipends go directly to Father Ben.



Second Collection this weekend is for World Mission Sunday on behalf of Missio. Missionaries of Hope among all peoples. The Pope's charity for world mission bringing compassion, peace and justice to those in need. Place your donation in a red envelope or ask for a box.

National Mass Count at St Cecilia Mass attendance on: 13th/14th September was 497; 20th/21st September 486 27th/28th September 534; 4th/5th October 549

Mass Intentions: Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available in church. Look out for the brown or green envelopes.

Parish Registration: Welcome, if you are new to the parish family at St Cecilia's. Please do register as a member so we know you are here. If you are a long standing parishioner, do your details need updating? The forms for registration are on the table as you enter the double glass doors of the church or ask a fellow parishioner, they will be glad to help. Once completed drop the form into the Presbytery next door. Registration helps with parish communication. All are welcome.

Friday Adoration: Holy Hour and Adoration takes place between 6 and 7 o'clock every Friday evening including devotion to the Divine Mercy. Holy Mass follows immediately after the Holy Hour.

Prayers for the Sick Please keep in your prayers the wellbeing of D.H, Adelaide Cotter, Paul Fairhall, Amy Bradbury (nee Mckenzie), Marie Goti, Michael Christou, John Rosenow, Mary Silva, Mary B.

Funeral of Anne Loftus will be at St Cecilia Church this coming Tuesday, 21st October at 12 noon and burial at 2pm at Garth Road Cemetery. May she rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Please continue to keep Anne and her family in your prayers.

Recently Deceased We remember Kathleen Hambleton who passed away on Friday 17th October please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers.

Little Church breaks for half term on 26/10/25 & will be back on the 2/11/2025.

A Nativity we are organizing a nativity on Christmas Eve involving the children of our parish (minimum 6 years old/Y2 and older) If you would like your child to take part, rehearsals are from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday the 16th & 30th November, 7th & 23rd December. The sign up sheet is in the church porch.



First Holy Communion 2026 Year 3 pupils wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year please register to reserve a place for the catechism classes via the parish website. Classes will begin early February 2026.

A Parish Youth Group Calling all young people! Fr Ben will be starting a new group for the young people of our parish, towards the end of November. If you are aged 11 to 16 reading this, and would like to join for activities, social events and spiritual guidance, please sign up on the list in the church porch. Parent contact details are required.

A Certificate of Catholic Practice is required when applying for a place at a catholic nursery, school or 6th Form. Please call at the parish office to obtain a signed form.

Signed Forms if you requested a signed form but have not yet collected it, these will be available after Mass from the Sacristy.

RCIA Becoming Catholic: sharing the journey of faith. If you are being called by God to join the Holy Catholic Church please speak to Fr Ben. For introductory information visit the parish website. Classes for adults (18+) start at the end of November.

Smart Homes A course will take place beginning this Monday, aimed at young mothers, but all are welcome for tips and ideas on how to run your home more efficiently. The first session is at 9am to 10.30am in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. 20th October - Decluttering; 10th November - Timetable; 1st December - Menu Planning. The cost for all three sessions is £10. Please come after dropping your older children off at school. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and good conversation.

Information Technology Workshop It can be difficult to keep up with the ever-changing technological world we now live in. Sometimes it would be really useful to have access to an expert who could provide training and advice with regard to any electronic devices. We are very fortunate to have such an expert in our parish community. John Regida has kindly agreed to facilitate monthly Workshops in the Parish Room. The first Introductory Workshop will be on Saturday 15th November from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The cost will be £5 person. This will be followed by a further class on 6th December at a cost of £10 per person. Dates for 2026 will be confirmed in January depending on demand. If you would like to book a place/get further information, please contact Marie Toomey on 07929 973868 or email: toomeymarie@gmail.com.

A Knit & Natter Group bring your knitting, crochet or favourite craft and share a chat, in a warm space over a tea or coffee on a Thursday afternoon from 12.30pm to 3pm, beginning in November. Speak to Gloriana, if you are interested. Tell your friends, open to all.

Thank you for your generous donations at Harvest Time on behalf of The Trussell Trust. Thousands of families will go without essentials this winter without your help. Special thanks goes to all those who have stepped forward to assist with delivering donations to the local Foodbank Centre.



Sutton Deanery Pastoral Council The Autumn meeting of the Sutton Deanery will be held at St Elphege's Church Hall on Saturday 1st November 11am to 1pm. The new version of the Bishop's document, "Love the Stranger" suitable for Schools, Youth Groups, Parents and Parish Groups will be introduced by Victoria Firth from the Jesuit Refugee Service. Car parking available & Buses 157 & 154 stop outside the Church.

Saint Carlo Acutis

Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles' upholding the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist at weekends 18/10/25 to 2/11/25 8am to 7.30pm St John Fisher Church. SW20 7DB



Red Wednesday 19th November Aid to the Church in Need at St George's Cathedral 5.30pm, Holy Mass at 6pm. Main celebrant Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Homily by Canon Victor Darlington. Red Wednesday began in 2016 to raise awareness of persecuted Christians in the world. Parishes across the country including our Cathedral are lit up in red. **Wear red in solidarity!**

Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR) - Our team will be contacting all volunteers via email to update our records. With many positive changes, new roles, and volunteers, it is important that our records are kept up to date. Linda Mamedy will initiate contact, via her email northcheams2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk.

Church Security Measures CCTV Please be aware a Close Circuit Television systems is in operation to protect our church building and her content, the intention is to eventually extend this to include the church hall and carparking area. The installation conforms to current data protection regulations. Footage will be handled with the appropriate security measures to ensure confidentiality.



Pick up a copy of Sunday Plus as well, for reflections and scripture readings for the week.

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

Chorus: Like a flame my hope is burning
may my song arise in you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.

Every nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word,
Scattered fragile sons and daughters,
find a home in your dear Son.

God so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heaven and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
For our God is born in time.
Son made man for You and many
who will find the way in Him.

SUNDAY *Plus*

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

World Mission Day

Witness to justice

"Why do the saints have followers?" asks [the French philosopher] Bergson. "They demand nothing; yet people do, of their own accord, what the saints would have them do. The saints do not need to exhort; all they need to do is be. Their very existence is a call to perfection."

We know this from our own experience. To many people, the teaching of the Church is valid; it is convincing to the mind. But if it

is to be efficacious, if it is to move them to action, it must be backed up by life; backed up by those who have accepted the Gospel, live the Gospel, and activate their personal, family and community lives with the justice of the Gospel.

This will not be easy. Let us be realistic. It is not easy to be just. True, the example of a Christian life, a just life, will be followed by many, will be an inspiration to many. But it will also be a sign that

is contradicted. How can it be otherwise? Christ himself was such a sign, and the servant is not greater than his master...

And very often, it is by suffering that the just man will bear witness, that "what he says is true". To bear witness by one's life is to put that life at the service of an ideal, no matter what it may cost. To bear witness by one's life is to be ready to lose it. We call those who have given up their lives for the Christian ideal, martyrs. What does "martyr" mean? It means, simply, "witness".

Pedro Arrupe SJ, Witnessing to Justice in the World

*Deposition of the cross
by Venetian artist Safet
Zec, Rome, Italy. Photo
by Sr Janet Fearn*



Our Lady of the Way, Mother of Christ's missionary disciples and Queen of Missions, pray for us! 🙏 Amen.

The meaning of "mission"

If it should happen one day – and it could be today – that I become a victim of the terrorism which now seems ready to engulf all the foreigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church and my family to remember that my life was GIVEN to God and to this country. I ask them to accept the fact that the One Master of all life was not a stranger to this brutal departure. I would ask them to pray for me: for how could I be found

worthy of such an offering?... For this life lost, totally mine and totally theirs, I thank God, who seems to have willed it entirely for the sake of that JOY in everything and in spite of everything...

And also, you, my last-minute friend, who will not have known what you were doing: Yes, I want this THANK YOU and this GOODBYE to be a "GOD-BLESS" for you, too, because in God's face, I see yours.

Testament of Dom Christian de Chergé, martyr, Tibhirine, 1 January 1994.

For full account: John W. Kiser, The Monks of Tibhirine: faith, love, and terror in Algeria, 2003, St Martin's Press.

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Hope is real

[Hope] is something real, already accomplished in Christ, a gift daily bestowed upon us until the time when we will be one in the embrace of his love. Christian hope – as St Peter writes – is "an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading". Christian hope sustains the journey of our lives, even when the road ahead seems winding and exhausting. It opens our eyes to future possibilities whenever resignation or pessimism attempt to imprison us. It makes us see the promise of good at times when evil seems to prevail. Christian hope fills us with serenity when our hearts are burdened by sin and failure. It makes us dream of a new humanity and gives us courage in our efforts to build a fraternal and peaceful world, even when it seems barely worth the effort. Such is hope, the gift that the Lord bestowed on us in baptism.

Pope Francis, consignment and reading of the Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee 2025

READINGS

Today:
Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2
Luke 18:1-8

Monday:
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday:
Romans 5:12, 15b.
17-19, 20b-21
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday:
Romans 6:12-18
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday:
Romans 8:19-23
Luke 12:49-53

Friday:
Romans 7:18-25a
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday:
Romans 8:1-11
Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday:
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Together, we must look for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.

Pope Leo XIV

