

There's hope...

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY *Plus*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Season of Creation

Where there's life...

Those who mix amongst the poor of our Capital know that beneath the squalor, and in spite of it, there exist holiness of life and a wonderful charity; holiness which reveals itself in the resignation with which the poor bear the manifold troubles which are their daily lot; charity which is seen in their kindness to those amongst them who are poorer than themselves. It seems easy to be holy in the cloister or in the sheltered surroundings of a comfortable home, but to see real goodness, go to a room in a tenement house and look around you. There is the Perpetual Lamp kept alive somehow, even where there is no bread. There are the objects of piety: crucifix, pictures,

statues, and the tiny altar decked in coloured paper and tinsel. There a patient wife alone with her little ones, for the husband is gone on the never-ending quest for work, or the lonely widow who earns a pittance from a few days charring each week, will meet you with a smile of welcome, and will thank the good God for the little timely aid you have brought in his name to those, his little ones...

The life of Matt Talbot proved to the world that sanctity is not the preserve of the cloister, nor holiness of life a matter of social position, and that in our own day, as in the days of Christ, his friends are to be found amongst the poor and the lowly.

Joseph A. Glynn, *Life of Matt Talbot*

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Lord of hope, sometimes life is tough,
but you help me to keep on going.
When I feel down, lift me up. Keep
my eyes and heart focused on your
incredible love.  Amen.

How great thou art!

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Stuart K Hine

By her very nature the Church is in
solidarity with the poor, the excluded, the
marginalised and all those considered the
outcast of society.

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week Friday 2 October

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

Today we celebrate the quiet, constant presence of our guardian angels: heavenly companions entrusted by God to guide, protect and intercede for us. Though unseen, their mission is deeply personal: to walk with us through life's joys and trials, whispering truth, nudging us towards grace and shielding us from harm.

Scripture reminds us, "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11). This is not mere poetry: it's a promise. Each of us is known and loved so intimately that God assigns a heavenly protector for our journey.

Let this feast renew our trust in divine care. In moments of fear or confusion, we are not alone. Our guardian angel stands beside us, ever watchful, ever faithful. May we learn to listen, to lean into their guidance, and to thank God for this tender gift of companionship from heaven.

READINGS

Today:
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Monday:
Job 1:6-22
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday:
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
or Apocalypse 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

Wednesday:
Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday:
Job 19:21-27
Luke 10:1-12

Friday:
Exodus 23:20-23
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday:
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



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Useful information can be found by visiting the Diocesan Website
at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk and the Sutton Deanery at www.suttondeanery.weebly.com

"For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead." Jas 2:26

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Mass Count

Sat. 26th Sept. 6:30pm Linda Oliva (Birthday)

John Lyons (RIP)

Sun. 27th Sept. 9:30am Agatha Cornwall

(36th Anniversary RIP)

11:00am Frankie & Emilia Pereira

(Wedding Anniversary)

Mon. 28th Sept. NO MASS

Tues. 29th Sept. 10:00am. C. Lobo (Health & Wellbeing)

Wed. 30th Sept. 10:00am. Anastasia Willington (RIP)

Thurs 1st Oct. 10:00am Frank Pereira (Birthday)

FUNERAL MASS

12.30pm. Cathy Smythe (RIP)

FIRST FRIDAY - HARVEST FAST DAY

Fri 2nd Oct. 6:00pm. ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

7:00pm. Julie and Bill Fraser (RIP)

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ROSARY SUNDAY

Mass Count

Sat. 3rd Oct. 6:30pm. Francis Almeida (RIP)

Sun. 4th Oct. 9:30am. Mary Brady (RIP)

11:00am. Francis Lobo (RIP)

Saints of the Week

28th St Wenceslaus;

28th St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions;

29th SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael;

30th St Jerome;

1st St Thèrèse of the Child Jesus;

2nd The Holy Guardian Angels



Second Offertory.

The second offertory next weekend will be for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. The focus is on helping to keep children in school by providing the food and safe water they need.

Upcoming Mass Intentions 6th Patrick Maguire; 7th Breda Piper; 8th Alf Oliva; 9th Holy Souls; 10th Joe Dillon.

Mass Offerings: 19th/20th Sept. 1st Collection: £1199.56; 2nd Collection: £440.39; **Candles:** £123.52; **Mass Attendance** 584

Prayers for the Sick & Housebound Please pray for the wellbeing of: D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Amy Bradbury; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow; Mary Silva; Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert, Mary Nassan, Joe Mendes and Nanny Cossu.

Repose of the Soul Most merciful Jesus, receive the prayers we offer for the repose of the soul of:

Sr Veronica Hagen, Mother Superior of the Daughters of the Cross Sister's funeral is Monday 12th October at 12pm at Marie Terese House, Holy Cross Hospital, Haslemere GU27 1NQ.

Catherine Smythe Her Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 1st October at 12.30pm, then at NE Surrey Crematorium at 2pm.

Please also keep **Mary Manuelpillai**, recently deceased, & **Roger Napaul** (RIP 10th Anniversary) in your prayers.

MAY ALL REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN YOUR GLORY, LORD JESUS

PARISH LIFE

First Holy Communion Registration is open on the parish website. Registration closes on the 31st October. The Registration Forms was recently updated so please ensure you have completed the correct version.

Dei Amor Youth Group meet every Thursday at 5pm in the Church Hall.

Young Adult Group gets together on Thursdays at 7pm in the Parish Room. Ages 18 to 35.

St Philomena's School Open Mornings for 2027

Student Intake takes place from 9am to 10.30am on the 22nd 29th and 30th Sept. Visit the school's website to register your interest.

Volunteer Finance Officer to support your parish priest with the day to day finances including gift aid, admin, reconciliation. Must have a knowledge of MS Excel Spreadsheets or similar. Hours to be discussed. For more information or to register your interest please email the parish office.

My Adorable Jesus may our feet journey together.

May our hand gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison.

