God's world, our world

SUNDAY Plus

18 OCTOBER 2026

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

World Mission Sunday

A young catalyst

World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, founded by Pauline Jaricot in 1819, before she was twenty-one. It is one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies.

Pauline [Jaricot's] really distinctive contribution, which gives her claim to the title of foundress of the Society [for the Propagation of the Faith] was the practical, businesslike step of organisation taken in 1819… Each member was to find nine others who would combine with the first into a group of ten. One of the ten would be responsible for collecting a sou [€0.05] from each member. Over every hundred groups was a chief collector, whose responsibility it was to bring or send the thousand sous [€50-€60] to headquarters each week…

Within a few months, however, Pauline Jaricot ran into a storm of abuse and opposition in clerical circles, the first of many such storms she was to encounter in her career. Her pastor ordered her to stop the work because, he said, it was controlled by a laywoman and therefore it was illicit. Pauline appealed to the vicar general of the diocese – there was no bishop in residence at that time – and offered to stop the work if the vicar general thought her pastor right. He answered by telling her not to stop the work but rather to extend it…

The very success of the work caused the opposition to grow more intense and bitter, most of it coming from the pulpit with priests saying that young women should say their prayers and leave other ecclesiastical matters in clerical hands.

Thomas P. Neill, *They Lived the Faith: great lay leaders of modern times*



Ven. Pauline Jaricot © Wikipedia

Here I am, Lord. Send me to my family, community and world as a messenger of your love. ✠ Amen.

They don't forget!

Bishop Joseph Dupont (1897-1911), nicknamed Moto Moto ("fire fire"), was the first Missionary of Africa to arrive in the village of Mashitolo in northern Zambia. He and his companions left Chilubi Island, paddled across the magnificent but hippo- and crocodile-infested waters of Lake Chifunabuli, pulled their canoe onto the shore and set up camp under a large, shady tree. The first white people whom the villagers had ever seen, they attracted considerable attention from the local Chiefs Chitembo, Mwansakombe, Mulongwe and Mwewa and their subjects. Before long, Christianity was established in the region – and thrives today. Two hundred years later, however, those first missionaries are still remembered and celebrated in Lubwe's annual Kwanga ceremony.

I spent six years in Lubwe and the (relatively) nearby Kasaba, on the shores of Lake Chifunabuli and the Kasaba Lagoon – and will never forget being shown the very tree under which those first missionaries camped. People still talk of Moto Moto. They don't forget!

Sr Janet Fearns FMDM

While the whole Church is missionary, today we pray especially for those men and women who have left everything to bring the Gospel to those who do not know it. They are missionaries of hope among all peoples. May the Lord bless them!

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Sunday 18 October

St Luke the Evangelist

St Luke was the beloved physician and evangelist whose Gospel reveals the compassionate heart of Christ. Luke's writing is rich with mercy: he alone gives us the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan, stories that echo God's boundless love and call us to imitate it.

As a companion of St Paul and a careful historian, Luke bridges faith and reason, showing that the Gospel is not myth but lived truth. His attention to detail and inclusion of women, those who are poor and the marginalised reminds us that the kingdom of God is for all.

Luke's feast invites us to be healers in our own way, through kindness, listening and presence. May we, like him, proclaim Christ not only with words but with lives marked by mercy, inclusion and hope. Let us be Gospel people, writing love into the world one act at a time.

READINGS

Today:
Isaiah 45:1. 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday:
Ephesians 2:1-10
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday:
Ephesians 2:12-22
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday:
Ephesians 3:2-12
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday:
Ephesians 3:14-21
Luke 12:49-53

Friday:
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday:
Ephesians 4:7-16
Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday:
Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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Just as the Roman coin bears the image of the emporer who made it, so the human soul bears the "image and likeness" (Gen 1:26) of God who calls each of us into existence so as to live in personal communion with Him.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Sat. 17th Oct. 6:30pm **Josephine Taylor (RIP)**
Sun. 18th Oct. 9:30am **Sarah Mahoney (Birthday RIP)**
11:00am **George Donaghue (RIP)**
Sheena De Melo
(First Anniversary RIP)

Mon. 19th Oct. NO MASS
Tues. 20th Oct. 10:00am. **In Thanksgiving to God for His Kingdom**
Wed. 21st Oct. 10:00am. **Ursula Pereira (RIP)**
Thurs 22nd Oct. 10:00am. **Breda Piper (RIP)**
Liam & Cyrie Nolan (RIP)
Muriel & Mike Austin
(Anniversary RIP)
Fri 23rd Oct. 6:00pm. ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
7:00pm. **Teresa McHugh**
(First Anniversary RIP)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. 24th Oct. 6:30pm. **Alice & Daniel Hickey (RIP)**
Sun. 25th Oct. 9:30am. **Roy & Cathy**
63rd Wedding Anniversary
11:00am. **Patricia Davey**
(Recently Deceased RIP)

Saints of the Week

18th St Luke the Evangelist; 19th St Issac Jogues, St John de Brebeuf & Companions; St Paul fo the Cross; St Philip Howard; 21st St Margaret Clitherow; St Ursula & Companions; 22nd St John Paul II; 23rd St John Capistrano; 24th The Blessed Virgin Mary; St Anthony Mary Claret.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Second Offertory

The second offertory this weekend is for MISSIO. The Pope's charity for world mission. One in Christ united in Mission.

** Next Sunday is the official end of British Summer Time. The clocks go back 1 hr across the UK & Europe.

Upcoming Mass Intentions 27th Phyllis Walsh RIP; 28th 29th Repose of the Souls of Priests, Nuns and Religious RIP; 30th Daisy Bastiampillai RIP; 31st Bernard Halls (40 Day Mass RIP)

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

For the Repose of the Soul It is in firm hope in the Risen Christ we pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Lydia Barreau.** Lydia ran our Repository for many decades. Her funeral details will appear in the newsletter in due course.

MAY SHE REST IN PERFECT PEACE & RISE IN YOUR GLORY, O LORD

PARISH LIFE

First Holy Communion Registration is open on th parish website. Closing date is 31st October.

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

Young Adult Group gets together once a month or a Thursdays at 7pm. Ages 18 to 35. Get in touch.

Volunteer Safeguarding Representative to be a point of contact in response to safeguarding concerns. Looking for someone with some safeguarding background. Please speak to Fr Ben i you can help.



SAVE THE DATES
International Evening
Friday 20th November
to celebrate our patron saint & Feast of St Cecilia on the 22nd.

Christmas Concert Sunday 6 December
we are preparing for our next church concert. Whether you love to entertain or help out behinc the scenes, there is a place for your unique gifts. We need a full crew to make this happen. If you want to get involved now is the perfect time. Interested? Sign ups are posted in the church.

Mass Offerings: 10th/11th Oct. 1st Offertory: £1204.63; **Candles:** £143.86; **Mass Attendance:** 538