Be realistic

SUNDAY Plus

25 OCTOBER 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

It's still true!



We are in the midst of the post-industrial, interplanetary, technological age… Many things are going well, but they're bringing us consequences that are full of problems and dangers. These will have to be corrected and channelled rather better.

Paul VI, for instance has spoken of "hungry peoples, who today are calling dramatically to the rich peoples", and of the "anger of the poor, with its unforeseeable consequences". This is what is happening: in a third of the world there is a remarkable abundance of everything and shameless waste; in two-thirds of the world there is poverty, which is steadily growing worse. If what is spent so easily on armaments was saved and certain luxuries were cut out, technology could soon take the whole human family to a fairly high level, economically, socially and culturally…

I spoke of the "human family". We have never felt, as we do today, how small the world is: we hunger and thirst for unity but are continuously pulled between two opposing forces.

These things make for unity: the amazing network of communications that now binds the world in a hundred ways; the universal longing for peace; the existence of the United Nations Organisation and other supranatural organisations…

These things make for disunity: the waves of exaggerated nationalism, which flare up every now and then here and there, in old peoples and in new ones; the division of the world into opposing blocks led by superpowers: social tensions which are now no longer between classes but between regions and between rich states and poor states.

Illustrissimi : the letters of Pope John Paul I

The world needs more than ever the powerful witness of men and women of all religions living together in unity, friendship and cooperation.

Pope Leo XIV

Come as you are

Come as you are, that's how I want you.
Come as you are, feel quite at home.
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.
No need to fear, love never ends.
Don't run away, shamed, and disheartened.
Rest in my love, trust me again.

Paul Gurr O. Carm.

Lord, it's not easy to be overlooked and perhaps forgotten, but it's the "little ones" of this world who are closest to your heart. That's where I want to be, for ever and always in your heart. ✠ Amen.

Feast of the week
Thursday 29 October

Blessed Chiara Badano (1971-1990)

Blessed Chiara Badano reminds us that holiness is not reserved for the old or the ordained: it blooms in youthful hearts open to God. Diagnosed with cancer at seventeen, Chiara faced suffering not with despair, but with radiant trust. She said, "If I had to choose between walking or going to heaven, I'd choose heaven."

Her life was marked by joy, generosity and deep love for Christ. She offered her pain as a gift, refusing morphine so she could stay alert and unite her suffering with Jesus. Chiara's witness shows that faith transforms even the darkest valley into a path of light.

Today, we're invited to live with purpose, to embrace each moment with love and to trust God's plan – even when it's hard. Like Chiara, may we say yes to Christ with courage, and let our lives shine with hope for others.

READINGS

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

Monday:
Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday:
Romans 8:18-25
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday:
Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-19

Thursday:
Romans 8:31-39
Luke 13:31-35

Friday:
Romans 9:1-5
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday:
Philippians 1:18-26
Luke 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:
Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

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Love God and do whatever you please: for the soul trained in love to God will do nothing to offend the One who is Beloved" St Augustine

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)
Mon. 26th Oct.		**NO MASS**
Tues. 27th Oct.	10:00am.	**Phyllis Walsh (RIP)**
Wed. 28th Oct.	10:00am.	**Dominic Carter**
		(Return to Full Health)
Thurs 29th Oct.	10:00am.	**NO MASS**
	12 noon.	**FUNERAL MASS & INTERMENT**
		Lydia Barreau (RIP)
Fri 30th Oct.	6:00pm.	**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION**
	7:00pm.	**Daisy Bastiampillai (RIP)**

ALL SAINTS

Sat. 31st Oct.	12 noon.	**Confirmation Mass**
		Lillo Provenzano (RIP)
	6:30pm.	**Bernard Hall**
		(40 Days Mass RIP)
Sun. 1st Nov.	9:30am.	**The Plumber and Maloney Family**
	11:00am.	**Francis & Rose Marie Almeida (RIP)**

Saints of the Week

25th 40 Martyrs; St Crispin and Crispian; 28th St Simon & St Jude

Upcoming Mass Intentions

27th Phyllis Walsh RIP; 28th Dominic Carter;
29th Lydia Barreau; 30th Daisy Bastiampillai RIP;
31st Bernard Halls (40 Day Mass RIP)

The Holy Souls November we pray for the **Holy Souls.** In preparation, please write the names of your departed loves ones you would like to pray for at all the Masses during the month, and place them in the basket on the altar. There are sheets available at each of the entrances to the church. All Souls Day falls on Monday 2nd November. There will be Mass at 10am, 12 noon and 7pm. There is no Mass on Tuesday 3rd Nov. Blessing of Graves in the Memorial Garden will be held after the 10am & 12 noon Masses, and after the 11am Mass on 8th Novembe

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

For the Repose of the Soul Please pray for **John Bourke** who began his heavenly journey on the 14th October. His Funeral Mass is 12.30pm on the 17th November followed by a burial at 2pm at Sutton Cemetry SM3 9PX. ***May he Rest In Peace.***

PARISH LIFE

We are definitely experiencing the end of British Summer Time with the weather. The clock have gone back.

First Holy Communion Registration closes 31/10/2

SAVE THE DATES

International Evening Friday 20th November celebrating the feast of our patron saint. Everyone is invited to gather for a chance to meet one another.

Christmas Concert Sunday 6 December

If you love to entertain or help out behind the scene there is a place for your unique gifts. We need a full crew to make both events happen. Now is the perfec time to get involved. Sign ups are in the church.

Church Parade Sunday 8th November at 9.30am Mas We welcome all associated Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides, Brownies and Rainbow groups.

Accomodation Urgently Required A Professional Fait Community seek suitable shared rental accommodation, locally, for six residence. Please contact the parish office by email, if you know of anywhere suitable.

The Blessing of Graves Sunday 8th November at 2.30pm. There is an outside service at the Chapel in Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery, Garth Road. Members of the clergy will be available to bless individual graves of relatives & friends of parishioner buried there or in Morden Cemetery Crematorium. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th Nov and pray for the dead may obtain a plenary indulgen applicable to the holy souls.

Mass Offerings: 17th/18th Oct. 1st Offertory: £1080.70; **2nd Offertory Missio:** £559.72; **Candles:** £115.11; **Mass Attendance:** 560