

✠ TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH ✠

Sunday 11th October 28 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Parishioners
Monday 12th October <i>St Wilfrid, Bishop & Missionary</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 13th October <i>St. Edward the Confessor, King</i>	10:00am – Fr John Coyle RIP
Wednesday 14th October <i>St Callistus, Pope, Martyr</i>	No Morning Mass Today 1.30pm – Nuptial Mass- Sarah & Thomas
Thursday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila, Virgin</i>	10:00am – In Memory of Barbara & Michael MD
Friday 16th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – In Thanksgiving A O
Saturday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 18th October 29 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Mary Josephine Miller RIP
Monday 19th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 20th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Maureen Sherwin
Wednesday 21st October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Michael Oliver (A)
Thursday 22nd October <i>St John Paul II, Pope</i>	10:00am – In Thanksgiving for my Grand-Daughter M.M.
Friday 23rd October <i>St John of Capistrano</i>	10:00am – For a sick friend JC
Saturday 24th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 25th October 30 TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Bill Ferry

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on Wednesday 21st of October

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

11TH OCTOBER 2026

Rev. Fr. Anthony Hastie
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

18TH OCTOBER 2026

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✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL & THANK YOU FOR COMING!

PRISONERS SUNDAY

Prisoners' Sunday is the National Day of Prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY & THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday (18th October) we have a second collection for the Pope's charity Missio-which supports missionaries and local churches that serve communities affected by poverty & conflict. Please empty your red boxes this week and place the money in the 2nd collection baskets next Sunday -this will save having further collections later in the year since all the money from the red boxes goes to Missio anyway. **On Sunday 25th October, there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.** Money given to the Clergy Training Fund collection is designated for the formation of future clergy within the Diocese.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR OWN PARISH FUNDS

On Sunday 1st November we will have our own 2nd collection to help us pay for the waterproofing of the church roof which has cost £9800 so far. If you are a Taxpayer & make your contribution with your credit card on the Dona machine- your donation will be worth an extra 25% in gift aid to the Parish. If every church going parishioner gave a donation of £20 spread across the next four parish collections, we could pay off the cost of the roof repairs and remain solvent. Alternatively, if 15 Parishioners gift-aided a one-off donation to the Parish of £500 we could pay the full cost of the repairs. My apologies for always seeming to be begging for money; but I prefer to let you all know where the money is being spent. Once the repairs are complete the roof will be waterproof for the next 25 years!

We have received acknowledgement letters on the noticeboard. from the Little Sisters and the People's Kitchen for your generous donations. Thank you for your kindness!

"THE PEOPLES' EMERGENCY BRIEFING'-

Is a public information film, featuring leading scientists and experts, that aims to update us on the implications of the escalating climate and nature crisis, *and what an effective response requires.* It is being shown in community venues nationwide, and we are all warmly invited to attend our local showing in PONTELAND METHODIST CHURCH HALL on FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER at 7pm.

A NEW DAY CHAPEL

The porch ceiling is being repaired, replastered, and repainted. We are then going to create a day chapel for weekday Mass and devotions. We will arrange for reservation of the Blessed Sacrament along with the necessary church furnishings. There is plenty of room for our weekday numbers at Mass, and it will save over 75% on the heating bill as it is heated with one heater- as opposed to the four heaters in the church. It will also double up as a meeting room. I am having double doors fitted to enclose the chapel for privacy and prayer- this will also make it quicker to heat up. It will still be used on a Sunday for our young children and the double doors will provide access for the 4-wheel drive buggies etc.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 'For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **(R)**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. Though I should
walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me
comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **(R)**

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
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.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." ' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R)**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and

peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.