

MASS INTENTIONS
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 26th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	David Evans (R.I.P)
Sunday 27th September – Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Betty Stimpson (R.I.P)
	11:00am	Rachel Miranda (Int)
Monday 28th September – Feria	9:00am	Kathy & James Drwer & Anne Keys (RIP)
Tuesday 29th September – SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	9:00am	Steve Jarmon (Sick)
Wednesday 30th September – St Jerome	9:00am	Vi & George Martin (RIP)
Thursday 1st October – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	9:00am	Fred Onodu (RIP)
Friday 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels	9:00am	Dawn Jospheh (Birthday Int)
Saturday 3rd October – Feria	9:00am	Michelle Miranda (Int)

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Saturday 3rd October – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	6:30pm	Bridgit Barulis (RIP)
Sunday 4th October – Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time	9:00am	Prosper Family & Friends (RIP)
	11:00am	Gift Agwuncha (RIP)

Thought for the Week: Pope Francis in Assisi in 2016:

“The world needs forgiveness; too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred because they are incapable of forgiving. They ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them rather than finding the joy of serenity and peace.” His point is that those who do not forgive, who hold on to resentment, hurt themselves almost as much, even if they are unaware of it for a while.

Prayer

God, always ready to forgive, we thank you for your forgiving love. Give us the grace to show the same love and forgiveness to all. Amen.



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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)
26th & 27th September 2026

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives a parable of two sons invited to go to work in their father's vineyard. The first refuses initially but later goes, whilst the second promises to go but never does. In both cases, the action is more important than words. Our love for God, our faith, must also be more than words. It must always move us to action, whether through personal repentance, seeking the Lord more closely in prayer, or reaching out to our brother or sister in need. Holy thoughts are good, but they only do us real good when we act on them.

Jesus commends the good actions of the 'tax collectors and prostitutes,' which are making their way into the Kingdom of God ahead of the spiritual leaders of the day, who are full of their own pride and lack humility. These tax collectors and prostitutes are like the first son in the parable, who initially resisted the will of God and went their own sinful, stubborn way. But later they say 'yes' to God's will and undergo conversion. As the First Reading tells us, 'When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live'. Renouncing sin means to recognise our wrongdoing and seek to repair the damage caused by our transgressions.

We come to the Lord for forgiveness, in humility, because we know well that we are all susceptible to falling from grace. But knowing the mercy of God, we can approach Him with confidence. Our actions do not always match our words, but it is better to be a person who resists God's will but eventually does it, like the first son in the Gospel, than to be a person who says he will do God's will but never does. Best of all, of course, is to say 'yes' to God's will and then do it, like Mary, who pondered the word of God in her heart and carried it out.

God Bless

Canon Maurice



Online Version

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Domingos De Albuquerque, Christophe Amblard, Sheeba Antony, Eva Au, Julian Avasiloia, Michael Balfour, Ralph Batrum, Mary Bowdler, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Macmillan Chitoma Bras-Goncalves, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Gerry Margaret Dumbrell, Martha Dwyer, Zain Falzon, Fiona Forder, James Francis, Jean Floreutin, Mary Gallet, Anna Gawlik, Ian Gillling, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Lorraine Herring, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Julia Joseph, Ann Keaney, Baby Stephen Kelly, Mary Williams, David Lynch, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Kathleen McGuire, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Brian Nash, Livan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Dean Partleton, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Dr Nikhil Rao, Jennie Reddy, Louis Russo, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Robin Stinson, Julia Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, The Salter Family (Bert, Charlie and Bert's Daughter-in-law), Charles Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Melon Vigo, Heather Wood, Graham Wood, Elizabeth Wyles, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

Family Fast Day:

CAFOD envelopes are attached to this week's newsletter, family fast day is on Friday 2nd October, please return your envelopes by next Sunday. Thank you.

Monthly Youth Mass:

The next Youth Mass is on **Thursday 1st October** at Brentwood Cathedral 7:30pm.

Post Confirmation Group:

The next meeting will be on **Friday 2nd October** at 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

Baptism Course:

The next session for the Baptism course will take place on Saturday the 10th of October at 9am in the Parish Hall. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Holy Hour:

Please note Holy Hour continues **every Sunday 6-7pm**.

Bank Details:

Parishioners have been asking for the Bank details for their donations. Please make sure if you want to pay directly to the Bank you go to the office to fill out a gift aid form. If you do not pay tax please still see the office as we need details for the records.

BANK: HSBC

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Number: 31019848

Holy Communion Programme 2026/27:

The next session will be on Thursday 15th October at 7pm. Parents will meet in the Church and the children will meet in the Parish Hall.

Retrouvaille:

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: **2nd-4th October**. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 0788 7296983

Journey in Faith Programme (RCIA):

Anyone who wishes to know more about the basics of the Faith or is interested in joining the Church is invited to the weekly sessions which commence on Monday 28th September at 7:30pm – 8:30pm in the Presbytery. Any Parishioner who wishes. To support this group, is also invited to come along.

Gift Aid:

If you are a taxpayer and are putting into the Church collection if you fill out a form and give it into the office the Church can reclaim from the taxman 20p in every pound you donate.

Secondary school forms:

Canon Maurice will be available to sign the secondary school forms on Sunday 4th October from 5-7pm and on Monday 5th October from 6-7pm. These dates will be the only times that Father will be available to sign them.

Rest in Peace:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosina Cahill who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will take place on 30th September at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Homelessness & the Cost of Living:

There will be a talk on this topic by Monsignor John Armitage on Catholic Social Teaching on Saturday the 17th of October at 9:45am – 12:30pm in our Parish Hall. All are welcome!

The Call to be Human Talks:

There will be four talks given by Fr Martin Boland, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Wanstead in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre all at 7-8.30pm. 7th October - What Does it Mean to be moral? 14th October - What has religion to do with morality? 21st October - What does it mean to be a free moral agent? And finally, 28th October Is Love all you need? All welcome, free admission.

Confirmation:

If you have signed up for the Confirmation for this year, please collect a Confirmation form from Canon Maurice this weekend. Interviews will take place on 6th October from 6.30-8.30pm. The programme for the year will be given to them at the interview.

Secondary School Open Evenings:

- Campion Sixth Form Open Evening for external Students is on 8th October, 4.30pm.
- Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School is on 7th October, 6-8pm.

Quiz Night at The Campion School:

Friday 9th October. Doors open 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Teams of 10 max. £5 per person, BYO drinks and nibbles. For details of how to pay and to register your team, email pachair@thecampionschool.org.uk.

Job Vacancy at Walsingham House:

Walsingham House Manager, 35 hours per week, Salary- £30-32K depending on prior experience (ideally this is a "live in" role, with a one bedroom flat provided, however it is not essential). Contract: 3-year fixed term contract. The closing date for applications is 23rd October 2026. Please send applications to clairebailey@brcdt.org.