

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Parish News

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Saturday 10th October/ Sunday 11th October 2026
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

There is a wonderful image running through this Sunday's readings: God preparing a feast for his people.

Isaiah describes "a feast of rich food" prepared for all peoples, a time when God will wipe away every tear and destroy death for ever. Jesus takes up that same image in the Gospel, describing the Kingdom of Heaven as a king preparing a wedding feast for his son.

The feast comes with an invitation — but an invitation asks for a response, and the Gospel ends on a challenging note, reminding us that simply receiving God's invitation is not the same as responding to it.

God's generosity is freely offered, but the Gospel reminds us that we can still be too busy, too distracted, or simply unwilling to accept what is being offered to us.

Perhaps this Sunday gives us a simple question to carry into the week:

where is God inviting me at the moment, and how am I responding?

As St Paul reminds us, wherever that invitation leads, we can trust that "my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Deacon Jamie

PRAYER LIST:

We pray for the sick and housebound and those who have asked for our prayers:

Gwen Rushton, Elvira Kitteridge, Mary Rooney, Isaac Barry, Peter Beard, Barbara Mansell, Mary Delaney, Frances Weaver, Rachel Stokes, John Martin, Marie Evenett, Terrance Evenett, John Kisielowski, Janine Corbey, Bridget Finneral, Jordan Caulfield, Kate Friedlein, Stephanie Price, Maria Caparco, Anne Bardell, Agnes Hughes, Mary Breadman, Martha Botelho, Peter McDonagh, Janet Boxall, Hazel Smith, Michael Blancs, Joseph Brady, Sara Reynolds, Sue Kelly, Toni & Steve Brady and family, Maureen Pannell, Rita Cuthbert, Tim Monaghan, Mark Smith, Kerry Norton, Mary Elizabeth West, Betty Sheehan, Sharon Jennings, Jean Carroll, Mary Maher, Nastassja Williamson, Peter Leech, Peter Milden, Eric Coyle, Fr Bill and Mick Wetton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Ahnieszka Sinka, Eileen Woulfe, Jack Brown, Roseleen Conlon, Vera Gillespie, Sandra Sicheri, Mary Elizabeth Kent, Henry Rogers, Filomena Hammond, Christopher Shelock, Brian Hankey, John Kelly, Katherine Pipe and Philip Warren.

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend (**10th/11th October**), there will be a second collection for **“Prisoners’ Sunday”**. Prisoners’ Sunday is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, are serving our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Gift Aider’s, please use your second collection envelopes.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, **Sunday 18 October** the Church marks the centenary anniversary of “World Mission Sunday”, which was established by Pope Pius XI.

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has chosen the theme **‘One in Christ, United in Mission’** for this important anniversary. He reminds us that our missionary activity is only possible through our union and communion with Christ. The weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October offers a moment to recall, celebrate and pray for the missionary work of the Church, especially through the work of Pontifical Mission Societies - Missio. Through prayer and financial support, Missio continues the missionary work of the Church in parts of the world where the Church is poor, growing or suffering. A second collection over this weekend will take place for Missio. Please give generously. Gift Aider’s please use your second collection envelopes. **If you have Red Box Collections that you would normally drop in to the parish office, can we please ask you to put them in the second collection basket at the back of Church on this particular weekend.**

CONFESSIONS :

This weekend (10th and 11th October), confessions will be on Sunday between Masses (10.00am - 10.45am) as Fr Andrew will be covering Mass.

The weekend of 17th and 18th October, confessions will be back to normal time - 5.15pm on Saturday.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION: The forms to apply to join the preparation programme for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are now available at the back of Church. Please complete the form and post it through the presbytery door or give to Clare in the office. You can also email it to: **braintree@brcdt.org**
Applications need to be received by Tuesday 13th October. The first parents meeting will be on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm in the Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

RCIA is a special opportunity to explore the Catholic faith, learn about the teachings and traditions of the Church, and deepen your relationship with God. It is a journey of faith and discovery, providing time for prayer, reflection, discussion, and questions in a welcoming and supportive environment.

For those of you enquiring, the sessions will begin on Wednesday 14th October and will take place in The Presbytery at 7.00pm.
(Further information available at the back of Church)

ST FRANCIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS 2026:

We warmly invite prospective parents and carers to visit our wonderful school and discover everything St Francis has to offer.

Open Morning Dates

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.15am

Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 9.15am

During your visit, you will:

Hear from the Headteacher at 9.15am

Enjoy a tour of the school led by our pupils

Have the opportunity to meet staff and ask questions about the school and admissions process

If you are unable to attend one of the open mornings, individual tours and meetings can be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

To book a place, please contact the school office on 01376 320440.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to St Francis Catholic Primary School.

Mrs N. Hanlon

Headteacher

LITURGY LIST THIS WEEK

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) Saturday 10th October Sunday 11th October	6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass Confessions 10.00am to 10.45am 11.00am Mass	Fr David Manson RIP (Josie Baker) Ints Chris Gower (80th B'day) Angela Tardioli and Giovanni Tardioli RIP (A) (Riccardo Tardioli)
Monday 12th October	No Mass	
Tuesday 13th October	9.10am Morning Prayers , followed by 9.30am Eucharistic Service Rosary at 10.00am	
Wednesday 14th October	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints Mr M Newman
Thursday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus, V, D (Avila)	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Ints Karina and Family and all undergoing operations
Friday 16th October	9.10am Morning Prayers, Followed by 9.30am Mass	Fr Kieran O'Mahony RIP (Marie)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) (World Mission Sunday) Saturday 17th October Sunday 18th October	Confessions 5.15pm 6.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 11.00am Mass	Mary and Vincent Monaghan RIP (The Digby Family) Ints of Pat Barry and Family Chris Shelock RIP (Shelock)