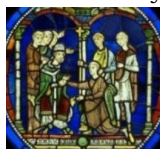


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30th Sunday (C) 26 October 2025

Sat 25 The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm Aidan Kelly RIP

Clocks go back 1 hour during the night

Sun 26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Planned Giving Drive 3rd weekend

9am People of the Parish

11am Josie O'Keeffe (90th birthday)

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre – all welcome

Mon 27 Feria

12noon Danny Thompson RIP

Tues 28 Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles, Feast

9.30am Wellbeing of Sue Barker

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 29 Feria – No Mass today

Thurs 30 Feria

12noon David Fillingham RIP

3pm Barham Crematorium: David Fillingham RIP

Fri 31 Feria

12noon Sr Helen Sheehy RIP

6-6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ,
Rosary and simple Benediction

Sat 1 Nov The Blessed Virgin Mary

4.45-5.15pm Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

(Jean Collinson RIP – 1st anniversary)

Sun 2 ALL SAINTS

9am Deceased members of the Povey family

11am Deceased members of the Hunter/Ennis families

Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre – all welcome

30th Sunday (C), p957

1st reading: Sirach 35:15b-17.20-22b

Response Ps 34: The lowly one called; the LORD heard him.

2nd reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for October 2025, for collaboration between different religious traditions:

Let us pray that believers of different religious traditions will work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of David Fillingham, Stephen Tasker and Aidan Kelly who died recently, and for their families. The funeral service for David Fillingham is at Barham Crematorium on 30 October 2025 at 3pm. The funeral service for Stephen Tasker is at Barham Crematorium on 3 November at 1pm. The Funeral Mass for Aidan Kelly is here on Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 11.30am, followed by burial at Hamilton Road cemetery at 1pm. Aidan's body will be received into the church the evening before at 5pm May their souls rest in peace.

Sick & housebound parishioners: Please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound, all who care for them, and all who have requested our prayers: Mary Collins, Mike Sykes, June Bartels, Josie O'Keeffe, Graham Edwards, Maureen Sipek, Paul Dale and Jean Ellis. Please continue to pray for the good health of HM The King.

Congratulations to Josie O'Keeffe who celebrates her 90th birthday this weekend.

Planned Giving Drive Weekend 3 - 25/26 October 2025: this weekend we concentrate on *How can I share my time and my talents to support my Parish and my community?*

A parish cannot survive without the dedication and commitment of its parishioners. As there are fewer and older priests, and many parishioners who are very active in the parish are older, too, it is even more important that as many of us as possible are as involved in the life of the parish. It is not just about fewer and older priests and parishioners: the parish is OUR parish and we should all feel that we have a stake in its life, worship and outreach in the community.

The really important point is summed up in the quotation from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (quoted in this week's leaflet): **There are many different gifts, but it is always the same Spirit; there are many different ways of serving, but it is always the same Lord. There are many different forms of activity, but in everybody it is the same God who is at work in them all** (12:4-6).

We are all gifted and we are invited to share our gifts for our good, the good of the parish community and the good of the society in which we live. Please do consider joining one or more of our ministries and activities in the parish – you will find all the information you need in this week's leaflet. Please tick a ministry/activity you would like to join (please also tick if you already are a member of the ministry/activity). Envelopes are provided for the return of the form.

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is very involved in our Planned Giving Drive. Its members are: Anne-Marie Brockway (co-chair), Peter Sykes (co-chair), Ros Andrews, Ben Bano, Jim Davenport, Libby Gibbins, Paul Jarvis, Maz Krupski, Peter Roger, Deepa Thomas, fr Brian. Eve Morris and Aidan Kelly, members of the PPC, sadly died in recent months. May they rest in peace.

Thank you to the PPC for all their hard work.

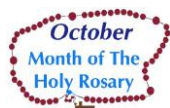
Parish finances: thank you very much for your attention last weekend as we heard the financial statement. Please do return the completed Gift Aid form (also, if you are already a Gift Aider). If you are not able to set up a Standing Order online or by visiting your bank, please return the completed Standing Order form as well and the diocese will make the necessary arrangements.

Children's Liturgy resumes at the 9am next Sunday **2 November 2025** when we celebrate All Saints.

All Saints and All Souls 2025: please note that All Saints is kept this year on the weekend of 1/2 November (missal p1054) and All Souls on Monday 3 November (missal p1058/1063). **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** is kept on the weekend of 8/9 November (missal p1068).

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is now in the **House of Lords** for scrutiny. **The Catholic Union** has [21 suggested points](#) 'to put in your own words in letters to your local newspaper, or newsletters of organisations which you belong to' or to our local MP: mike.tapp.mp@parliament.uk

There is very helpful guidance on writing to a Peer on our Bishops' website: [How to write to Peers in the House of Lords - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)



October is the month of the Rosary: It would be very good to see as many as possible this Friday 31 October 6pm as we conclude the

October devotions. Rosary every Tuesday in Sacred Heart Chapel at 11am. All are welcome.

Summary of Offertory Giving for September 2025: Cash and bank total: £4,122.92, Standing Orders £3,943.75, Dona contactless £494.03, Total £8,560.70, of which £1,045.81 is Gift Aid. Included in the overall figure of £8,560.70, was £2,313.53 for the Sisters' Plaque and £195.99 for Catholic Education and £98.33 for Home Mission Sunday. Apologies that the contactless device was not working over the weekend of the Home Mission Sunday weekend. Thank you all for your continued generosity. We are very grateful for a donation of £2,000 for the Sisters' Plaque.

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Seeking Married Couples: the Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other

initiatives in 2026. **Salary:** £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For full job description and further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk **Closing date for applications: October 31st 2025**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED, a Catholic charity, needs your help in supporting those suffering in Gaza and the Holy Land. You can donate via:

www.acnuk.org/holyland-donate

or call 0345 646 0110 (quote Holy Land).

Prayer for Peace & Justice

O God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.

St John Henry Newman

Pope Leo XIV will declare St John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church at Mass on 1 November 2025

From time to time, the Church recognises a great Christian theologian of the past whose teaching not only resonated for their own contemporaries, but whose wisdom and insight as an interpreter of the Gospel can still illuminate, instruct and inspire. The Church gives them the title 'Doctor', from the Latin 'docere' meaning 'to teach', because she recognises that each of them has made an outstanding, or 'eminent' contribution to our knowledge of the faith – whether in its spiritual, intellectual or moral dimensions. They are all men and women of great holiness as well as great learning, Saints who continue to speak to the Church of today, despite the passage of time and the social and cultural boundaries that divide us from them, because of their own faithful discipleship, and responsiveness to the Holy Spirit.

Our Bishops' Conference website has a series of very interesting articles on St John Henry Newman: www.cbcew.org.uk/newman-doctor-of-the-church/

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about. (John Henry Newman, Meditations & Devotions, 1848)



All good wishes and prayers as schools and college communities return after the half-term break.

Pope Leo and The King prayed together this past week. May we continue to pray for unity and peace. A blessed week, fr Brian