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11th Sunday of the Year

Prayers and Readings p.727 in the missal (Year A).

Entrance antiphon:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
 Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation:

The kingdom of God is at hand;
 repent and believe in the gospel.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Eucharistic Prayer III

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
 only this do I seek: to live in the house
 of the Lord all the days of my life.

Readings:

Exodus 19. Psalm 100. Romans 5. Matthew 9.

Marian Antiphon (at the end of each Mass)

Salve Regina – please see the Marian Antiphon prayer cards.



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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THETFORD

Celebrating 200 years proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Sunday 14th June 2026

11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 13th		1730	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 14th		1000	<i>First Holy Communion</i>
		1145	<i>First Holy Communion</i>
Monday 15th	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday 16th	Feria	0930-1030	Adoration & Benediction (No Mass)
Wednesday 17th	Feria	1830	<i>Fr Séan Seddon ✕</i>
Thursday 18th	Feria	1830	<i>Imelda & George McMahan ✕</i>
Friday 19th	Feria	1000	<i>Greg Warwick ✕</i>

12TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 20th		1600	Confessions
		1730	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 21st		0800	<i>Julia McManus ✕</i>
		1000	<i>For Life</i>

Confessions Saturday at 4 pm, or **by appointment after any Mass.**
If you are anxious about going to Confession, come and speak to Fr Andrew first. Do not let the devil use your anxiety to keep you away from the Lord and His Sacraments.

Dates for your diary

- 5th July: Mass with Bishop Peter to open Anniversary Year
11th July: Parish Day of Recollection: a day of prayer & Recollection
18th July: Ordination of Paul Gilbert to the Permanent Diaconate

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert & Maureen Huggett, Ann Jones, Theresa Lescott, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Mavis Bassett, Delfim Bonfim, Olga Devonish, Luna Freitas, Ann Griffin, Mgr Peter Leeming, Winny Maynard, Irene Sheahan, Greg Warwick and Dorota Wyrwas.

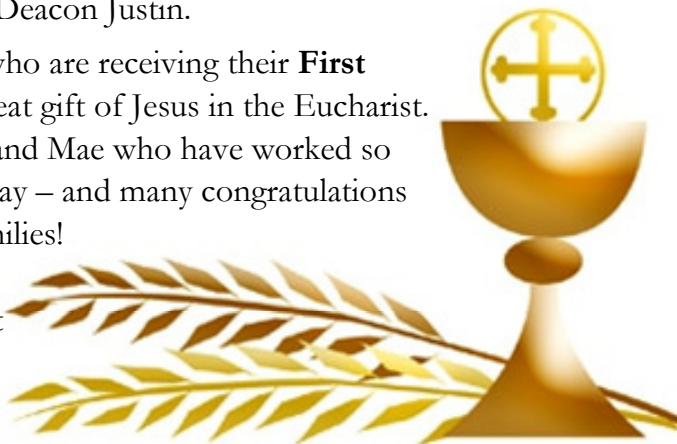
◦ **Refreshments after Mass** A reminder that coffee, tea and squash are available in the Hall after the Sunday 10 am Mass and the Tuesday 10 am Mass – come and see!

◦ **Gift aid.** If you pay UK tax on income or capital gains or a pension, please consider Gift Aiding your donations. For every £1 that you donate to the parish each week, we can reclaim 25p from the government. Speak to John Robinson for more details.

◦ The **26 Club** is a great way to support the parish, and there are prizes every month from June to November 2026. The next round of monthly draws begins in June, so if you wish to renew your subscription or join up then please give your contribution of £26 to Terry Powles, Mary Patrick or Deacon Justin.

◦ Please pray for our children who are receiving their **First Holy Communion** and the great gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. A very big **thank you** to Raul and Mae who have worked so hard to prepare them for this day – and many congratulations to all the children and their families!

We look forward to seeing the children helping with serving at Mass in the weeks to come!



ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX ON HER FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

‘How lovely it was, my First Holy Communion! I knew that I was loved and said, “I love You, and I give myself to You forever.” Jesus asked for nothing, He claimed no sacrifice. Long before that, He and little Thérèse had seen and understood one another well, but on that day it was more than a meeting — it was a complete fusion. We were no longer two, for Thérèse had disappeared like a drop of water lost in the mighty ocean. Jesus alone remained. All the joy of Heaven had entered one small heart. All Heaven entered my soul when I received Jesus for the first time.’

- **Jubilee meeting.** We had a fruitful parish meeting last weekend to discuss the different ways in which we can celebrate our 200th Jubilee year. A schedule of events will soon appear, along with an appeal for volunteers to help it all happen – watch this space!
- **Start of the Jubilee Year.** The Bishop is coming to celebrate Mass to open the Jubilee Year on **Sunday 5th July**. After the Mass we will have a bring and share meal in the hall. If you are able to contribute any dish, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church – thank you!
- **Day of Recollection.** On **Saturday 11th July** we will have a Day of Recollection in the Hall and garden. The subject of the day will simply be ‘Prayer’, as many people seem to struggle to find time to pray or to pray as they would really like.
- The **Ordination of Paul Gilbert to the Permanent Diaconate** takes place at the Cathedral on **Saturday 18th July at 11.30 am**. There is a coach travelling from St Mary’s to the Cathedral – sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. Please pray for Paul as he prepares to receive the grace of Ordination.

“If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to Adoration.” ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA