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26th Sunday of the Year

Prayers and Readings p.782 in the missal

Entrance antiphon:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm:

Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Eucharistic Prayer III (5.30pm & 8 am).
 Eucharistic Prayer I (10 am).

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Readings:

Ezekiel 18:25-28. Psalm 25 (24). Philippians 2:1-5. Matthew 21:28-32.

Marian Antiphon (at the end of the 5.30 pm and 8 am Mass)

Salve Regina – please see the Marian Antiphon prayer cards.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THETFORD

Celebrating 200 years proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Sunday 27th September 2026 26TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 26 th		1730	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 27 th		0800	<i>Tomasz Horlitz ✠</i>
		1000	<i>Wiesław Cupiat ✠</i>
Monday 28 th	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday 29 th	Requiem Mass	1100	<i>Shirley Hewett ✠</i>
Wednesday 30 th	St Jerome	1830	<i>Alessandro Cortoni</i>
Thursday 1 st	St Thérèse of Lisieux	1830	
Friday 2 nd	Holy Guardian Angels	1130	<i>Evelyn McGuire</i>

27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 3 rd		1600	Confessions
		1730	<i>Mario</i>
Sunday 4 th		0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		1000	<i>Mary George Vandalakunnel ✠</i>

Confessions Saturday at 4 pm, or **by appointment after any Mass.**
Confession is one of the greatest gifts of the Church. If you are at all anxious about Confession, please speak to Fr Andrew first.

Dates for your diary

3rd October: Garden volunteers (9am in the Garden)

15th October: Learning about the Faith (7pm in the Hall)

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, 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: Luna Freitas, Ann Griffin, Fr Dick Healey, Shirley Hewett, Albert Huggett, Greg Warwick and Mirella Zubacz. The Requiem Mass for Shirley Hewett is on 29th September.

- **Missals for Children.** Mums and Dads, please check if you have any of these at home. We used to have eight, now we have two!
- **Financial support of the Church.** Last week's collection £435 plus £85 in Gift Aid. Thank you for supporting the Lord and His Church!
- **Gift aid.** Please consider Gift Aiding your donations. For every £1 you donate to the parish each week, we can reclaim 25p from the taxman. The gift-aid claim is made by the diocese on our behalf, so any information you provide goes to the diocese not to the government. It is a very big help for the parish, and it doesn't cost you anything!
- **Donating by card.** In the church porch we now have a **card-reader** and tablet so that donations can be made via card instead of cash. You can make your weekly offering, or give donations for Mass intentions or candles. Just tap the screen and follow the instructions – and thank you for your continuing support of the parish.
- **Music for Mass.** In October we will begin singing a different setting of the **Gloria**. It is a well-known version generally, often sung at Diocesan events, but it may be new to you! – if you would like to practice there will be a run-through after Sunday Mass this weekend.

“Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.

Do all that you do with love.”

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX - FEAST DAY 1ST OCTOBER

Walking to Walsingham

This week I walked to Walsingham to Our Lady's Shrine, and someone asked me why I was doing this. I said that I was doing it for the parish, but for four different reasons. Firstly to bring prayer petitions from our parishioners to Our Lady. Secondly to remind us all that praying to Our Lady and the saints is often the first and most practical thing we can do when we have a problem. Thirdly to remind us all of the value and importance of pilgrimage, and of how blessed we are to have the Shrine of Our Lady in our diocese. And fourthly and lastly to raise money for our Jubilee projects. Thank you for your support! I have prayed for you all at Our Lady's Shrine, and entrusted your petitions to her. Our Lady of Walsingham – pray for us! *Fr Andrew*

- This Saturday Fr Andrew is with the student deacons at St Mary's University, Twickenham – my thanks to Fr Peter Brett for celebrating Mass for the parish on Saturday evening.
- A big thank you to all those who helped out for our first participation in **Heritage Open Day weekend**. It was great to welcome visitors who might not otherwise have come through the doors of the church – thank you everyone.
- **Bible Study:** next session is on **Tuesday 29th September at 7.30 pm** in the parish hall – all are welcome, just bring a Bible!
- This Friday is a First Friday, and there will be a soup lunch in the hall.
- **Learning about the faith.** In October we are going to start evening classes for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, and for any existing Catholics who would simply like to know more about their faith. Classes will take place **fortnightly on Thursday evenings**, beginning **Thursday October 15th**. If you are interested speak to Fr Andrew or Deacon Justin.
- **26 Draw** prize winners for September: 1st #48 Dan Thacker, 2nd #53 Colin Fitch, 3rd #4 Deacon Justin (donated to Walsingham walk).