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27th Sunday of the Year

Prayers and Readings p.786 in the missal

Entrance antiphon:

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the LORD is the house of Israel.

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

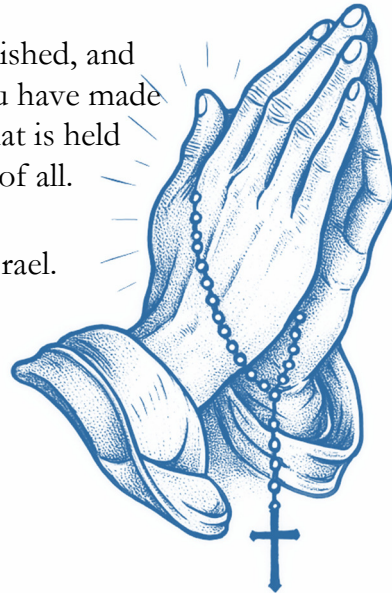
The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7. Psalm 80 (79). Philippians 4:6-9. Matthew 21:33-43.

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 4th October 2026 27TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 3rd		1730	<i>Mario</i>
Sunday 4th		0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		1000	<i>Mary George Vandalakunnel ✠</i>
Monday 5th	St Faustina Kowalska	NO MASS	
Tuesday 6th	St Bruno	0930 Adoration & Benediction	
		1000	<i>George O' Rourke ✠</i>
Wednesday 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary	1830	<i>Allessandro Cartoni</i>
Thursday 8th	Feria	1830	<i>Ann Jones</i>
Friday 9th	St John Henry Newman	1000	<i>Cathy Gooley ✠</i>

28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 10th	1600	Confessions
	1730	
Sunday 11th	0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	1000	✠

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

15 th October:	Learning about the Faith (7pm in the Hall)
1 st November:	Parish History Exhibition (Hall)
10 th November:	Parish History Talk – Fr Andrew (7pm in the Hall)
17 th November:	Parish History Talk – Fr John Morrill (7pm in Hall)
28 th November:	Advent Day of Recollection (Hall)

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Maureen Huggett, Ann Jones, Theresa Lescott, Piotr Majewski, 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.

- **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 £428 plus £85 in Gift Aid. Thank you for supporting the Lord and His Church!
- This weekend there is a **Second Collection** for **Cafod**.
- **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. You can make your weekly offering, or give donations for Mass intentions or candles.



October: month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to the faithful that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose; and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the queen of all Catholic devotions. With the Rosary we meditate on the mysteries of joy, of sorrow, and of the glory of Jesus and Mary. The Holy Rosary is a biblical prayer *par excellence*. It is nothing more than to meditate on the Gospel, with the Hail Mary as background music. It is a simple prayer, humble much like Mary. It is a prayer we can all say together with her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite her to pray for us; and Our Lady always grants our request. She joins her prayer to ours; and what Mary asks for she always receives, because Jesus can never say no to His Mother.

- **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 like to know a little bit 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.
- In a few weeks' time we are going to announce plans for **First Holy Communion** classes for children who will be 7 and upwards in June 2027. If you are interested in enrolling speak to one of the clergy.
- **Celebrating our parish history.** Next month (November) we have events related to our parish history: an exhibition of parish history in the Hall, and two talks on Catholic History by Fr Andrew (**Nov 10th**) and by Fr John Morrill (**Nov 17th**). Do put the dates in your diary.
- At the end of November we will have an **Advent Day of Recollection** to prepare ourselves for the great season of Advent: Saturday 28th November 10 am to 3 pm in the Hall.