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28th Sunday of the Year

Prayers and Readings p.790 in the missal

Entrance antiphon:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord,
 who could stand? But with you is found
 forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm:

In the LORD'S own house shall I
 dwell for length of days unending.

Gospel Acclamation:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we
 may know the hope to which he has called us.

Eucharistic Prayer:

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

Communion Antiphon

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but
 those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Readings:

Isaiah 25:6-10. Psalm 23 (2). Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20. Matthew 22:1-14.

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 11th October 2026 28TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 10th 1730 *James Euston ✕*

Sunday 11th 0800 *Pro Populo*

1000

Monday 12th Feria NO MASS

Tuesday 13th St Edward the Confessor 0930 Adoration & Benediction

1000 *Ann Jones ✕*

Wednesday 14th St Callistus 1830 *Peter Lothian ✕*

Thursday 15th St Teresa of Avila 1830 *Thanksgiving*

Friday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque NO MASS

29TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 17th 1600 Confessions

1730 *Franciski & Cecil ✕*

Sunday 18th 0800 *Pro Populo*

1000 *Sarah Jame O'Donnell ✕*

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.

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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, Ann Jones, Greg Warwick and Mirella Zubacz.

- **Mass Cards.** We now have our own parish **Mass Cards**, for those who do not use a Missal. They are also easier to follow for those who have not been to Mass before.
- **Missals for Children.** Mums and Dads, please check if you have taken any of these home. We used to have eight, now we only 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!
- **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.
- This week is **Prisons Week** during which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families. Next weekend there will be a **Second Collection** for **Missio**.

◦ **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 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.

◦ It is time to renew your subscription to the **26 Club**: there are envelopes of the back of the church for subscribers. The 26 Club is a monthly draw which helps parish finances. If you would like to subscribe speak to Terry Powles or to Deacon Justin – thank you!

“Let nothing disturb you.

Let nothing frighten you.

All things are passing.

God alone never changes.

Patience gains all things.

If you have God,
you will lack nothing.

God alone suffices.”

THE BOOKMARK OF

ST TERESA OF AVILA

– *feast day 15th October* –

◦ 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.