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30th Sunday of the Year

Prayers and Readings p.798 in the missal

Entrance antiphon:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation:

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Eucharistic Prayer III (5.30pm & 8 am).

Eucharistic Prayer I (10 am).

Communion Antiphon

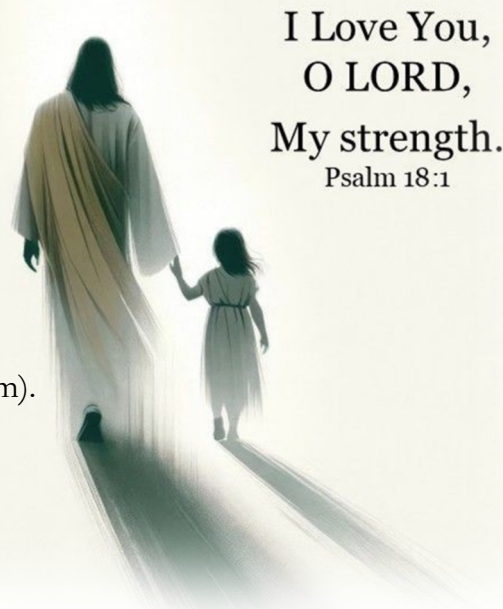
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

Readings:

Exodus 22:21-27. Psalm 18 (17). 1 Thess 1:5-10. Matthew 22:34-40.

Marian Antiphon (at the end of every Sunday 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 25th October 2026 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 24 th		1730	<i>Daniel & Mary Moore</i>
Sunday 25 th		0800	<i>Pro Populo</i>
		1000	<i>Pat & Rosemary Murphy ✕</i>
Monday 26 th	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday 27 th	Feria	0930	<i>Adoration & Benediction</i>
		1000	<i>Eileen Brereton ✕</i>
Wednesday 28 th	Ss Simon & Jude	1830	<i>Sr Mary-Clair Mason</i>
Thursday 29 th	Feria	1830	<i>Private intention</i>
Friday 30 th	Feria	1000	<i>Ann Jones ✕</i>

ALL SAINTS

Saturday 31 st		1600	<i>Confessions</i>
		1730	
Sunday 1 st		0800	
		1000	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Confessions	Saturday at 4 pm, or by appointment after any Mass. <i>Confession is one of the greatest gifts of the Church. If you are at all anxious about Confession, please speak to Fr Andrew first.</i>		
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Dates for your diary

29 th October:	Learning about the Faith (7pm in the Hall)
2 nd November:	All Souls Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
10 th November:	Parish History Talk – Fr Andrew (7pm in the Hall)
15 th November:	Blessing of graves (after 10 am Mass)
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, Emanuel Calenti, 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 £520 plus £145 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.
- The winners for the **October 26 Club** draw were: 1st N^o. 53 Colin Fitch; 2nd N^o. 42 Robert Murphy; 3rd N^o. 58 Reg Leahy. Congratulations!

- **Learning about the faith.** This month we begin evening classes for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, and for any existing Catholics who would like to know more about their faith. Classes take place **fortnightly on Thursday evenings**: the next class is **Thursday October 29th at 7pm** in the Hall.
- This week registrations open for **First Holy Communion** classes. These are for children who will be 7 and upwards in June 2027. Classes will begin in November and will take place on Sunday mornings after Mass. If you would like to register please 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.

- 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!

- 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.

