

## Parish Liturgy and Activities for the Week

Date / Time	Intention	Parish Events
Saturday 27th Sept Mass 12:00noon  <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>FAMILY MASS</b> 5:00pm	A Private Intention   Jean Maclean	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition 6:00pm: Treasure Hunt for Parents and Children
Sunday 28th Sept <b>FAMILY MASSES</b> 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Rosa Riccio RIP & James Riccio RIP	10:30am Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room) 12:00noon: Treasure Hunt for Parents and Children
Monday 29th Sept		Church open for private prayer.
Tuesday 30th Sept		Church open for private prayer.
Wednesday 1st Oct		Church open for private prayer. 6:00pm: Family Session (Our Lady's Club)
Thursday 2nd Oct 9:30am	Jean Maclean	7:30pm: AA Meeting (Romero Room)
Friday 3rd Oct 12:00noon	Funeral Mass for Francis Joseph Burns	
Saturday 4th Oct 12:00noon  <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 5:00pm	The Holy Souls & all who mourn   Christina Fox & Desmond Woodward RIP	11:30am-11:55am: Confessions & Exposition 12:00noon: Tea, Coffee and Refreshments after Mass (Romero Room)
Sunday 28th Sept 9:30am 11:00am	People of the Parish Adiela Jaramillo & Doris Villota Rubiano	12:00noon: Tea/Coffee after Mass (Romero Room)
<i>We pray for all those enrolled in the Mass Guild: David Prior</i>		
<i>Monday: Winnipeg Drive Tuesday: Winrith Road Wednesday: Wood Lane Thursday: Woodgate Friday: Woodlea Saturday: STEC</i>		



# Newsletter

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 28th September 2025**

### Laudato Si'

**(Based on the Cantic of the Sun by  
St Francis of Assisi)**

**Praise be to you, O my Lord,  
for all your creatures!**

**For Brother Sun,**

**who shines with your light.**

**For Sister Moon and the stars,  
set clear and lovely in the sky.**

**For Brother Wind and the air that  
fills our lungs-each breath a gift that  
belongs to you.**

**For Sister Water,**

**so pure and precious.**

**For Brother Fire,  
who, even in the darkness of night,  
brings warmth and light.**

**And for Sister Earth, through whose  
fruits you nourish and sustain us.**

**In all their beauty, they point to  
your goodness.**

**With all your creatures, we praise  
and bless you, Lord.**

**We give you thanks,**

**and we serve you in the chorus of all  
creation.**

**Every cuppa matters:** MacMillian Cancer Support. Thanks for the generosity of people at the 9.30am & 11am Masses for arranging coffee mornings after each Mass to support those living with cancer.

**Eucharistic Ministry:** Training Day Sat 25th October. We are looking for a few more people to take up this ministry at each of the Masses. It is a ministry that draws you more into the mystery of the Eucharist and service of the Eucharistic community. Please consider taking up this opportunity. Speak to Fr. Stephen or at Saturday 5pm Mass Marian Harrison, Sunday 9.30am Mass Karen McCoy 11am Mass Geraldine Scott.

### **Family Masses and Treasure Hunt:**

Family this weekend and Treasure Hunts after Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am Masses. All parents and children are welcome to take part.

### **Parish Priest**

**Fr. Stephen Pritchard**

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### **Administrator:**

Christopher Jennings

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### Year of Hope Rome Pilgrimage:

To celebrate the Holy Year the parish pilgrimage to Rome will take place next month. We want there to be a be a mini pilgrimage at home where you can join us in prayer. Each day you can connect through the parish Socials.

**Assisi Monday 13th:** Mass at the tomb of the church's newest saint, Carlo Acutis.

**Tuesday 14th:** Mass at the St Francis' tomb and visit to St Clare's Basilica.

**Rome Wednesday 15th:** Audience with Pope Leo

**Thursday 16th:** Visit to the excavations under St Peter's and his burial place. Mass in the English College.

**Friday 17th:** Catacombs and St Paul's Outside the Walls.

**Saturday 18th:** Mass at St Maria Maggiore, close to the tomb of Pope Francis.

**Sunday 19th:** Angelus with Pope Leo. St John Lateran and Scala Sancta.

**Monday 20th:** Home.

**October Month of the Rosary:** At the heart of every mystery of the Rosary is Jesus. As we pray, we walk through His entire life. We begin with His conception and early years, travel through His public ministry, watch with horror the brutal end of His life, and end in awe at the heavenly events that followed His death. As the month of the Rosary approaches, will you commit to praying the Rosary more often this October? If you already pray it frequently, can you commit to praying it every day? If you don't pray it very often, if at all, can you commit to praying it once or twice a week? Consider a particular important intention that you could offer your October rosaries for.

**Rosary in Church:** During October a mystery of the rosary will be prayed after each weekday Mass. Please sign up on the sheet to lead the rosary after Mass.

**After Secularisation: The Present and Future of British Catholicism.** In this newly published book Our Lady's parish features in two chapters, New Forms of Parish Life: leadership and A Growing Confidence Reaching Out. The book shows that Mass attendance has fallen steeply over the past decades; fewer people are receiving all the sacraments; fewer people believe. However, in certain distinct settings seem to offer signs of hope and renewal against an otherwise worrying backdrop of declining congregations, closing parishes, and cradle Catholics abandoning their religion in large numbers. The authors show that the Catholic Church is not dying out, there are signs of a British spring. The book is available from CTS.

**Musicians:** Can you help play at the Family Mass at 11am once a month? Maybe you play guitar or another instrument. It would be good to grow the gifts people have and help with our parish music. Contact Martin Fletcher 07951 993 057

**School admissions:** Please note that priests and lay ministers cannot get involved in school admissions. The parish is very happy to supply a baptism certificate for any child. A minority of non-Catholic schools place a burden on parents that creates anxiety and worry. As a parish we are unable to be involved in these processes.

### How to give support to God's Mission through the Parish

**On-Line:** Scan the QR

**Text:**

Text OLA to 70450 to donate £3.

Text OLA to 70460 to donate £5.

Text OLA to 70470 to donate £10.

**Standing Order:**

Forms at the back of church and on website.



### Weekly Collections

**21st September 2025**

Envelopes & Cash: £299.22

S/O online: £910.00

**TOTAL: £1209.22**

**THANK YOU!**

*Evangelii Gaudium*

(Joy of the Gospel) Sunday: £150.20

Fr 3rd October: CAFOD Family Fast Day

**Asylum Link Concert:** Friday 3rd October at St Anne's Overbury Street, 6.30pm. Performers will include 'Good Intentions Duo' and 'Asylum Link Choir and Musicians'. Tickets will be £7 and you can turn up on the night or book via [info@asylumlink.org.uk](mailto:info@asylumlink.org.uk)

**4th-5th October:** Fr Franks Downs MHM is coming to share information about world missions. On Wednesday 15th October 7pm to 8pm in the Romero Room there will be a follow up meeting to see how we can support Missio and World Missions.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this

**Harvest Friday 3rd October:** Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope at the back of church, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10

**Be Still and Know that I am God:** 14th to 17th November retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

**Father Stephen Ugwu:** I would like to thank you my beloved family of Our Lady's. Your kindness and love are phenomenal and I say 'thank you and God bless you.' And I thank immensely Fr Stephen for his warmth, fatherly care, support and love. As I head back to Poland, a part of me remains here at Our Lady's. While asking for your prayers, I promise also to have you in my prayers. Urging you to remain firm and strong in faith and prayer. Once more, thank you greatly and God bless you!

**Fr. Stephen Ugwu**