



The Catholic Parishes of

Corpus Christi, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield

and

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road,  
Old Fallings, Wolverhampton



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## The Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2023

### Times of Holy Mass and Other Services

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
5.30 p.m. (Sat)	(Our Lady's)	Healing for Raymond Doran
9.00 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	People of the Parish
10.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	Rhoda
<b>Monday</b>	<b><u>The Holy Guardian Angels</u></b>	
9.30 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	Albert, Paul and Connie Webster
<b>Tuesday</b>		
9.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	Funeral Mass: Ines Credali
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b><u>St. Francis of Assisi</u></b>	
<i>No public celebration of Holy Mass today</i>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b><u>St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin</u></b>	
9.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	James Brennan
<b>Friday</b>	<b><u>Ss Bruno, Priest</u></b>	
<i>Harvest Family Fast Day</i>		
9.30 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	
6.30 p.m. (1962)	(Our Lady's)	Intentions of Eileen Foster
<b>Saturday</b>	<b><u>Our Lady of the Rosary</u></b>	
9.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	BB and Chai Sheen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
5.30 p.m. (Sat)	(Our Lady's)	Deceased of Ferraroni & Credali families
9.00 a.m.	(Corpus Christi)	James Brennan
10.30 a.m.	(Our Lady's)	People of the Parish

#### Confessions

Saturday morning after Mass. (Our Lady's)  
Sunday morning before Mass (Corpus Christi)

#### Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Thursday during 9.30 a.m. Mass

#### Adoration of the Most Blessed sacrament

Friday 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. (Our Lady's)

Saturday 4.45 – 5.25 p.m. (Our Lady's)

#### Funeral Arrangements:

**Ines Credali RIP** at Our Lady's

Reception Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Funeral Mass. 9.30 a.m. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

**Fr. Edwin Cownley RIP**

Reception 7 p.m., Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Funeral Mass 12 Noon, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
at St. Gregory's, Bearwood

**Fr. Paul Chavasse C.O. RIP**

Reception 5 p.m., Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Funeral Mass 12 Noon, Weds. 18<sup>th</sup> October  
at Our Lady of the Assumption, Swynnerton ST15 ORD

#### Hospital Chaplaincy:

✉ [rw-h-tr.Chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:rw-h-tr.Chaplaincy@nhs.net)

☎ 695098 (emergency ☎ 307999)

**Please pray for the Sick:** Please pray for Brenda Whitmore, Kathleen Hannifin, Rita Nicholls, Robert Holland, Frances Paton, Joanne Harbour, Valerie Dunne, Julia Siha, Violet Langston, and Margaret Belcher.

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Paulett Broadbent, Thomas Nevin, James Tighe, Kimberley Payne, John Worley, Bernard Tully, Joseph Corey, Matthew McCrystall, Shirley Glennon, Audrey Mcnish, Frances O'Grady, Douglas Grainger, Frederick Calladine, John Sheridan, Shelagh Walker, William Harris, Kathleen Keimel, Carmen Jones, Matthew Murray, Eugene Maguire, Dominic Phillips, Jane Rathbone, John Fullwood, Kath Pitt, Kathleen O'Brien, Irene Morton.

**Safeguarding Notice:** Any child who needs to use the lavatory during Holy Mass must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Registered Charity, no. 234216.

#### Music – Our Lady's

Practice 8 p.m. Monday for the forthcoming Sundays..

#### Guild of St. Stephen: Mass for Altar Servers

Date for the diary - Saturday 7 October.

Altar servers and their families are invited to join this year's annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Guild of St Stephen.

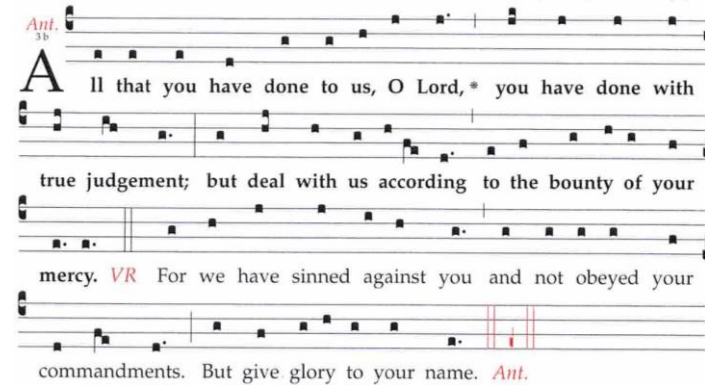
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans on **Saturday 7 October** at 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral, followed by refreshments.

The Guild of St Stephen is an international organisation of Altar Servers founded in England in 1904 by Father Hamilton McDonald when he formed a Society of Altar Servers at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in London.

# Readings at Mass (The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

## Entrance Antiphon (Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42)

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.



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## Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

## First reading (Ezekiel 18:25-28)

### When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:  
‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen,  
you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what  
you do that is unjust? When the upright man  
renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because  
of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has  
committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become  
law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has  
chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall  
certainly live; he shall not die.’

## Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24(25):4-9)

### Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,  
He teaches his way to the poor.

## Second reading (Philippians 2:1-5)

### Be united in your love

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can  
persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common,  
or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in  
your convictions and united in your love, with a  
common purpose and a common mind. That is the one  
thing which would make me completely happy. There  
must be no competition among you, no conceit; but  
everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the  
other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody  
thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks  
of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you  
must be the same as Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation (Jn14:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If anyone loves me he will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we shall come to him.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel (Matthew 21:28-32)

### Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people,  
‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went  
and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the  
vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but  
afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then  
went and said the same thing to the second who  
answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of  
the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said.  
Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors  
and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom  
of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of  
true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and  
yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after  
seeing that, you refused to think better of it and  
believe in him.’

## “ *When the sinner renounces sin, he shall certainly live.* ”

The [Prophet Ezekiel](#) lived during the period of the exile, his writings dating to around 583 BC or thereabouts. He addresses a people conscious of their sufferings, and conscious of the sins and shortcomings of their ancestors. Also, he expresses the hope of a return to the homeland, accompanied by a conversion of heart, so that the people may live once more as the sons and daughters of God, worshipping in the Temple and living good and upright lives. This call to conversion is summed up beautifully:

“Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?” (Ez.33:11)

Today’s first reading emphasises not only the need for conversion of heart, but that righteous living is something that must continue. It is not enough to have been initiated into the People of God: there must be a consistency of life in accordance with the Law of God. This point is applicable in our own day – the Sacrament of Baptism cannot be an isolated event within our lives. The faith professed at the moment of Baptism must be lived out day by day. In the case of infant Baptism, Canon Law states that “*there be a well-founded hope that the child be brought up in the Catholic religion*” (CIC 868 §1.2) It is the duty of parents and Godparents to ensure that religious upbringing, and that is why they must renounce evil before God and make the profession of faith prior to the Baptism of the child. With regard to the other Sacraments, these must be received within the context of a life of faith in which both participation in regular worship (as outlined in the [Precepts of the Church](#)) and adherence to Christian morality is manifest.

Our Lord speaks in parables about the call to follow Him in this life. Today’s parable of the father who had the two sons illustrates this point. The father who asks each of his two sons to go to work in his vineyard reminds us of God our Father who calls each one of us to follow Him in the manner in which He calls us. That the first son



expresses an initial willingness to answer that call but then fails to live by that call is a warning to us. The second son who at first refuses to fulfil his father’s wishes but later changes his mind reminds us that as we discern the Lord’s call to us, so we must respond willingly, forgoing our own will to fulfil His; we note, also, that it is the wholehearted and sincere response to the Lord’s call that is important, even if that is not from an early age. We should remember the parable that we heard last Sunday concerning the workers in the vineyard, and that those who started work later in the day still received their reward, an image of the Father’s merciful generosity.

In today’s parable, we should remember that it is Our Lord Himself who is telling us the parable: He Himself is the ultimate model of the One who submits wholeheartedly to fulfilling the Father’s will. He is the One who is obedient throughout His lifetime, even to the point of giving His own life on the cross; He is the one who is the model of humility throughout His earthly life. It is His example of humility that we should follow whatever calling we discern during this earthly pilgrimage.

It is worth considering the conversion of [St. Augustine](#). Born of a devoutly Christian mother ([St. Monica](#)) he resisted faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ until the age of 31; yet he went on to become one of the greatest teachers of the faith, eventually becoming a Bishop. He refers to his conversion in his [Confessions](#), where he states:

*Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there. Unlovely, I rushed heedlessly among the lovely things thou hast made. Thou wast with me, but I was not with thee. These things kept me far from thee; even though they were not at all unless they were in thee. Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odours and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace.*

### Family Fast Day

Family Fast Day is on Friday 6 October. By sharing a simple meal and giving what you save, you’ll be standing in solidarity with vulnerable people who are threatened by disease and poverty, displaced from their homes and communities by the climate crisis.

Envelopes for donations to [CAFOD](#) are available at the back of church. Donations towards the CAFOD fast day collection should be placed in the envelopes, and may be placed in the collection bags at Holy Mass. Donations may also be made by debit/credit card.

### [Missio](#) Red Boxes

Missio members who have a red box are now invited to bring them into church to be emptied. Please make sure that your box has your name on it. Many thanks.

Mary Vickers/ Keith Wood

### Food for the needy of our city

Donations of tinned food items may be brought to church and placed in the baskets in the church narthex. Thanks to Nigel Smith, these will be passed on to the [Good Shepherd Brothers](#) for those in need in our city





## Parish Finances and Offertory Collections

Our churches survive from the offerings and donations that we receive, whether by cash or by other means. You may contribute: using:

1. Standing Order (forms available at the back of church)
2. Online giving (via [website](#))
3. Credit/Debit Card (machine in the church porch)
4. Cash (using the offertory bags passed around during Holy Mass).

You may contribute by credit card in church, or online:

- For general collections/donations to Our Lady's [here](#).
- For general collections/donations to Corpus Christi [here](#).
- For Mass Offerings [here](#) (Please email/write details).

Gift Aid enables a registered charity to obtain an additional 25p from the Government for every £1 donated by an individual who pays income tax on their earnings.

- To apply Gift Aid to donations by *standing order* or *cash*, please fill in a Gift Aid form.
- To apply Gift Aid to donations made by *credit card* or *online*, please click the "Add Gift Aid" button and fill in details as requested. (You only have to do this once)

To set up a standing order, the bank details are:

Corpus Christi:	Sort code:	55-70-46
	Account no.	00215651
Our Lady's:	Sort Code:	56-00-69
	Account no.	00158232

Offertory Collections	Our Lady's	C. Christi
<b>17/09/2023</b>		
First Collection (Gift Aid)	£0.00	£20.00
First Collection (non-Gift Aid)	£149.55	£67.72
First Collection (card)	£117.00	£15.00
Second Collection (Cath. Evangelisation)	£43.46	£35.70
<b>24/09/2023</b>		
First Collection (Gift Aid)	£0.00	£40.00
First Collection (non-Gift Aid)	£136.91	£99.19
First Collection (card)	£42.00	£18.00
Second Collection (Fr. Hudson's)	£54.60	£39.75

(These figures do not include standing orders)

## Catechesis for the Sacraments of Initiation

1. Baptism/Reception into the Catholic Church for Adults
2. Catechesis for First Confession and First Holy Communion for those who have passed their 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday (on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023).
3. Catechesis for First Confession and Holy Communion for children below the age of ten on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023:
4. The Sacrament of Confirmation for those who have not reached their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**Please note: application forms should be returned by 12 noon today, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**



Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community September 27- November 5.

[40 Days for Life](#) is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

The Birmingham campaign is running in Northfield, Birmingham. For further information regarding participation and support, contact Isabel Vaughan-Spruce, tel. 07773501721; email [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com)

### Lighting in the narthex at Our Lady's

A number of the light fittings at Our Lady's had failed: all have now been replaced by modern fittings; this has cost in the region of £500, and has reduced electricity consumption in this part of the church building by nearly 80%.

### Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Margaret Greene (Our Lady's [sg.ourladys.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ourladys.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)) and Mary Boxold (Corpus Christi - [sg.corpuschristi.wolves@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.corpuschristi.wolves@rcaob.org.uk)); alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

### Synod on Synodality

Bishops and laypeople from around the world are gathering in Rome this week for the first session of the Synod on Synodality. We are asked to keep participants in our prayers at this time.

To understand more about the issues involved, and to inspire prayer on this matter, you may like to read Pastoral letters from these Bishops concerning this gathering:

[Cardinal Vincent Nichols](#), Archbishop of Westminster

[Bishop Robert Barron](#) Bishop of Winona-Rochester, USA

[Bishop Robert Strickland](#) of Tyler, Texas. USA

### Mobile phones and the Confessional

Priests and laypeople are advised that mobile phones should not be taken into the confessional:

*"Following discussion at the Bishops' Conference, we have been advised that, due to the sacred nature of the confessional, clergy be requested not to have active mobile phones with them in the confessional. They should not just be put to silent mode but should be turned off before entering the confessional. Penitents should be requested to do the same. This is because, even if in silent mode, phones can still listen-in to conversations and artificial intelligence algorithms identify items of interest to potential advertisers. This technology does not affect every network but must be presumed to be operative because it cannot be proven otherwise."*

# Financial Support for your parish

*Our parishes depend on the financial support of the people  
to support the mission of the church*

## Standing order

You can set up a standing order either:

1. By filling in a standing order form which you can collect from church or download from the website, or:
2. By arranging contacting the parish from bank details and arranging a standing order directly with the bank.

A standing order means that your bank pays the parish directly a set amount each week or month, enabling a secure and direct transfer.

By this means, you help the parish to receive a secure and regular income to support the mission of the church locally.



## Donation by Credit/debit card

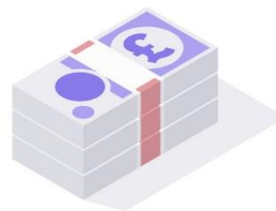
We can use our credit/debit cards in the contactless/chip and pin terminals in church. Nowadays, we often don't carry cash with us when we go out, and many venues encourage cashless payments. With credit/debit cards, we can donate as we do online:



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
- for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish
- Mass offerings
- Charitable/second collections (when they occur)

## Planned giving

If we prefer to make our offerings to the parish using cash, it is often helpful to use the *planned giving envelopes*. This gives us privacy in making our offerings, and we can set aside a particular sum of money each week to place in our envelopes. In this way we support our parish and ensure a regular source of income for the parish.



## Online

from your home, by visiting the parish website and clicking on the [Giving](#) button you can make donations to the parish. Such donations may be for



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
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You can also bring up the "Giving" page of the parish website on your smartphone by scanning the QR code. Thereafter, you can make online donations by this means.

## Gift Aid

For those who are tax payers, making a *Gift Aid* declaration enables the parish (as part of a recognised charity) to claim back tax that has been paid. This means that for every £1 that you give to the parish, the parish receives an additional 25p in reclaimed tax.

*Gift Aid* can be applied to donations received from tax payers contributing in any one of the four means of giving to the parish listed.

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