

Mass times for St Theresa's and Our Lady's

29th Sunday Ordinary Time - Psalter week 1	30th Sunday Ordinary Time - Psalter week 2
Sat 17 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm Rev. Fr. Basil Aguinam RIP	Sat 24 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 6.00pm
Sun 18 th Oct. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am	Sun 25 th Oct. Mass Our Lady's 9.00am
Sun 18 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am Rev. Fr. Anthony Ita Bassey RIP	Sun 25 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 10.30am
Mon 19 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions	Mon 26 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Ss Chad & Cedd
Tue 20 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Tue 27 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am
Wed 21 st Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am	Wed 28 th Oct. Mass St. Theresa's 9.30am Ss Simon & Jude
Thu 22 nd Oct. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am St John Paul II	Thu 29 th Oct. Mass Our Lady's 10.00am
Fri 23 rd Oct. NO MASS	Fri 30 th Oct. NO MASS

† Please pray for the following members of our community who are ill or housebound: Bella Calder, Claire Sorrell, Tony Wright, John Tobin, Christopher Brown, Peggy Crooke, Greg Borkowski, Jay Dosanjh, Clara Nolan, Eve Barry, Mary Templeman, Chris Phelan, Miss Fahim, Alaric Rosman and Mary Taylor. For all those in nursing homes or hospital and other Parish Family members who are ill or need our prayers.

Pope's intention Oct 2020

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Pope's tweets

Tenderness is love that draws near and becomes real. A movement that starts from our heart and reaches the eyes, the ears, and the hands. Tenderness is the path of choice for the strongest, most courageous men and women. In prayer, we place our worries and petitions in the hands of God, and we trust that He will listen, for He knows what we need and will give us what is good for us.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Today 18th October is World Mission Sunday when a collection is to be taken for Missio, the Pontifical Mission Society. In this time of international turmoil and uncertainty, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity for the global family of the Catholic Church to stand together in solidarity, prayer, and faith. Pope Francis encourages us to hope and trust in the Lord. In his [message for World Mission Sunday](#), he reminds us that 'in a context profoundly marked by the COVID-19 pandemic, we must not be discouraged because mission is not the fruit of human capacity but belongs to God. He sent his Son Jesus Christ and today he sends every baptised person.'

CAFOD: Our parish raised a fantastic £219.73 for CAFOD's coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day, in addition to donations made online or by text. Your support will help ensure our global family can survive, rebuild, and heal. Thank you for your generosity, and please keep the world's poorest communities in your prayers at this time."

Fratelli Tutti - summary

Last weekend, the Holy Father published his new Encyclical Letter [Fratelli Tutti](#) on fraternity and social friendship: At the same time, the Vatican released some helps towards reading the Encyclical and understanding its message. One is a Quick Reading Guide, which is reproduced here:

Shadows over the closed world (Ch. 1) are spreading everywhere, leaving injured people by the roadside, cast out and discarded. The shadows plunge humanity into confusion, loneliness, and desolation. When we come upon an **injured stranger on the road** (Ch. 2), we can assume one of two attitudes: we can pass by or we can stop to help. The type of person we are and the type of political, social or religious group we belong to will be defined by whether we include or exclude the injured stranger.

God is universal love, and as long as we are part of that love and share in it, we are called to universal fraternity, which is openness to all. There are no "others," no "them," there is only "us." We want, with God and in God, an **open world** (Ch. 3), a world without walls, without borders, without people rejected, without strangers. To achieve this world, we must have an **open heart** (Ch. 4). We need to experience social friendship, seek what is morally good, and practice a social ethic because we know we are part of a universal fraternity. We are called to solidarity, encounter, and gratuitousness.

To create an open world with an open heart, it is necessary to engage in politics, and a **better kind of politics** (Ch. 5) is essential. Politics for the common and universal good. Politics that is "popular" because it is for and with the people. It is politics with social charity that seeks human dignity. The politics of men and women who practice political love by integrating the economy with the social and cultural fabric into a consistent and life-giving human project.

Knowing how to **dialogue** is the way to open the world and build **social friendship** (Ch. 6) which manifests an open heart and provides the basis for a better politics. Dialogue seeks and respects the truth. Dialogue gives rise to the culture of encounter, which becomes a way of life, a passionate desire. Whoever dialogues is generous, recognizing and respecting the other.

But it is not enough just to engage in encounter. We have to face the reality of the injuries of past mis-encounters, and so we have to establish and walk the **paths of re-encounter** (Ch. 7). We need to heal the wounds, which requires seeking and offering forgiveness. To forgive is not to forget. We need to be daring and start from the truth—the recognition of historical truth—which is the inseparable companion of justice and mercy. All this is indispensable for advancing towards peace. Conflict is inevitable on the road to peace, but violence is inadmissible. That is why war is a recourse that must be rejected, and the death penalty a practice that must be eliminated.

The different religions of the world recognize human beings as God's creatures. As creatures, we are in a relationship of fraternity. **The religions** are called to the **service of fraternity in the world** (Ch. 8). In dialogue and with hearts open to the world, we can establish social friendship and fraternity. In our openness to the Father of all, we recognize our universal condition as brothers and sisters. For Christians, the wellspring of human dignity and fraternity is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and that is what inspires our actions and commitments. This path of fraternity also has a Mother called Mary. Faced with those injured by the shadows of a closed world and still lying by the roadside, we are invited by Pope Francis to make our own the world's desire for fraternity, starting with the recognition that we are "*Fratelli tutti*", **brothers and sisters all**.

SPUC - Help stop DIY abortions

“Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales. Since 1967 over nine million babies have lost their lives to abortion. Millions of women and men have also had to deal with the suffering which so often follows an abortion. Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country on Tuesday 27th October. For Post Abortion help and to support Pro-Life counselling see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com”

Sign the petition to save the right to save lives

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. We must protect this vital work. Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>

Back 2 Basics Course begins

Sr. Hyacinthe OP Leader of our Formation for Mission Team invites us to join an exciting new online course to help us prepare for **Advent** and for the coming **Year of the Eucharist**...

The FFM team have created an online group input that will help anyone wanting to know more about their faith, especially parents whose children are preparing for first Reconciliation and Communion. Our Back 2 Basics offers 6 sessions that aim explore the beautiful meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of God’s infinite mercy. We will be looking at this sacrament using artworks, group activities and discussion, and offer an introduction to Catholic morality, looking at topics such as the dignity of the human person, grace, sin, freedom, conscience, human happiness, and the call to holiness.

Of course, this online course is open to everyone: all adults, parents, grandparents, and catechists.

The Back2Basics Reconciliation will be presented this **November, every Monday from 7 pm to 9 pm**, and so is a great way to prepare for Advent and for the coming Year of the Eucharist! We will finish each session with a time of prayer, with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

To Register for this course, click [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Rosary Whirlwind event being held around the British Isles on Saturday 31st October.

October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. Nations around the world are hosting their great Rosary Crusades and we join them, especially Ireland in a great union of prayer. Once again Catholics across England, Wales, Scotland, and the Isles are invited to take up their rosaries for an intensive Rosary Whirlwind Mission for the spiritual well-being of the British Isles and for its preservation from degeneration, disaster, sickness, and war.

You are invited to sign up your location on the Map at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk Saturday 31st October – Eve of All Saints - National Rosary relay Rally from 9am to 9pm – where the Dioceses of the British Isles are invited to take an hour where the Rosary is said in parishes, homes etc throughout the Diocese during their designated hour. May the Rosaries offered on the Eve of All Saints 2020 – be a defence for our peoples and Isles from the snares, traps, and entanglements of the devil.

4. The Culmination of the Rosary Mission will be on Sunday 1st November – Feast of All Saints – when Bishop John will lead a thanksgiving Rosary at 8pm from St. Mirin’s Cathedral, Paisley, Scotland.

On Saturday 31st October, Bishop Philip will celebrate the 12.15pm Mass in St John's Cathedral after which he will lead the Holy Rosary.

Head of Centre Volunteer - Marriage Care

Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and ongoing relationship support for couples across England and Wales.

Our local centre which covers Portsmouth and the surrounding area is looking for someone with experience of team management to take on our Head of Centre role and lead and support our local team in delivering vital relationship support services. If you want to be part of a friendly team making a real difference in your community, please enquire.

For more information you can visit us at:

www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

An alternative approach to Hallowe'en

Rather than reaching for the Hallowe'en costumes this month, why not consider allowing the little ones in your family to 'dress up as saints' in readiness for All Saints' Day? It could also be a great way of instilling a sense of vocation in our young Catholics.

Through our families, we must try to help our young people look beyond careers and professions and focus on answering the call from God to be holy. You could start with these two key questions: "What do you want to be when you grow up?," and "What do you think God wants you to be?"

For most young Catholics the call is going to be to married life and, indeed, we must do all we can to help prepare them for that vocation. This is especially important in a society that seems to value the sacrament of marriage less and less. However, we can also be certain that some of our young people are being called by God to lives of special service in the Church, to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and the religious life. It is particularly challenging to present the commitment of consecrated life and priestly ministry in the context of contemporary culture. Without support from families and parish communities, these vocations will go unheeded. Parents, grandparents, and extended family can do so much by praying with their children and teaching them to seek God's will in their lives through vocational discernment. In faith, we need to understand that true happiness depends on a generous response to God's call and that God is never outdone in generosity and love.

It is surprising how many of our priests recall 'playing Mass' when they were younger - one even admitted to using chocolate buttons as hosts!

We encourage children to play-act being builders, nurses, doctors etc., so why not as priests or religious?