

NEWSLETTER 20th September 2026

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A: Last Sunday, we reflected that **having received God's mercy, we are called to become merciful people.** Today's Gospel deepens this theme through the parable of the labourers in the vineyard. Those who had worked all day became resentful when those who arrived later received the same wage. Jesus challenges our tendency to compare, calculate, and ask what we deserve, inviting us instead to trust in the **generous mercy of God**, whose ways are higher than our ways. **God is merciful; we belong to God; therefore, we are called to be merciful.** May God's generosity free us from comparison and resentment, and teach us to rejoice in the blessings of others.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 19 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Our Lady. Confessions after 9:30 am Mass. Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Arta Kola & Zoraida Linarez People of the Parish
Sun 20 th	9:30 am 11:00 am	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Evangelii Gaudium – Home Mission Sunday	Gina Doherty (RIP) Edgar DeSA (RIP)
Mon 21 st	9:30 am	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Bernardo Plaza (RIP)
Tue 22 nd	9:30 am	Feria	McLeod's Intention
Wed 23 rd	9:30 am	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	Maribe's Intention
Thur 24 th	9:30 am	Our Lady of Walsingham	Oscar H.U. Medina
Fri 25 th	9:30 am	Feria. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 10 am-11 am.	Gerry Gundry RIP
Sat 26 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Saints Cosmas & Damian. Confessions after 9:30 am Mass. Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Nicolapillai Louis (RIP) People of the Parish

Evangelii Gaudium - Home Mission Sunday. There will be a Second Collection. This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

PARISH INFO: New Parishioners - Welcome to Holy Family Parish!

Parish Office Hours This Week: Tuesday & Thursday 10 am – 1 pm

PARISH LEDGER: Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our parish. Your contributions enable us to sustain our mission and continue serving both our parish community and the wider neighbourhood. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting the parish through a Standing Order, which provides a reliable source of income and helps us plan responsibly throughout the year. For your convenience, online giving is now available, so there is no longer any need to write cheques. Last weekend's offertory: Plate £467.79; Education Sunday 2nd collection £179.22; Contactless £175.00. Standing Orders £435.00. Mass Intentions: 175. International meal: £1,900.00, with contactless donations still being finalised. *Ira, Gift Aid Organiser & Bookkeeper* (suttongreengac@rcaos.org.uk). Donations to the Building Fund can be made using the contactless giving machine at the back of the church. Every gift, however large or small, helps us move these important projects forward and is sincerely appreciated. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued commitment to the life and mission of our parish. May God bless you and your families.

Dates for Your Diary: (1) Blessing of Animals – Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Sunday, 4 October – 9.30 am Mass in the Parish Hall. On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we will give thanks for the gift of God's creation. Following the 9.30 am Mass, there will be a blessing of animals in honour of St Francis, who had a deep love of God, the poor and all creation. Families are warmly invited to bring their pets. For everyone's safety, please observe the following: (i) Dogs must be kept securely on a lead and under control at all times. Aggressive or difficult-to-control dogs should not attend. (ii) Cats must be kept in a secure carrier or safely restrained with a harness and lead. (iii) Fish, birds and other small animals must remain securely in their cages, tanks or containers. (iv) A responsible adult must supervise all pets throughout the Mass. If your pet cannot attend, soft toys or photographs of animals are very welcome.

(2) Fr Patrick's Presentation: Wednesday, 2 December 2026 - Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please join us as we thank Fr Patrick for his ministry among us and offer him our prayers and best wishes. Donations towards his presentation may be made via the contactless machine or collection box in the porch.

First Holy Communion Preparation - Parents and guardians of children in Year 3 are warmly invited to register their children for preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD NOW.** Registration forms are available at the back of the church or on the parish website. Complete the form and bring it to the first meeting on Sunday, 27 September 2026, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the church. The preparation programme will begin on Sunday, 11 October 2026. The celebration of First Holy Communion is scheduled for June 2027. We warmly encourage all parents and guardians to register promptly and to take an active part in supporting their children throughout this important journey of preparation and faith formation.

Harvest Festival – Weekend of 27 September. As we celebrate the harvest, we are invited to give thanks for God's gifts and support those in need. Our **CAFOD representative** will speak at all weekend Masses about the **CAFOD Harvest Appeal** and how we can respond through prayer and generous giving.

RCIA & Synodality at Holy Family Parish. **RCIA – 6.00–7.00 pm:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets on the second Thursday of each month. These sessions are for those who wish to explore the Catholic faith, deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church, prepare for the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, or discern a journey towards full communion with the Catholic Church. All who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith are warmly welcome. **Synodality – 7.00–8.00 pm:** This session invites parishioners to reflect together on communion, participation and mission, and on how we can listen to one another and contribute more fully to the life and mission of the Church. All parishioners are warmly invited to take part. May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten us, leading us ever more deeply into communion with Christ and His Church.

Parish Surgery: Fr Michael will be available without prior appointment every Monday from 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm for parishioners who wish to: have school forms signed; discuss the reception of the Sacraments; raise any pastoral or personal matter or seek pastoral guidance. All parishioners are warmly welcome to come along during these hours.

...Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), No. 13. Thirdly, building a world in which everyone can flourish requires shared responsibility and courage. No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing, just as no one is so weak that they cannot play their part, for "power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor 12:9). All are given their own section of the wall: scientists and researchers, entrepreneurs and workers, educators and legislators, civil society, popular movements and faith communities. This is the logic of subsidiarity, which values the cooperation between generations, peoples, disciplines and cultures as the best way for fostering stability, prosperity and peace. We should not be intimidated by tensions or differences because they can become creative forces when guided by shared responsibility.

HUMOUR: Last Sunday's meal truly brought the world to our table - many nations, traditions and flavours, and thankfully, no passports required! 🙏😊🙏😊

A big thank you to everyone who supported our International Meal - we are delighted to have raised £1,900.00, with contactless donations still being finalised. Congratulations to all our raffle winners - please remember to collect your prizes! God bless you all abundantly, and we look forward to seeing you at our next event!

