



NEWSLETTER 18th October 2026

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A: Last Sunday, Jesus reminded us that God's invitation to His Kingdom calls for a genuine response. This Sunday, He challenges us to consider our responsibilities in the world and our ultimate allegiance to God: *"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"* (Matthew 22:21). The readings remind us that God is Lord of history and that authentic faith bears fruit in love, hope, and service. While we must fulfil our civic responsibilities and contribute to the common good, our deepest allegiance belongs to God. The coin bears Caesar's image, but we are created in God's image. Giving God what belongs to Him means offering Him our hearts and allowing His love to shape our choices, relationships, and how we treat others. On 4 October, we reflected on how St Thérèse of Lisieux's *Little Way* offers a profound response to perfectionism and a legalistic understanding of holiness. Through spiritual childhood, humble trust, and surrender to God's merciful love, she reminds us that holiness grows through loving God in the ordinary circumstances of daily life. As we celebrated the feast of St Teresa of Ávila on 15 October, we were invited to consider another essential dimension of the spiritual life: finding our deepest peace in God. Amid the uncertainty and turmoil of the modern world, fear and anxiety can distract us from Him. In *The Interior Castle*, St Teresa describes the journey towards the centre of the soul, where we encounter God, whose presence sustains us even when difficulties surround us. Together, these two Carmelite saints remind us that holiness involves both humble love in our everyday lives and a deep interior relationship with God. Their wisdom encourages us not to withdraw from the world, but to face its challenges with faith, courage, and love, keeping God at the centre of our lives. This Sunday, let us ask ourselves: *Am I giving God the place He deserves in my life?* May we recognise His image in every person, fulfil our responsibilities with integrity, and serve others with compassion. As we place God at the centre of our lives, may His unchanging presence give us the courage and peace to live our faith each day.

Let us take to heart the words traditionally attributed to St Teresa of Ávila: *Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 18TH OCTOBER 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 17 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	St Ignatius Antioch. Confessions after 9:30 am Mass. Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls People of the Parish
Sun 18 th	9:30 am 11:00 am	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Missio - World Mission Day	Bridget O'Brien RIP Ronald Bannister RIP
Mon 19th	12:45 pm	Funeral Mass for the late Beata Jadwiga Howe (RIP)	
Tue 20 th	9:30 am	Feria	Edgar DeSa RIP
Wed 21 st	9:30 am	St Margaret Clitherow	Mulcahy Family
Thur 22 nd	9:30 am	St John Paul II Pope	Holy Souls
Fri 23 rd	9:30 am	St John of Capistrano Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 10 am-11 am.	Annamah Louis RIP
Sat 24 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Bryan Train Bridget O'Brien RIP

WORLD MISSION DAY: This weekend, we celebrate the Church's worldwide missionary work under the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: **"One in Christ, United in Mission."** In his message for the 100th World Mission Day, the Holy Father calls us to be *"missionary disciples united in Him and with our brothers and sisters that the world may believe in Christ the Lord"*. He also reminds us of our **"Mission to love - Proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love"**. Reflecting on his missionary experience in Peru, he recalls: *"I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer, and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities."* **Our second collection is for Missio**, the Catholic Church's official global mission charity, which supports missionaries and local Churches around the world. Working through local bishops, dioceses, and missionaries, *Missio* helps ensure that resources reach communities according to their needs. Through our prayers and generosity, we can help sustain this work and bring hope to communities facing significant challenges. Let us ask God to strengthen all who share the Gospel and help us bear witness to Christ's love in our own lives. May Our Lady, Queen of the Missions, pray for us.

NOTICE: There will be no 9:30 am Mass on Monday morning, as the Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 12:45 pm.

PARISH INFO: New Parishioners - Welcome to Holy Family Parish!
Parish Office Hours This Week: Tuesday & Thursday 10am-1pm.

PARISH LEDGER: Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our parish. 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 £525.85; Contactless £300.00. Standing Orders £290.00. Second Collection: PACT £139.20 CAFOD £300.00. Votives £46.00. Repository £50.00. Cake sale £216.25. *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) 🕯️ ✨ **PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & GRAND RAFFLE** 🎁 Sunday, 6 December. Join us for our festive **Parish Christmas Lunch** - a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together, enjoy delicious food and fellowship, and share in the joy of Christmas. 🕯️ 🕯️ **GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - 10 HAMPERS TO BE WON!** As part of our celebrations, we will hold a **Grand Christmas Raffle, with 10 festive Christmas hampers to be won!** 🎟️ **Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in advance.** We warmly encourage everyone to get their tickets early and support this special parish celebration. Further details on ticket prices and where to purchase them will be announced shortly. **Your Generosity Makes a Difference:** We warmly invite parishioners to donate items for the Christmas hampers and contributions towards the parish lunch. Donations may be left at the **marked collection point at the back of the church.** Please take bottles and other donations to the **sacristy or parish office.** 🙋 **Volunteers are always welcome!** If you can spare some time to help with the preparations or on the day, we would be delighted to hear from you. **Food • Fellowship • Fun • Christmas Spirit.** Let us come together in generosity and joy to make this a memorable Christmas celebration for our parish family. Thank you for your continued kindness and support! 🕯️ 🕯️
(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.**

RCIA & Synodality at Holy Family Parish. We hope to hold our **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** and **Synodality sessions after the Sunday 9:30 am Mass in the Margaret Nolan Room.** These sessions offer an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, grow in our spiritual journey, and reflect on how we can walk together as a welcoming, listening, and missionary Church.

🙋 **PARISH MINISTRIES: VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!** We are inviting more parishioners to serve in our various ministries and teams, including **Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Catechists, the sound system team, Bidding Prayers Writers, website and IT team, Sacristans, Ushers, and Holy Dusters (Church cleaners).** Please check the **various lists displayed at the back of the church** to see whether your name is included. If you are already involved in a ministry, kindly check that your name is on the relevant list. If you would like to volunteer, please add your name to the appropriate list. Every contribution, big or small, helps our parish community grow in faith and serve God together. **Your gifts, time, and willingness to serve are greatly valued and appreciated.** Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life and mission of Holy Family Parish. 🙋

🕯️ **CHRISTMAS CARDS & RELIGIOUS ITEMS:** Christmas cards and religious items are now available from the **Repository at the back of the church.** Please visit and browse the items available. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

...Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), No. 17.
CHAPTER ONE. A DYNAMIC APPROACH FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL. 17. In this first chapter, I intend to present synthetically how the Social Doctrine of the Church has taken shape in the recent Papal Magisterium and in the Second Vatican Council, in order to demonstrate its dynamic character. Indeed, in each era the *res novae* (literally, "new things" or "new developments"- the emerging social, cultural, economic, and technological realities of each historical period) require that this teaching address historical questions in the light of revealed Truth. In this regard, artificial intelligence, too, should not be considered as merely yet another theme to be studied or a crisis to be managed, but rather as a development that challenges the categories of Social Doctrine from within, calling for their further development in fidelity to the Gospel.

HUMOUR - Dentist: "I love making people smile. I just didn't make it as a comedian!"

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