

NEWSLETTER 4th October 2026

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A: Last Sunday, Jesus' parable of the two sons (Matthew 21:28–32) reminded us that true obedience is shown not merely in words, but in actions. The son who initially refused his father's request but later obeyed demonstrated genuine conversion of heart. Jesus challenged the religious leaders to recognize that repentance and faithful action matter more than outward profession. This Sunday, Jesus continues with the image of the vineyard. In Isaiah 5:1-7, Israel is portrayed as God's carefully tended vineyard, yet it fails to produce the fruit God desires. Psalm 80 echoes this theme, asking God to protect and restore the vineyard He planted. The Gospel (Matthew 21:33-43) develops the image further: the tenants reject the owner's servants and ultimately kill his son. The vineyard therefore reminds us that God entrusts His people with a responsibility - to receive His gifts faithfully and bear fruit in accordance with His will. St. Paul, in Philippians 4:6-9, shows us how to remain faithful: through prayer, trust in God, and perseverance in what is true, honourable, just, pure, and worthy of praise. Together, these readings give us one clear message: God has entrusted His vineyard to us, and He looks for the fruit of faithful lives. Last Sunday asked whether our actions match our words; this Sunday asks whether those actions are producing the fruit God desires. As we reflect, let us ask: What fruit is my life producing for God? Am I listening to His word, responding with faith, and allowing His grace to transform my actions? God does not seek empty promises, but hearts that listen, lives that obey, and fruits that endure.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 4TH OCTOBER 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 3rd	9:30 am 2:00 pm 6:00 pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary. Confessions after 9:30 am Mass 1 st Anniversary Mass of the Cantonese Group Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jessi (Josephine) RIP Cantonese Group Mark & Nelly Nicholson RIP
Sun 4 th	9:30 am 11:00 am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection – St Francis of Assisi	Bridget O'Brien RIP People of the Parish
Mon 5 th	9:30 am	St Faustina Kowalska	Kathleen, Martin, Denise & Family
Tue 6 th	9:30 am	St Bruno	Kathy & Family
Wed 7 th	9:30 am	Our Lady of the Rosary	Ronald Bannister RIP
Thur 8 th	9:30 am	Feria	Amy & Jonathan Loam
Fri 9 th	9:30 am	St John Henry Newman. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 10 am-11 am.	Private Intention
Sat 10 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary. Confessions after 9:30 am Mass. Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Beata Jadwiga Howe John & Monica McCauley RIP

**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.

Prayer: O God, the author and giver of every gift, animals also are part of the way you provide help for our needs and labours. We pray through the

intercession of Saint Francis that you will make available to us the things we need to maintain a decent human life. O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over other living things. Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. After the prayer of blessing, as circumstances suggest, the minister may sprinkle those present and the animals with holy water. May God, who created the animals of this earth as a help to us, continue to protect and sustain us with the grace his blessing brings, now and for ever. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Tai Chi & Qigong Taster Sessions. Holy Family Parish Hall: Holy Family Parish Hall: Mon 5 Oct, 7:30–8:30pm & Wed 7 Oct, 10:15–11:15am. Regular sessions begin Mon 2 & Wed 4 Nov at the same times. All most welcome!

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

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

MONDAY CLUB: 5TH October 10.30 am – 1.00 pm in the Parish Hall

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 £487.03; Contactless £412.00. Standing Orders £165.00. Second Collection CAFOD £238.00. Repository £30. Votives £402.60. *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) 🕯️ ✨ CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH & RAFFLE. Let's Celebrate Together! This Christmas, we are considering replacing our traditional Christmas Bazaar with a festive Parish Christmas Lunch - a wonderful opportunity for our parish family to come together, enjoy good food and fellowship, and celebrate the joy of Christmas. 🍷 🕯️ 🎁 10 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS TO BE WON! 🎁 As part of the celebration, we will hold a raffle draw for 10 Christmas Hampers. 📅 HELP US CHOOSE THE DATE! The date is still tentative: [1] Sunday, 29 November, 1st Sunday of Advent. [2] Sunday, 6 December, 2nd Sunday of Advent. [3] Sunday, 13 December, 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday. 🗳️ Next weekend, after each Mass, parishioners will be invited to choose their preferred date by a show of hands. Your voice matters! Come and help us choose the date and make our parish Christmas celebration a joyful occasion for everyone. Food • Fellowship • Fun • Christmas Spirit. (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 - begins on Sunday, 11 October 2026. We thank the 23 parents and guardians who registered last Sunday and for their commitment to their children's faith journey. Those who have yet to submit their child's Baptism Certificate are kindly asked to do so as soon as possible.

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. 15. Remaining human. In the recent Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025, we walked as pilgrims of hope and were blessed with many graces. Strengthened by these gifts, we can move forward with confidence to face the arduous tasks and demanding challenges that lie ahead. In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanization, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendour of which no machine can ever replace. True progress always stems from a heart open to others, an intelligence willing to listen and a will that seeks what unites rather than what separates.

OCTOBER: A MONTH OF PRAYER, MISSION AND HERITAGE. October is dedicated in the Catholic Church to the Holy Rosary and World Missions, inviting us to deepen our faith through prayer, support missionaries and renew our commitment to spreading the Gospel. In the UK, October is also Black History Month, celebrated since 1987, recognising the history, heritage and contributions of Black communities. Together, these observances encourage us to strengthen our faith, celebrate diversity, and promote unity, justice and mutual respect

Adoremus 2026: 9 & 10 October. Come and celebrate Jesus Christ in the Eucharist! Join Catholics from across the Archdiocese for two special days of Mass, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Confession and prayer. **Friday 9 October: 7-9pm** Most Holy Trinity, Dockhead **Young Adults Vigil (18-35)** with Adoration, Confessions, Fr Emmanuel Mansford, Bishop Gerard Bradley and One Hope Project. **Saturday 10 October.** St George's Cathedral - Westminster Cathedral **12 noon:** Mass, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. **8-11pm:** Youth Vigil at Westminster Cathedral, followed by overnight Eucharistic Adoration. **Full details:** scys.org.uk/adoremus-2026

HUMOUR: Three Dogs After the Blessing! 🐶 🐶 🐶 **French Dog:** "I obey my family!" **Italian Dog:** "I obey when I'm well-fed!" **British Dog:** "Have you forgotten our mission? We are here to teach humans to be like God. After all, DOG spelled backwards is GOD!" The other dogs looked at each other and said, "Well, in that case, perhaps humans should start by giving us a little more respect... and an extra meal!" 🐶 🐶 🐶

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