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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 September 2026

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Michael & Judith Jackson, Joan Conway, Anne Craven, David Briggs, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Marie Montgomery. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.* **Catholic Chaplain urgent call:** NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. *Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).*

The **CAFOD Family Fast Day** is this **Friday**, 2 October: there will be an **offerings box** available at all Masses **next weekend, 3 & 4 October**.

The **Diocesan Gift Aid Thank You Letter** for the completed tax year are available to collect from the back of church. Gift Aid makes a significant contribution to our income and, if you are a taxpayer who does not use the scheme but would like to know more, then please contact Fr M. Thank you for your support.

St Joseph's School will be celebrating their **Harvest Festival** in church at 2.00pm, on **Tuesday, 13 October**. Each year group from Early Years to Year 6 will share a song, poem or drama. All are welcome.

‘Blesseds and Venerables, Saints in waiting’

St Joseph's UCM are hosting a **study day by the UCM National Study Officer** titled, *Blesseds and Venerables, Saints in waiting*, on **Friday, 6 November, in the undercroft after 10.00am Mass**. There will be a break for lunch and the event will finish around 2.30pm Refreshments will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch.

This talk is open to everyone and all are welcome to attend, to learn about the process of sainthood and how our own prayers can advance the causes of those 'saints in waiting'.

For further information please speak to Joanne Highton-Shirt or Louise George

Dates for your diary:

Sunday, 1 November, the Feast of All Saints (All Hallows).

Monday, 2 November, the Commemoration of All Souls, with 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's followed by Prayers for the Dead & the Blessing of Graves in the cemetery.

Sunday, 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King.

Sunday, 29 the First Sunday of Advent.

The **St Vincent de Paul Furniture Store**, on Queens Road, collects and then redistributes unwanted furniture and household items without charge to people who are disadvantaged because of poverty, deprivation and other circumstances. If you have any items to donate, or wish to make a cash donation to support our work, please phone 0114 2703990 between 9.00am - 3.00pm, or visit www.svp.org.uk/sheffieldfurniture-store

Registration for First Holy Communion 2027

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2027 are now invited. I kindly remind parents that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child's faith to grow, most especially in regularly attending Sunday Mass. Christian parents are called to teach their children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven.

All applications should be completed and received by Sunday, 8 November. Thank you.

Schools' Admissions & Baptism certificates (or certificates of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church)

If you require a certificate in order to complete a child's school admission form then please email your request with the name and date of birth of the child and it will be attended to. If you can remember an approximate date for when the Baptism/ Reception took place then that is even more helpful.

N.B. Applications to Catholic Schools by those in the admissions category above do NOT require a letter of support from a priest – the certificate is all that is required. However, a minister's letter of support from the appropriate denomination is sought for all non-Catholic children.

Live Simply

Living Simply - This is the opportunity to slow down. To spend more time in prayer and reflection. To build our relationship with God and with others. Living simply can include spending time in nature, appreciating God's creation, quality time with others away from the distractions of modern life, and demonstrating Catholic Social Teaching principles of promoting peace, participation, and the common good.

Living Sustainably - This is caring for creation, hearing "the cry of the earth" and playing our part. Can we reduce, reuse, repurpose, re-gift, repair and recycle? Litter picking, growing produce, creating habitats where wildlife can thrive - there's no end to the ways we can live out the Catholic principles of stewardship and sharing.

Living in Solidarity - This is caring for our human family, hearing "the cry of the poor" and standing in solidarity with communities around the world who are facing injustice. You could fundraise, sign a petition, buy Fairtrade goods or support a local foodbank, to name just a few ideas. Living in solidarity deepens our commitment to our Catholic principles, like human dignity, subsidiarity, and the preferential option for the poor.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 27 September <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Intentions of Pauline de Rouffignac 10.00am For the people
Monday 28 September <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Intentions of Christine Calvert & Family
Tuesday 29 September <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	10.00am For our Catholic Schools
Wednesday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 1 October <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	9.00am Intentions of the Hegarty Family
Friday 2 October <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	8.50–9.50am Exposition 10.00am Anthony Hogan
Saturday 3 October <i>Ordinary Time feria</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	9.30–10.30am Exposition & Benediction 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Eileen Grant
Sunday 4 October <i>Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>(800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis)</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Intentions of Bradley, Emma & Luke Hardingham

Please pray for Eileen Grant & Melanie Van Oosten *RIP*, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £675.74 (£372.00 in offertory envelopes and £303.74 in loose). Thank you.

The **CTS Sunday Missal 2027**, £9.95 is now available from the Piety Stall.

Last week's retiring collection in support of the work of the Bishops' Conference, Home Mission Sunday, was £339.52. Many thanks.