



## ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name  
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos.

'The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.' *6:1,4-7*

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps. 146(145)*

My soul, give praise to the LORD. (or: Alleluia.)

It is the LORD who preserves fidelity for ever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger. R.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The LORD will reign for ever,  
your God, O Sion, from age to age. R

## SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy.

'Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.' *6:11-16*  
O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus Christ, though he was rich,  
yet for your sake he became poor,  
so that you by his poverty might become rich.  
Alleluia.

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.' *16:19-31*

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
may be laid open before us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,  
by which you have given me hope.  
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Patrick & Margaret O'Sullivan RIP
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Hugh Reel (Anniversary)
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>		NO MASS
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Pauline Simmons RIP (Birthday)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Maureen Whyte RIP
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Helen Rooney (Thanksgiving)
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Mel Murphy RIP
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Bridget Corcoran & Mick Connolly RIP
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Elizabeth McCaffrey (Anniversary)
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b> £460.08 <b>SECOND COLLECTION:</b> £191.37 (Catholic Evangelisation)		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September 2025: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
<b>FEASTS:</b>		
Monday SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels)		
Tuesday St Jerome, Priest		
Wednesday St Theresa of the Child Jesus		
Thursday Holy Guardian Angels		
Saturday St Francis of Assisi		
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		
<b>Adoration &amp; Confession:</b> Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)		
Altar Lamp – Patrick & Margaret O'Sullivan RIP		
Our Lady's Lamp – Nora F & Vincent Smith RIP		

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Geraldine Walsh RIP. Requiem Mass on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 12.00 noon.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Edward Connolly, James Martin, Ann Tobin, Harry Wilson, Ellen Bergin, James Hosty, Ray Byrne, Mick Redmond, Jason Philip, Amos Andrews, Mary O'Shea, Ann Thunder, Elizabeth Morris, Kathleen Horgan, Charles Cabena, William Murray, John Maher, Linda Clarke, Hugh Reel, Bridget Whearty, Arthur Cox, Michael O'Malley, Bill Foley, Brendan Clancy, Andrew Elles.

**SICK LIST:** Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Tommy Flynn, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Pete McManamon, Mary McManamon.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2025:** For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by St Francis, we may experience our interdependence with all creatures, which are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** Father Hudson's Society. **NEXT WEEK:** Harvest Fast (CAFOD)

**RCIA PROGRAMME:** We hope to commence this programme in the next few weeks for those wishing to enquire about the Catholic faith. If you know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.

**FOR THOSE DISCERNING GOD'S CALL** – Visit the National Office for Vocations at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.religiouslife.org](http://www.religiouslife.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 12.00 noon, in the Presbytery. All women are welcome.

**PACT:** Next weekend Elizabeth McDonald of the Catholic Women's League will speak at all Masses of their support for the Prison Adice Care Trust, and how our Parish can help.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Annual Bazaar, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 12.00 – 2.00 pm.

#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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