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## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

(Sunday cycle year C, weekday cycle year 1, psalter week 3)

### Day of prayer for justice and peace in the world



*“Increase our faith”*

#### A Prayer for Social Justice

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end war, for we know You made the world in a way that we must find our own path of peace within ourselves and with our neighbour.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice, for You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people if we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation, for You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair, for You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope if we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease, for You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing if we would only use them constructively.

Therefore we pray to You, instead O God, for strength, determination and willpower. To do instead of just to pray, to become instead of merely to wish. Amen

*(Jack Riemer)*

## THIS WEEK

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	CONFESSIONS	St Francis of Assisi (memorial)
	10.30am	Vocations (Blessing of the sick during Mass)	
	SECOND COLLECTION: CAFOD		Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	6.00pm	For the Parish	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Joseph and Mary Snape	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass today		Feria
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Brenda O’Gorman	Our Lady of the Rosary (memorial)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Peace in the world	Feria
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Vocations to the priesthood and religious life	St John Henry Newman (feast)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls	Feria
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	The sick and housebound of the Parish	BVM
	6.00pm	Rodney Boon	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	George Wright	

**First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass**

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		M Sherry		P Cook	
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>		B Cook		S Schofield	
Bidding prayers	L Lomax	Children’s Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C & K Snape
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister	
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		M Russell		J Hothersall	
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>		K Snape		M Gardner	
Bidding prayers	Fr Raphael	Children’s Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	P & J Kitchen

**Last weekend attendance: 106, collection: £265.70 – thank you!**

**Thank you also for August’s standing orders which averaged £126.90 per week.**

**Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2:2-4, 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14, Luke 17:5-10.**

*O Lord, how long shall I cry for help and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘violence’ and you will not save?*

We do not have to go back 600 years before Christ to Habakkuk’s time, or to Hitler’s death camps, to know that this cry for help must have been on the lips of so many not lucky enough to see this prayer of the prophet answered.

We see such cries for help in the faces of so many today suffering oppression of one kind or another and it has been with us and will be with us probably until the end of time.

The cry reminds us of that *God-fearing and upright man*, Job, after having lost all he loved and owned.

Perplexed as to why this should have happened, he finds himself asking: who can question God, even if one is right, about the injustices of this world, since God alone is the final judge and arbiter.

However, a little later, Habakkuk is inspired to say that it is not the will of the Lord Sabbaoth, that the labouring of the people should end in fire, and the toiling of the nations come to nothing: *for the country shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord* and as we heard today: *the righteous shall live by faith*.

In two of his letters, St Paul speaks of the righteous man who find life through faith (Gal.3:12 & Rom.1:17) and the eleventh chapter of Hebrews has a eulogy in praise of faith.

Moving to today’s Gospel, we find the apostles asking Jesus to increase their faith. He replies: *if you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.*

This is the gift that St Paul refers to in our second reading: the gift of faith that needs to be fanned into a flame with the spirit of power, love and self-control.

Faith, and the graces and wonders that flow from it, are all gifts entrusted to his followers, and so Jesus reminds them that they should not be seeking thanks and praise for carrying out his will with these gifts, any more than a servant entrusted to carry his own masters' will.

So they should not to be looking for praise or reward, but to remember that *We are merely servants who have done no more than our duty.*

And yes, we may and do cry to God in our frustration, pain and even anger, but God's holy people have been doing that long before us and will continue to do so long after us.

If we continue to cry out in faith, our prayer will surely not go unheard. The key is not to allow our hearts to harden.

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## Reflection

*Men will lose all the material things they leave behind in this world, but they will carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they gave. For this, they will receive from the Lord the reward and the recompense they deserve.* (St Francis of Assisi)

With Prayers,

Fr Raphael.

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## This week's commemorations

**Our Lady of the Rosary** reminds us that October is set aside for this particular devotion. An opportunity for parents to teach their children how to pray the rosary and perhaps feel the power of her motherly intercession for our deepest needs.

**St John Henry Newman** was born on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1801 in London. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9<sup>th</sup> October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30<sup>th</sup> May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Please consider making a donation to the **FAMILY FAST DAY PARISH COLLECTION** to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of church. Or donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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**During October** we will say a decade of the **ROSARY** after weekday Masses.

Please keep your eye on the "**TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS**" section of our website – it gets updated regularly.

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**PLEASE PRAY** for those who are sick or housebound, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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**CYCLE OF PRAYER:** During Ordinary Time (Autumn), ie from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Student and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

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**IN THE LIVING ROOM** 'The Save St Joseph's Tour' **next Saturday**, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your own tippie. New songs and a new guest singer. All proceeds to the (peaceful) fighting fund. The band wants to support the future of our historic community.

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## Bidding prayers Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Priest:** With confidence we turn to the Father and ask him to increase our faith.

**Reader:** Help us support Pope Leo's wish of helping promote dialogue between cultures and religions to emphasise the value and importance of human relationships. Lord hear us...

We pray that those who attend religious services may they do so in safety and without hindrance. We also pray for those who lost their lives in the Manchester synagogue attack. Lord hear us...

We pray for those working with the displaced and migrants, that they are blessed with strength from the Holy Spirit. Lord hear us...

We pray for our parish community in these uncertain times and that we leave no one behind. Lord hear us...

We pray for those in our parish that are bereaved, sick or housebound; may they be comforted by our prayers. Lord hear us...

Help us, Lord, to find time to talk to you in prayer. Lord hear us...

We ask Mary our mother to help us with our petitions as we say: Hail Mary...

We now spend a moment of silence reflecting on our own petitions and needs.

**Priest:** Father, we pray that though we are unworthy servants, we may do what is our duty. We ask this and make all our prayers through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**Priest:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

**All:** May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.