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Office Hours – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.30am – 1.30pm

18th October 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Reading 1	Isa 45:1, 4-6	*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.*
Psalm	Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10 r.7	*Give the Lord glory and power.*
Reading 2	1 Thess 1:1-5	*We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.*
Gospel Acclamation	John 17:17	*Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.*
	Phil 2:15-16	*You will shine in the world like bright stars because you are offering it the word of life.*

FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration 6.15pm – 7.20pm Followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm



Please Pray for Linda May Carter†, Elizabeth Law†, Philip Croft†, Patsy Wallace†, Pat Pullen†, Eric Fernandez†, Malcolm Scarfe†, David Prescott†, Osita Isiwu†, who have recently died.
Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Patrick Lee, Emilia Grosso, Anne-Marie Hawker, George McCann, Marie Marks, Kenneth Lennon, Diana Martyn, Vincenza Rocco, Philomena Breach, Margaret Griffin, Stefan Swolanski, Regina Sczygielska, Christian Byrne and Margaret Blair.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation 10.30am – 11.30am



Readers this week:	
Sat 6.30	Alyssa Mae Viernes; Paari Alphonse; Betty Sequeira
Sun 9.30	Uhuegbu Sisters; Susanna Inya
Sun 11.30	Christabelle Nnamdi; Katalina Souza; John Quilas
Sun 6.30	Karen Dadson; Julia Osinachi-Okoh; Joan Aruma

Readers next week: 24th/25th October	
Sat 6.30	Michelle Immanuel; Lucy Nnamdi; Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30	Tania Jackson; Chizoba Okeke; Nnamdi Eke
Sun 11.30	Dominic Gali; Olivia Gali; Samuel Robson
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli; Raffy Borces; Gillian Knight

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week:

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£538.54	£93.50	£365.00	£23.50	**£1020.54**
Second Collection - Prisoners	£114.00	£5.00	£21.00	£4.00	**£144.00**

Please use the QR code for your weekly offerings & second collections

TODAY, there is a SECOND COLLECTION for Missio, the Church's official organ for the suppport of foreign missions. The entirety of the collection will go to support churches, hospitals, schools & vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY REPORT 2026 - September

MONTH	CASH LOOSE	GIFT-AID	CONTACTLESS	GIFT-AID	STANDING ORDER	GIFT-AID	GRAND TOTAL
TOTALS	£2027.08	£515.70	£1709.00	£181.25	£926.00	£167.50	£5526.53

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT (hosted by the OLoG Seeds)
Saturday 7th November 2026 @ 5pm - Come along to a fantastic night of fun… testing your brain power & socialising with friends & family. **Everyone** from the Parish is welcome … come as an individual or bring your team of 7. Please, bring your own refreshments. Cost is £5 per person or £30 per team of 7. Payments can be made in cash on the day or via bank transfer to Ebubechukwu Aruma; a/c 42132205; sort code 60-83-71. Please, also complete a registration slip.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2027 - Application forms will be available until the **6 December 2026** and will be distributed **only at Sunday Masses (not Saturday evening Mass)**. Applications are being accepted for children in **Years 4 to 6**. Separate arrangements apply to children in **Year 7 and above**. Completed application forms must be returned to the **Parish Office**, together with all required supporting documentation. Please note that places are limited to **30**.

PLANNED GIVING FOLLOW-UP – Thank you to everyone that very kindly put themselves forward as a Volunteer for the Parish, following the Planned Giving & Gift Aid Drive, earlier this year, in March. Please, look out for an email inviting you to attend a 'welcome' meeting to assess the availability & skills that you can offer.

Also, the 'standing-order' requests are being processed, however there have been issues with some banks not accepting the forms for various reasons. Please check your own bank statements & arrange for the standing order to be set up, as necessary. Many thanks.

ANNUAL 'BLESSING OF THE GRAVES' Service @ Woodlands Cemetery
Sunday 8th November 2026 @ 3pm. Please gather at the 'small roundabout/junction' towards the back of the Cemetery for a short service, followed by the Blessings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER	Devotions to the Holy rosary will take place every day @ 9.30am
17th October	OLoG Seeds Concert practice in the McMahon Hall, 4 - 6pm
24th October	Spiritan Youth Concert at St Mellitus, Tollington Park, London, N4 3AG
24th October	Filipino Mass at 12.30pm, followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall from 2pm. All are welcome.
31st October	Altar Server's training in the McMahon Hall, 11am – 4pm
7th November	OLoG Seeds hosting a Parish Quiz Night

REMEMBER … NEXT WEEKEND … 25th OCTOBER 2026 …

The clocks GO BACK 1 hour

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

FEAST OF ST JUDE, Whitefriars, Tanners Street, Faversham – Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th & Wednesday 28th October
The programme of activities during the feast includes regular celebrations of the Eucharist; blessings with the oil of Saint Jude & other devotions. There will also be a small piety stall, a display of Carmelite books & light refreshments available. All are welcome. Please call 01795 539214; visit www.stjudeshrine.org.uk; or email shrineoffice@stjudeshrine.org.uk for more information.

SPIRITAN YOUTH CONCERT will take place on Saturday 24th October at St Mellitus, Tollington Park, London, N4 3AG. The cost of transportation is £30 per person. Anyone interested in attending should message the OLoG Seeds Whatsapp Group or speak with Fr Pascoal. Payments should be made to Ebubechukwu Aruma; A/C no. 42132205; sort code 60-83-71 using the reference "Concert/(*name of person being paid for)"*

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 will take place in Seoul, South Korea from 3rd – 8th August 2027. Registration is now OPEN. The cost to attend is £3250 (via the Diocese). Anyone wishing to attend, should speak with Fr Pascoal.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (17th October)	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Phil Croft EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Thanksgiving Intentions for Hannah McIntyre
Sunday (18th October) ***World Mission Sunday***	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Osita Isiwu Good Health & Wellbeing of Tommy Doyle Pro Populo
Monday (19th October)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jean-Claude Beguinot
Tuesday (20th October)	10.00am	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson
Wednesday (21st October)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jean-Claude Beguinot
Thursday (22nd October)	10.00am	Birthday Intention for Margery Cole
Friday (23rd October)	10.00am 6.15pm 7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Phil Croft EUCHARISTIC ADORATION For All the Holy Souls
Saturday (24th October) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 12.30-2pm 6.30pm	For All the Holy Souls EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Filipino Mass followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall Repose of the soul of Julia Burke
Sunday (25th October)	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	“For God’s Blessings & Grace upon the Elderly Parishioners” Pro Populo For All the Holy Souls

Mass Intentions are £10. Please use a ‘Mass Intention/offering envelope’.