Virgin Mary



"To pray the Rosary is
to hand over our burdens
to the merciful hearts of Christ
and His mother." – St. John Paul II

Masses in this week, 18 – 24 Oct. 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2026 A

17.10. Sat - **29th Sunday in OT A – Harvest Festival**
06:00 pm - **Vigil:** & Family dinner

18.10. Sun – 29th Sunday in OT A – Mission Sunday 2nd Coll
08:30 am - **Mass:** *Camilo De Lello Lui RIP*
10:00 am - **Mass:** *Margaret Schmahmann – good health*

19.10. Mon - **Sts. Jean de Brebeuf & Companions - Martyrs**
10:00 am - **Mass:**

20.10. Tue - **St. Paul of the Cross - USA**
10:00 am - **Mass:**

21.10. Wed - **St. Iulianus Nakaura**
10:00 am - **Mass:**

22.10. Thur – St. John Paul II
10:00 am - **Mass:** *Leila Daaboul RIP*

23.10. Fri - **St. John of Capietrano**
10:00 am - **Mass:** *Emo Alandra RIP & Nikson D'Costa RIP*

24.10. Sat - **30th Sunday in OT A**
06:00 pm - **Vigil:** *George Villena – Stevenson - Thanksgiving*

25.10. SUN – 30th Sunday in OT A
08:30 am - **Mass:**
10:00 am - **Mass:** *Fergus Leahy RIP*



German Mass
on Sundays at 11:45 am &
Children's Liturgy at 11:30 am

Adoration
Mon, Tue, Thur & Fri
9:15 – 9:50 am
Confession: Mon – Fri 10:30 am

Parish surgery: Mondays at 5:00 – 6:00 pm

ALL MASSES ABLE TO WATCH LIVE FOR UP TO 12 HOURS ON YOUTUBE
https://youtube.com/live/0lpN8DUUHWU

Our Safeguarding Team:
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Office hours:
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
from 11 am to 1 pm

Collection £207.90
Prisoners £116.83
Collection Oct 4th: £186.42 **Cafod:** £179.65.

Weekend Mass Attendance (in Church Hall): Sat 6pm: 25 | Sun 8.30am: 23 | Sun 10am: 55 | Total: 103.

Weekday Mass Attendance: In Church Hall for the week while Church was redecorated

Thank you for being part of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Family

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Be a Missionary. Be the Difference.

Jesus has given each of us a mission: to share God's love with the world. You don't need to travel far or stand on a stage to be a missionary. You can be one every day through your words, actions, and attitude.

- ✅ **Live your faith** - let kindness, respect, forgiveness, and compassion speak louder than words.
- ✅ **Pray daily** - stay connected to Jesus, because without Him we can do nothing.
- ✅ **Serve others** - help those in need and be a sign of hope to your friends and community.
- ✅ **Share generously** - your time, talents, and resources can make a real difference in someone's life.

Like a rose spreads its fragrance without speaking, let your life reflect Christ so that others may be drawn to Him.

"Go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28:19).

The world needs young people who are brave enough to love, serve, and witness to Christ.

Be the light. Be the hope.
Be the Gospel that others can see.
Be the missionary Christ is calling you to be!

With every blessing, *Fr. Arulraj Antony*

Leave a legacy:
Please consider including our parish *in your will* **or** *leaving a legacy* for our Church. For further details please email us on ham@rcaos.org.uk
For Standing Orders - contact the office

To register for **Gift-Aid,** use this QR code to download & fill it and send it to the office please.

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(Private Circulation Only)

Parish Announcements – Highlights

Saints' Parade 2026

Date: Sunday, 1 November at 10:00 am
Who: All children – First Communion) and youth – Confirmation candidates
What: Dress as your favourite saint and join the Saints' Parade
Come dressed as your favourite saint and share with our parish community the life and witness of the saint you have chosen. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the saints, celebrate our faith, and have fun together.
🏆 *Prizes will be awarded for the best saint costumes and presentations!*
So start preparing now, be creative, and a chance to win a prize.

November: A Month of Remembrance and Prayer

November is once again at our doorstep, inviting us to remember with gratitude and love those dear family members and friends who have gone before us into the presence of God. The Church dedicates this month in a special way to prayer for the faithful departed. It is an opportunity for us to commend our loved ones to God's infinite mercy and to keep their memory alive through prayer, remembrance, and the offering of Holy Mass.
We warmly encourage you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance, so that they may be remembered in our daily Masses throughout the month of November. If you wish, you may also take one of the envelopes provided and make a voluntary offering in support of these Mass intentions.

First Holy Communion Programme 2027

Preparation for the First Holy Communion Programme will begin shortly. Application forms are available both in paper format and online.
Parents are kindly requested to complete the application form and submit it, together with their child, to the Parish Office *no later than 15 November*.

The first parents' meeting will take place on 27 November in the Parish Hall.
This meeting is an important part of the preparation journey, and we encourage all parents to attend. We look forward to accompanying your children as they prepare to receive this wonderful sacrament.

Christmas Box Appeal

As part of a long-standing tradition in Ham, the local churches come together each year to support the Christmas Box Appeal, helping those in need to share in the joy and hope of the Christmas season.
We warmly invite you to support this worthy initiative through your generous contribution. Donations may be made directly to the account details provided on the flyer, or you may place your donation envelope in the collection box located in the church porch.
Your kindness and generosity will help bring comfort and festive cheer to individuals and families who may otherwise struggle during this special time of year. Thank you for your consideration and support. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

A Farewell to Birgit – *Thank you, Birgit! May God bless you*

As Birgit and her family prepare to move away, we would like to thank her sincerely for her outstanding service and commitment to our parish community.
Over the years, Birgit has generously contributed to many areas of parish life, including catechesis, liturgy, the food bank, and social outreach. Through her leadership of the Community Café, she helped bring our Christian values of welcome, friendship, and care to people from all walks of life.
We will greatly miss her presence, enthusiasm, and dedication. As she begins this new chapter, we assure Birgit and her family of our prayers and best wishes. May God bless them with good health, happiness, and peace, and continue to inspire Birgit to be a source of light and hope wherever she goes.

Dates for your Diary:

23.10. Tue 06:30 pm	Finance Team meeting with Diocesan Finance Team A special meet
27.10. Tue 07:00 pm	Ordinariate Mass & Special Talk on Human Rights by *Miriam Baines*
01.11. Sun 10:00 am	Special mass with *Saints Parade – FHC & Confirmands* All Saints Day
02.11 Mon 10:00 am	All Souls Day
06.11. Fri 06:00 pm	Spiritual evening on the First Friday Mass & Adoration with singing and praising – Louise Moffat
08.11 Sun 10:00 am	Remembrance and Reconciliation Sunday *with Ham Scout group*
21.11. Sat 06.00 pm	Feast of Christ the King – Youth Mass – *Grace Godard* Table Tennis and Pizza with Popcorn
27.11. Fri 07:00 pm	1st Parents Meeting with Catechists – First Holy Communion Programme
28 &29.11 Weekend	Finance Drive Fundraising programme for our parish
03.12. Thur 06:00 pm	Volunteers Day – Social group Mass and Celebration

Pray for sick & housebound: Julia Van der Bosch, Fr Raymund Brennan, Pat Dawson, Emmanuel Solomon, Princess Josephine Loewenstein, Victor Massey, Edward Joss, Antony Perera, Dannie Doyle, Susie, Tony McCathy, Chris Burn and Beatrice Rossman.
Pray for those who have recently died: Daisy Juarez Bolaky and Fergus Leahy,