

MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
26th Week of the Year
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2

OT Read: Ezekiel 18:25 - 28

RP:

The Lord is close to all who call him

NT Read: Philippians 2:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21: 28 - 32

Eucharistic Prayer II

Money Matters: Offerings for the week were as follows:

Plate Collection 20th September 2026: £255.82.

2nd Collection for *Evangelii Gaudium* (Home Mission) Sunday: £81.00.

There will be a 2nd Collection Sunday 4th October for CAFOD.

Anniversaries this week: Antony Drury, Pope John Paul I, Joseph Monks, Grace Brown, Vi (Amelia) Secker. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Bitesize - "What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." ~ Eleanor Powell



Father, pour out your Spirit upon our Parish Family. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word and a new consecration to your service, that your love might grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 26TH SUNDAY IOT

The Definition of Insanity.

There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions, but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll our sleeves up and get things done.

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward. Only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels - 2nd October

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 27th September 2026



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Saturday 26th September – Feria

18:00 Mass First Mass of Sunday People of the Parish

Sunday 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass

Sandra Wood +(MJ)

11:00 Mass (*Live Streamed*)

Monday 28th September - Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 29th September – Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

10:00 Mass

Elsamma Kurian + (SJ)

Wednesday 30th September - St Jerome

10:00 Mass

Marie Hogan + (CP)

Thursday 1st October - St Therese of the Child Jesus

10:00 Mass

Friday 2nd October - The Holy Guardian Angels

No Mass

Saturday 3rd October - Feria

18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday

People of the Parish

Sunday 4th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass

Gerry & Jenny McCarthy

50th Wedding Anniv (GM)

11:00 Mass (*Live Streamed*)

Tim Edmunds + (PE)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Thursday after 10.00 Mass and
Saturday at 17.30**

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: Thursday after Mass

Rosary & Morning Prayer are said weekdays before Mass from 09:15.

Please note the 18.00 and 11.00 weekend Masses are normally sung.

*Welcome! We're glad you're here - whether you know
everyone already or are still working out who's who! Come
as you are, and don't worry if you sit in someone else's
usual seat. There's always room for one in our parish
family of worship and fellowship.*

Hospital Visits: If you or any member of your family is admitted to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and would like to have a visit from a Catholic Priest, please inform a nurse on the ward and contact will be made through the Chaplaincy. If you are admitted to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn, please contact Fr. Peter Rollings at the Presbytery on 01553 772220. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick before going into hospital, please contact Fr. Jay either by phone or by email.

Sick & Housebound [with GDPR Permissions] - Please pray for: Derek Williams, Patsy Gray, William Dunne, Pauline Buckland, Katherine Vella, Frank Vella, Pauline Organ, Pat Grout, George Mealy, Peggy Mealy, Richard Allison, Marion Ring-Davies, Patsy Thompson, Ann McWilliams, Margaret Glendon-Doyle, Mila Kaunaite, Anne Sibley, Hillary Bushell, Ann Williams, Matthew Williams, Frank Crawley, John Salmon, Mad Knight, Paul Holdsworth, Joss Holdsworth, Patsy Tracey, Nora Reeve, Maggie Haywood, Mary McDonagh, John McDonagh, Jim Philpot, Maureen Philpot, Janice Tinney.

Bank Details. For those who would like to make their regular offerings by Standing Order, the information you need is: Account name: The Sacred Heart Church, the Sort Code is: 52-41-29 and the Account number is: 44725132.

When entering/amending your Standing Order details please use **Offertory** as the only entry in the **Reference** box. Please only use **Stipend** or **Donation** for payments that are extra to your regular offering. Any queries please send to treasurer@sacredheartdereham.org.uk. If a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid (forms at back of church, or contact Rex Baker: Telephone 01362 694801 or email rexbaker27@btinternet.com). This will help to maximize donations. Please let Rex know if you give Gift Aid and there have been any changes to your personal circumstances regarding the payment of income tax (or change of address). Thanks.

This Week's Parish Diary:

Diary for week Sunday 27th September - Saturday 3rd October 2026

Sunday: 1100	Children's Liturgy
Monday: 1900 - 2030	AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room
Tuesday: 1900 - 2100	RCIA Meeting - Old Hall, Dereham
Thursday: 1900	First Communion Parents Meeting Meeting - Emmaus Room

Parish Garden Club – To volunteer, please contact Sonia on 07985 521578

First Holy Communion 2026/7 application forms are at the back of the church. Please complete and return forms asap if you would like your son/daughter to be prepared for the Sacrament. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 1st October at 7pm.

Parish Mass Count: The four-weekend Mass Count began on 20th September.

October, Month of the Rosary:

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he prayed the rosary with the faithful said: *"Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia. Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said."*

Parish Mass Count: This weekend is the second of the four-weekend Mass Count.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, September 29th



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask for his intercession to be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

Funeral Mass of +Manuel Carlos Alves Cardoso - 29 September, 11:00 at the Church.

We pray for the eternal rest of +Manuel Carlos Alves Cardoso and for the comfort of his family and loved ones. May he rest in peace.

Details of Rev Fr Richard (Dick) Healey's funeral arrangements have now been confirmed: 30th September at 1030, St Edmund's Church, Bury St Edmunds. *Requiem Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter.*

RCIA Course - Join us for this year's RCIA course, becoming active Catholics, understanding your faith a little better and enjoying the journey. Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Contact Kevin for more details: kevin.pugh3@rocketmail.com.

Mass of Remembrance - 7th November at 1800 Mass: This Mass will be offered particularly for the repose of the souls of those who have died this year and whose funerals have taken place in our Parish.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sol - 8th December at 1100 Mass, followed with lunch as this is also Fr Jay's 9th Sacerdotal Anniversary. Details to follow.

Parish Christmas Party - Will take place 27th December at Scarning Village Hall, 12 - 7pm.

Novus Ordo Missae - Starting this Advent every Thursday at 1000 Mass

Fr Jay will start to say the Latin Mass in New Order every Thursday at 1000 Mass followed with the Adoration, as usual, starting in Advent. For those who are keen on Latin Mass in the New Rite, copies will be available at the back of the Church in due course.

Church Cleaners Volunteers Needed: Could you spare an hour each month to help clean our Church? It is a simple and way to serve our Parish and care for our place of worship. Every helping hand is greatly appreciated. If interested, please approach Fr Jay.

Bequests - Please Remember Your Parish Church in Your Will. Leaving a legacy is a lasting way of supporting the mission of the Church and investing in the future of our Parish.

A Light-er Moment: St Peter greeted a taxi driver at the pearly gates and gave him a silk robe and a staff made from gold. Next in line was a priest, but he was disappointed when he was given a cotton robe and a staff made from wood. The priest complained, "How come the taxi driver gets something better than me?" St Peter replied, "When you gave your sermons, it made people sleep but when the taxi driver was doing his job, people prayed."

