

MASS TEXT

Sundays Year A,
30th Week of the Year
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2

OT Read: Exodus 22: 21 - 27

RP:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

NT Read: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5c - 10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and will come to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Eucharistic Prayer III

Money Matters: Offerings for the week were as follows:

Plate Collection 18th October 2026:
£332.02.

Second Collection for Missio Sunday 18th October 2026: £113.80.

Anniversaries this week: Fr Harry Wace, Francis Perrin, Marie Jones, Thelma Mary Therese Duval, Thelma Jones, George Marshall, Frederick Beaven. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Bitesize - "Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up." ~Jesse Jackson

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 30TH SUNDAY IOT

Love Love Love

In that inimitable pop song, the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love...", but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."



It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy....." sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.



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.

XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) | 25th October 2026



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Newsletter

[Sundays Year A, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Weekdays Year II, Psalter Week 2]

Saturday 24th October - Feria

18:00 Mass First Mass of Sunday Teófilo Montero + (SS)

Sunday 25th October - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

09:00 Mass

11:00 Mass (Live Streamed)

Mgr Harry Wace +
People of the Parish

Monday 26th October - Feria

No Mass

Tuesday 27th October - Feria

10:00 Mass

The Holy Souls in Purgatory + (SS)

Wednesday 28th October - SS SIMON & JUDE (Feast)

10:00 Mass

Thursday 29th October - Feria

10:00 Mass

Friday 30th October - Feria

No Mass

Saturday 31st October - Feria

18:00 Mass - First Mass of Sunday

Sunday 1st November - ALL SAINTS (Solemnity)(Holy Day of Obligation)

09:00 Mass

11:00 Mass (Live Streamed)

People of the Parish

**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, Mary McDonagh, John McDonagh, Jim Philpot, Maureen Philpot, Janice Tinney, George Sillince, Maggie Cooper, Kevin Pugh, Eric Searle.

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.

This Week's Parish Diary:

Diary for week Sunday 25th October - Saturday 31st October 2026

Sunday: 1100

Children's Liturgy

Monday: 1900 - 2030

AA Group Meeting - Emmaus Room

Tuesday: 1900 - 2100

RCIA Meeting - Old Hall, Dereham

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

Upcoming Parish Events and Notifications:

Baptism - 25th October at 1100 Mass: We warmly welcome Luna Pasion as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray that she and her family may grow in the love of Christ.

Book of Remembrance - November 2026: Available during the whole month of November, names of our beloved dead will be prayed for every weekday Masses.

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.

Diocese's Retreat Day for Men - 7th November 2026 in Dereham: For further information and for booking please email: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk.

Novus Ordo Missae - 3rd December at 1000 Latin Mass in the New Rite will start on this date and every Thursday followed by Holy Adoration.

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary, Sol. - 8th December at 1100 Mass, followed with lunch in Wendling Village Hall, Dereham NR19 2NE at 1200 as this is also Fr Jay's 9th Sacerdotal Anniversary. All are invited.

Missa de Gallo (Christmas Novena Dawn Mass) - 17th December at 1900 Mass, said in English, followed by food.

Sunday Masses Consolidation Consultation - We shall begin our formal consultation of the possibility as to the merger of 2 Sunday Masses after Christmas and New Year. Survey forms will be distributed in due course.

Salve Regina during Ordinary Time, Christmastide and Eastertide: and **Regina Coeli** during Advent and Lent (will be sung at the end of the Mass during Feasts and Solemnities only).

Angelus starting Advent - We shall be praying the Angelus at the end of the 1100 Mass on Sundays starting Advent this year.

Parish Pastoral Council - Kevin Pugh has now been elected the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for a three-year term. We thank him for accepting this important responsibility and keep him and all PPC members in our prayers as they serve our Parish community. PPC members names are now posted on the board in the Emmaus Room.

RCIA Course - Join us for this year's RCIA course, Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. Contact Kevin for more details: kevin.pugh3@rocketmail.com.

Word of Thanks/Prayers: As Marcia steps down from her role, we extend our heartfelt thanks for her **9 years** of dedicated service in organising and managing the **130 Club**. We're truly grateful for the time, commitment and care she gave to this important role in the Parish.

130 Club New Managers - We are pleased to welcome Myrna Kemp and Stephen Wallis as our new 130 Club Managers. We thank them for their generosity and willingness to take on this role, helping to keep the 130 Club running.

Hope Into Action - Our Parish Partnership: We are delighted to announce that our partnership with Hope into Action has now been formally established. We are grateful to Carlos D'Silva for taking on the important role of Parish Coordinator and helping us bring this valuable work to life.

Carpark Entrance Resurfacing - You may have noticed that the car park entrance has now been resurfaced using a Rubbertech polymer bitumen binder. This improvement aims to provide a more stable and durable Church entrance surface that could last up to 12 years.

Ignite Team Diocesan Event - Inviting Young people Year 7 to Young Adult for a special Norwich Deanery Event on 7th November. Held at St. John's Cathedral, the afternoon will include inspiring talks, music, prayer and food. For more information and to download a parental consent form, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Men's Group - Deacon Rick is looking to form a Parish Men's Group. If you're interested, please message Rick at deaconrick@sacredheartdereham.org.uk or on 07450247290.

Parish Christmas Party - Will take place 27 Dec 26 at Scarning Village Hall, 1200 - 1900.

A Light-er Moment: An old Irishman came into a bar every Saturday and ordered three pints of Guinness.



One day, the bartender asked, "Why do you always order three at once?" "Oh, one is for me, one is for my brother in Boston, and one is for my brother in Sydney." The bartender said, "What a lovely way to have drinks together, even though you're apart!" One day the man came into the bar and asked for two pints. "I'm very sorry for the loss of your brother," said the bartender. "Oh, my brothers are fine," said the man. "But I gave up drinking for Lent."