



PARISH NEWS FOR THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, ANDOVER

St John the Baptist, Andover and St John Fisher, Whitchurch

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NB: The Office is CLOSED on Wednesdays / Canon Chris' Day off: Wednesday.

26th and 27th September – THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm Response: Remember your compassion, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia*

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

We live in a world where words come easily, but actions often speak louder. We all know the value of people who quietly do what they say they will do.

Our families, communities, workplaces, and churches depend on small acts of kindness: checking on a neighbour, helping a friend, offering a listening ear, or simply keeping a promise.

Many of us have good intentions, but the demands of daily life can distract us from what matters most. The good news is that every day offers a chance to begin again. We all make mistakes and miss opportunities, but we can always choose to start afresh.

This week, perhaps consider one small action you can take: contact someone you've been meaning to call, show a kindness you've been putting off, or give more time to an important relationship.

The world needs more than good intentions. It needs people willing to put their values into practice. The true measure of what we believe is found not in our words, but in how we live each day.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Loose plate: £461.15 Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 256.10

Standing Orders: (weekly average) £933; Direct Debits: (weekly average) £315.00

Collection for Home Missions; £574.60

Thank you for your generous donations!

2027 MISSAL ORDERS

We are now taking orders for the new, 2027 Year B Sunday Missal. If you would like to purchase a copy, you may do so through the Parish office. The cost will be £9 each and payments can be made by BACCS (annotated 'Missal') or cash.

The deadline to order your copy is FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER.

NEW WAYS CHARITY DONATIONS

St John the Baptist parish is running Rotations charity shop in Whitchurch from 15th to 21st October and we are looking for donations of *good quality* items to sell – books, autumn/winter clothes, bric-a-brac etc. Your donations can be left at the parish office in Andover for collection and there is a box at the back of St John Fisher in Whitchurch.

The charity New Ways supports the Turkana, a mostly semi-nomadic tribal people in Northern Kenya. The area experiences frequent droughts and they are seeing the number of hungry children at their nursery schools increase. For a child to fully develop both physically and mentally, they require good quality nutrition in the first six years of their lives. At New Ways' nutritional rehabilitation units it costs £1.25 a week (about £5 per month) to feed one child two meals per day for six days. They feed over 2,500 children every year and every penny donated helps to make a tangible difference. More children go to primary school as a result of the project.

PETTY CASH

We no longer operate a petty cash system in the parish office. If you make a purchase with your own money, we will raise an invoice and pay you with a bank transfer. Alternatively, you could ask for an invoice from the suppliers if they are wholesalers. Please note we are no longer writing cheques. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION On 3rd and 4th October there will be a **second collection** for **CAFOD**.

CAFOD stands in solidarity with people across the world by campaigning to tackle the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Working together with our brothers and sisters around the world, we campaign to tackle climate change, defend human rights, cancel unjust debts and build a fairer food system. We also campaign for peace and an end to conflict wherever it arises. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

Donations can be made online, cash or by DONA machine

(NB We CANNOT claim Gift Aid on this collection, so please DO NOT use your envelopes!)

WINE TASTING

Organised by Andover Catenians

Friday 30 October 2026 at 7:30 in the St John the Baptist Parish Hall. Tickets £10 available from Catenians after Mass (Saturday and Sunday). As usual, expert guidance on the wines together with bread and cheese will be included. There will also be a raffle and prize donations would be very welcome. All proceeds to Charity.

MASS INTENTIONS FROM 26th September – 9th October

Sat 26th Andover Mass 10:00am-*Blanche David RIP Birthday Memorium*

Sat. 26th Andover Mass 6:00pm-*People of the Parish*

Sunday 27th September- THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Whitchurch Mass 8:30m -*Gerald Attwater RIP*

Farleigh School Mass 10:00am

Andover Mass 10:30am-*Antonio Francis da Cunha RIP Anniversary*

Mon. 28th Andover Mass 10:00am-*Apolonio Dias RIP Anniversary*

Tue. 29th Andover Mass 10:00am-*William Doyle RIP*

Andover-Healing Prayers from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wed. 30th No Mass or Service

Thur. 1st Whitchurch No Mass

Friday 2nd Andover Mass 10:00-*Jeanne Lynam RIP Anniversary*

Sat 3rd Andover Mass 10:00am-*Audrey Bulner RIP Birthday Memorium*

Sat. 3rd Andover Mass 6:00pm-*Maria and Regis Boudreau RIP Anniversary*

Sunday 4th October- THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Whitchurch Mass 8:30m -*People of the Parish*

Farleigh School Mass 10:00am

Andover Mass 10:30am-*Fiona Hilleard-Health and Wellbeing*

Mon. 5th Andover Mass 10:00am-*Intentions of the Davies Family*

Tue. 6th Andover Mass 10:00am-*Holy Souls in Reparation and Thanks*

Andover-Healing Prayers from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wed. 7th No Mass or Service

Thur. 8th Whitchurch No Mass

Fri. 9th Andover Mass 10:00-*Frank Hinds for Health and Strength*

Please pray for: Esmé Coveney, Rita Lane, Margaret Williams, Patrick Arnold, Fiona Hilleard, Tony Fabian, Helen O'Connell, Douglas Manning, Diane Mahoney, Rita Casey, Carol Keenan, Eileen Wharton, Oran Keenan, Margarita Hardiman, Robert Colledge, Eileen Price, Concepta Cuddihy, Frank Hinds, Clan Furtado, Lisa Rammage, Susanne Church, Sandy Saunders, Margaret Blair, Pat Middleton and Angelo and Angela Alvarez.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Matthews

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

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