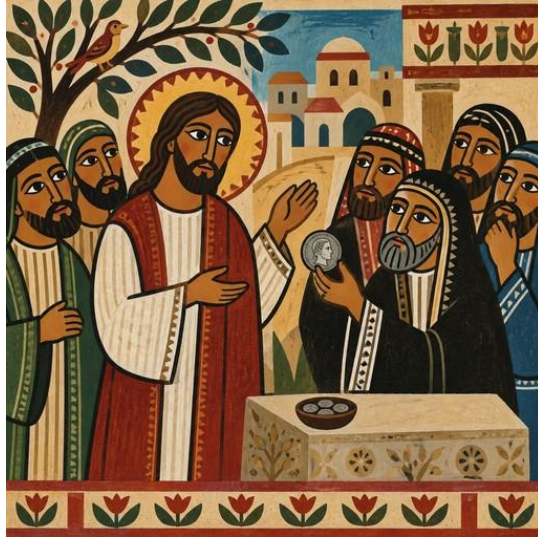


29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (17th – 18th October 2026)



Second Collection

A second collection for APF World Mission Sunday will be taken at all Masses on 17th and 18th Oct.

Responsorial psalm response:

"Ascribe to the Lord glory and power."



Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

POPE LEO'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION



For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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Gardening Volunteers!



The parish would like to set up a gardening team to manage the front of the church, car park and the presbytery gardens. It's likely to be once a month for a few hours. If you are interested in joining the gardening team, please contact the parish office or speak to Damian Colehan after mass.

Presbytery gardens

In preparation for setting up a parish gardening team, we are holding a garden clean up morning on **Saturday 24th October from 10am to 1pm**. A skip has been ordered. Everyone is welcome to help in cutting bushes, clearing broken garden furniture, removing weeds etc. Please bring garden gloves and tools with you. Refreshments will be available.

Youth Club

Youth Club takes place every first Sunday of the month from 5-7pm. All young people from year 7 to year 12 are very welcome.

Join us for the following activities:

8th Nov: Bingo and board games

6th Dec: Taskmaster Christmas Party



Weekly Quiz

A question to share with the younger members of the congregation ... but do you know the answers?

Which sacrament completes the initiation of a Catholic into the Church, usually sealed with a special anointing with Chrism oil?

- A. Baptism
- B. Holy Eucharist
- C. Confirmation
- D. Reconciliation



NEW GUIDE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CAVERSHAM PUBLISHED

Julia Feeney and Stephen Roberts are pleased to announce the publication of a new guide to the restored Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham, building on Julia's first guide published in 2008.

Entitled "*The Shrine of Our Lady of Caversham: a brief guide*", it follows the creation of the Medieval shrine in the early 12th century, its destruction under the reign of Henry VIII, the revival of Catholic worship in England and Wales after 1829, and the restoration of the present shrine after 1954, and its refurbishment in 2017.

The parish formed a Shrine and Pilgrimage task group in 2025 to open a new era of visiting, promotion and presentation of the Shrine. This new guide is a first step in documenting the wider appeal of the shrine to worshippers and pilgrims alike.

The guide is now on sale at the Piety shop in the Church for £2.00. It offers informative text, illustrations, and suggestions for further study of the topic to encourage appreciation of this spiritual resource which is cherished by the parish and is a destination of pilgrimage.

Weekly income 10th – 11th October

Contactless:	£ 298.00
Loose plate	£ TBA
Candle	£ 21.00

Weekly Standing Orders: £820.00

Parish Mass for the Recently Bereaved 2025

This year the Mass for the recently bereaved will take place on Thursday 5th November at 7.30pm.



It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember & pray for all those who have died especially those family members and friends who have been dear to us. The families of those whose funerals have taken place in the parish have been specially invited and during the Mass a named candle will be lit and the names of the dead will be read out. If you have a family member or friend, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are warmly invited to add their name to the list to be read out. **Please pass on this information to the parish office by Thursday 29th October.**



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recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

with 'Reading Administrator' in the title.

Answer to the quiz:
Answer: C. Confirmation strengthens the graces received in Baptism and completes the initiation process. The name comes from a word that means "to make strong." During it, the bishop usually extends his hands over the candidates and anoints their foreheads.
Baptism is the first sacrament of initiation, which washes away original sin.
While the Holy Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation, it is not the final step of initial full initiation.
Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing, not initiation

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Mass intentions

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	17 th Oct	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	18 th Oct	10.00am	Ludwik Aslanowicz RIP

Monday	19 th Oct	No mass
Tuesday	20 th Oct	No mass
Wednesday	21 st Oct	No mass
Thursday	22 nd Oct	No mass
Friday	23 rd Oct	No mass

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	24 th Oct	5.30pm	Kay Doherty RIP
Sunday	25 th Oct	10.00am	People of the parish

Note:

Fr. Joseph will be going on holiday in the week of 18th October. He will be back to the parish on Friday evening 30th October. Weekend masses on 17th/18th, 24th/25th October will be offered by Fr. Royston Price.



OUR LADY'S LAMP - Lit for this week for
Thomas and Grace - Thanksgiving

Please remember them in your prayers.

Evening Prayer before
Saturday Mass, approx.
4.45pm.
Everybody is welcome.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls:

- Bernie Dennis, a former and long standing parishioner of St Anne's Caversham, twin brother to John, who attended both St Anne's and Hugh Faringdon schools. He passed away on 29th Sept. in Cornwall.
- Bill Waldron, an existing parishioner, sadly passed away on 27th Sept. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Friday 6th November at 1pm, followed by cremation at Henley Road Cemetery at 2.15pm.



The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Sue Houghton**, and our Parish Safeguarding Advisor is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.