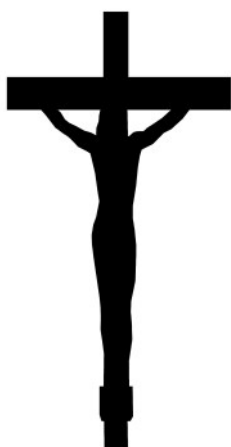




PARISH NEWSLETTER

*Twenty-sixth Sunday (a)
27th Sept 2026*



*O Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love
commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light, to guard,
to rule, and guide.
Amen*

*Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus*

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 27th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) M & J Cannon RIP (fam)	
Mon 28th	St Wenceslaus, king & martyr 9.30 (HAD) J E Moloney RIP (fam)	
Tues 29th	Sts Raphaël, Gabriel & Michael, the Archangels. 9.30 (HAD) Joe Duggan	
Weds 30th	St Jerome 11.30 (HAD) Requiem Mass for Betty Clough RIP	
Thurs 1st Oct	St Teresa of the Child Jesus 9.30 (HAD) Pauline Anderson RIP (fam)	
Fri 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels 9.30 (BB) private int	
Sat 3rd	9.30 (HAD) Phil Hughes RIP (JAG) 10.30 (HAD oratory: Sycamore Course) 10.30-11.30 (HAD) : Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.	
Sun 4th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) donor's int 11am (HAD) for the parish 2pm BB council meeting	

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (C) Psalter Week 2 Introduction: Give glory to your name! First Reading : Ezekiel 18 : When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life. Resp.Ps. Remember your compassion, O LORD. Second Reading : Philipp 2 : Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus Gospel : Mt 21 : He changed his mind & went.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish: Peter James, Isabella Phillips, Arthur King, Val Gebbett, Rita Dwyer, Colin Orr, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rev Joe Jones, Luke Prendergast, Jack McLean, Patrick O'Doherty; *Billy Redmond, Iness Binks, Kevin Wilson, Vincent Gibson, Eleanor Dickinson, Charles Clark, Julie Ryan, Margaret Lathwood, Edward Baumber, Fr John Sullivan Anne Ivison, Liam Handley:* May eternal light shine on them: may they rest in peace : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND Welcome to the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary time, known as: **HARVEST SUNDAY** Today is harvest Sunday. A reminder that you can bring food items to church at any time and place them in the large box on the table at the back of church. Donations are taken regularly to Bellies Not Bins and G5 to help families struggling with the cost of living.

THIS SUNDAY'S THEME What happens when someone misbehaves and hurts you? What should you do? Jesus lays out a detailed plan in the Gospel about how to help a person, especially in the Christian community, who has done you harm. This strategy applies whatever the damage was: saying unfair things behind your back, embarrassing you in public, stealing, unfaithfulness, you name it.

First, go to the person and let her or him know that you believe you have been hurt by what they did or said. This is not an opportunity to "let my anger out," to get my rights, or worse, to hurt them in return. It is an attempt to repair the relationship, no matter whose fault it was. It is an effort to help, not hurt.

Of course, in Sunday's story, Jesus is presuming that there is a basis of love between you and the other person. Another way to say it is that you are both members of "the church." What if going to the person does not succeed?

Jesus says you should next take two or three witnesses along. They will back you up if your interpretation of the problem is correct. If the person still does not listen, keep trying, he says. Tell the church. Continue to work on it until the matter is smoothed out. Let truth and forgiveness rule.

The underlying reason behind this whole strategy is hinted at in the First Reading. There the Lord says that Ezekiel must speak out to a person when they are doing evil and especially if they have been warned by the Lord.

The point is to try and help them back from the danger to their own self and to the community. "Frighten the poor sheep back," the poet Hopkins puts it. You speak out.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL Matthew loves giving parables of Jesus contrasting 'goodies' and 'baddies' like these two contrasting sons. Matthew's parables put everything in black-and-white terms with no shades of grey (wise and foolish wedding-attendants, sheep and goats). Luke uses a different kind of parables, in which the characters – just like ourselves – often do the right thing for the wrong reason. The sayings of Jesus were handed down by word of mouth for some years before being written down. Did the straightforward contrast in Matthew (it is odd that both change their minds without a reason) develop into Luke's parable of the

Prodigal Son? Both times the 'goodie' son ends up bad, and the 'baddie' son ends up good, but in Luke's version both changes of mind are motivated, and there is great emphasis on the son's repentance and the father's overwhelming joy at getting him back. The lesson in Matthew's story is given also by Jesus' word in the Sermon on the Mount, 'It is not anyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord" who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven'. It is no use simply saying that Christ is our 'Lord', we have to express it in our behaviour.

SAINT OF THE WEEK *The doctrine that every individual soul has a guardian angel has never been defined by the Church and so is not an article of faith, but is the "mind of the Church", as expressed particularly by St Jerome and St Basil. It is present in both the Old and New Testaments. As Jesus says, See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always gaze on the face of my Father in heaven. Thus even little children have guardian angels, and these angels remain in the presence of God even as they fulfil their mission on earth. One of the benefits of this feast is that it reminds us that God cares for us each, individually. We all know this in theory, but it is easy – in times of depression or temptation – to convince ourselves that we are too small to matter, for good or ill. We use this feast to remind ourselves that each of us has an angel of our very own looking after us; and also to pray to God for our own Guardian Angel. What a bore and a burden to them some of us are. May we one day be a cause of rejoicing for them also.*

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE *We were saddened to hear that Edith Green (94) Oakfield Rd, Hadfield died in hospital this week.*

THE REQUIEM MASS *for Betty Clough (97) RIP is planned for 11.30 on Wednesday 30th.*

RENEWED THANKS *to Fr Kevin Prince who came from the Wirral these last two Sundays to supply.*

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY *is being held next Friday 2nd October. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, the official overseas aid charity of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, and part of Caritas International. You can find envelopes at the back of church which can be taken home. Please return them full-filled next weekend. This is an entirely voluntary collection; no church second collection will be taken.*

MASS COUNT *May I ask that the congregation head-count is taken during Sunday Masses over the next three weekends.*

RECENT TOTE WINNERS *St Charles: 1st (£40) G Collins; 2nd (£20) P Anderson RIP;*

ST CHARLES PARISH PRAYER *We are in the process of choosing a parish prayer. Thank you to all those that submitted prayers. They are all on display in the repository at the back of church and you are invited to vote for your favourite. Voting will close this Sunday, 4th October.*

LABEL SUNDAY *It has been noted that we have several new parishioners lately. In line with the Bishops wishes and actions on our parish plan to nurture encounter, we will continue to hold regular "label Sundays" so that we get to know each other more fully. The next one will be on Sunday 11 October.*

STANDING ORDERS: *Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.*

SAFEGUARDING *If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen our joint-parishes PSR. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.*

OPEN DOORS *It is good that at BB on Friday evening 5-6pm kindly folk staff the church to welcome passers-by to call in for a moment's stillness & prayer. It is equally good that on Saturday mornings at St Charles the extraordinary Eucharistic ministers facilitate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.15 to 11.15.*