

Sunday Message

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 27 September 2026 • Psalter Week 2

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.*

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just."
Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your
ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away
from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for
the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked
person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and
does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he
considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he
had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R. 6a

R: Remember your compassion, O LORD.

- O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. *R.*
- Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. *R.*
- Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. *R.*

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

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> Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in
Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit,
any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the
same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of
one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in
humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let
each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the
interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is
yours in Christ Jesus, <

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality
with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking
the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And
being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming
obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore
God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory
of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 10:27

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he
went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard
today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterward he changed
his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the
same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the
two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to
them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes
go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you
in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but
the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even
when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds
and believe him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.*

Or

*By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

HUMBLE OF HEART

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

In today's second reading, St Paul offers advice to the church in Philippi on the
importance of humility. It would make him completely happy, he tells them, if there were
no competition or conceit among them, if they put others' interests before their own. They
must be united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind.

To illustrate his point, Paul then includes a poem or hymn about the humility of Jesus: how he
emptied himself to become human and humbled himself further still by accepting death on a
cross. But God has raised Jesus up and given him a name above all other names.

Jesus is our model of humility. The only ambition the Christian must have is to love and
serve others. ■

REFLECT

The 17-year-old was working with a
gang building a road in the Texas hill
country in the 1920s. The road was
being built by hand, and the tall, gangly
teenager was pushing a scoop, a plough-
like instrument with a sharpened front
edge, that was pulled by four mules. It
was back-breaking work, difficult even for
older, stronger men. At lunch break each
day, as they sat eating, the teenager would
talk big to the older men. 'He wanted to
do something big with his life,' one of his
workmates recalled. 'And he was quite
specific about what he wanted to do: "I'm
going to be president of the United States
one day," he boasted.

They laughed at him, this poor boy from
nowhere. It's the sort of idle claim many
people make, except this youth was deadly
serious. And he began to work towards
realising that dream – first as a school
teacher, then a congressional aide, then
a congressman, then a senator, then U.S.
vice-president, and finally, on 22 November
1963, president Lyndon B. Johnson's
lifelong ambition was fulfilled, albeit in the
most tragic of circumstances. His life is
a study in ambition: how to set a goal, a
target, and never let go until it comes true.

Ambition takes many forms. It can be
political, like LBJ. Or to be rich or famous, or
to succeed in business or sport.

But what does ambition mean for the
follower of Jesus? Christian ambition is
the opposite of worldly ambition. It turns
our usual understanding of ambition on
its head. It is about being least, being last,
being a servant, being little, being humble.

Jesus was big into humility. He chose
the sick over the healthy, the weak over
the powerful, the poor over the rich. He
didn't select scholars and big shots as his
apostles but fishermen and ordinary types.
He practised humility. He washed feet,
mixed with outcasts and died with criminals.
'I have given you an example,' he said, 'that
you also must follow.'

What does it mean for us to be humble?

First, to be humble is to be self-aware. It
is to know we are not perfect, that we are
pilgrims on the journey. No matter how hard
we try, we come up short. Despite our best
efforts, we sin all the time. It's the one thing
we all have in common. Humility is being
aware of our unworthiness, our shadow
side. It means being without ego or conceit.
How can we look down on another when we
know we're not perfect ourselves?

DO

Holiness is reacting with meekness and
humility, Pope Francis said. Do you think
people see you as humble?

SAY

*'Lord, open my eyes and heart to
see and serve you in my sisters and
brothers. Amen.'*

PRAY

This is World Day of Migrants and Refugees.
Pray for migrants and refugees, that they will
be treated with respect as children of God.

LEARN

The proof of our faith is in our living of it.

The Christian is called to a life of love and
service.

It's never too late to say 'yes' to God.

We acknowledge our humility before Holy
Communion when we say, 'Lord, I am not
worthy that you should come under my
roof...' I don't deserve you.

Second, to be humble is to be selfless.
It demands that we set aside our selfish
obsessions, ambitions, and desires and
give ourselves to the other. Humility washes
feet and loves without exception. Think of
the last judgement scene in Matthew 25.
On what basis will God separate the saved
from the lost? I was hungry, and you gave
me food; thirsty, and you gave me drink;
a stranger, and you made me welcome,
naked, and you clothed me; sick or in
prison, and you came to see me. Humility is
selflessness writ large.

Third, to be humble is to be prayerful.
Archbishop Fulton Sheen said that 'Only
the humble can pray, for prayer presumes
we need someone and something.' Prayer
presumes humility. When we ask God for
something, or thank God for something, we
are admitting our need for God, that on our
own we can do nothing. And so we turn to
God in our need, our gratitude, our joy, our
heartbreak. We place ourselves before the
God who gives us life. That's what we do
every time we pray. Humility is at the heart
of the Christian life. ■





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Sat	26	17:30	Christiana Omojola - 3rd Anniversary	St Patrick's
Sun	27	08:45	Polish Mass	St Patrick's
Twenty Sixth Sunday		09:00	Gay & Peter Kendrick - Intentions	Our Lady's
in Ordinary Time		11:00	Philip RIP – Anniversary; Ann Nielson – Birthday	St Patrick's
Mon	28	St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions		
Tues	29	Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels		
		12:00	Mark Oschman RIP	St Patrick's
Wed	30	St Jerome		
		12:00	Rosita Ujunwa Eneh – Birthday	Our Lady's
Thurs	01	St Theresa of the Child Jesus		
		19:00	Krystyna Tomczak - Thanksgiving	St Patrick's
Fri	02	Guardian Angels		
		09:30	Alicia Afomachukwu Eneh - Birthday	St Patrick's
		18:00	Polish Mass	St Patrick's
Sat	03	17:30	John Dooney – Health	St Patrick's
Sun	04	08:45	Polish Mass	St Patrick's
Twenty Seventh		09:00	Harvest Festival – Family Mass – Parishioners	Our Lady's
Sunday in Ordinary		11:00	Mary Baby RIP – 2 nd Anniversary	St Patrick's
Time				

SACRAMENT OF FORGIVENESS (CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Masses

RIP: Michael Tierney (Telford Crematorium, 13/10, 10.30am)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

30 minutes before weekday Masses

BAPTISMS: Forms are available from the porch. Please hand your form to Fr Ravi. Baptism Preparation class on the last Saturday of the month at 12pm.

ROTAS (W, EM, C)

Sat 5:30 Lucy & Damien, Gail, Gay & Nicky **03/10:** Gail & Gay, Anne D, Maggie & Gail

Sun 9:00 Phillip & Bobbie, John, Bobbie & John & Nick **04/10:** Kevin & Joel, Francis, C&C & Felicity

Sun 11:00 Graham & Carmen, Jane, Kate & Geraldine **04/10:** Marvellous & Melody, Stephen, Diane & Collette

Weekly Offerings: Total: £1563.19 - Standing Orders £763.12, Envelopes & Loose Plate £800.07

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Children who have not received communion are welcome to join in children's liturgy.

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LIVESTREAMED MASSES from St Patrick's are available online at <https://churchservices.tv/wellington>

Adoremus 2026: The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress is the Bishops' invitation to renew our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. In our prayer, we have prayer in silence in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament 30 minutes before weekday masses with the Sacrament of Forgiveness available 30 minutes before every mass.

Saturday, 10 October

St George's Cathedral, Southwark – 10.30am Presentations on Eucharistic Art and Life; 12 noon The Adoremus Mass; After Mass, The Eucharist: Our Sacrament of Hope in Dark Times by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP; 3pm Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral

Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood, Westminster – 5pm Solemn Benediction; 6pm Holy Mass; 8pm, 9pm, 10pm Holy Hours; 11pm to 5am All-night Vigil; 6am Congress Closing Mass.

Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October: The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1 September, is the start of the Season of Creation, a time of prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Harvest Family Mass – Sunday, 4th October, 9am: As we give thanks to God for the gifts of the harvest, we are also called to share what we have with others. Donations of tinned or dried food for our Family Mass will be appreciated and a sign of our thanksgiving, generosity and faith in action. Thank you for sharing the harvest. There will be a basket at the entrance to OLOR&SL, this Sunday and next.

Access to St Patrick's: On Sunday, 4th October, the road in front of St Patrick's – King Street, will be closed from the Station Roundabout to St Patrick's entrance. Please find suitable alternatives for parking and access.

Parish Fellowship Afternoon Tea: Please join us at OLOR&SL on Friday, 16th October at 2pm for our final Tea of the year. Please Sign-up (sheets available in both churches for 30 available seats) by Sunday 11th October. Enjoy our usual first class savoury and sweet delights – donations welcome.

First Holy Communion 2027: Enrolment forms for the next Holy Communion Group are available from the porch. The relevant dates will be:

- Enrolment Masses:**
Saturday 12th December 5.30pm at St Patrick's
Sunday 13th December 9am at Our Lady's.
- Parents Meeting:**
Monday 11th January at 6pm at St Patrick's
- Lessons (Mondays):**
1st February 15th March
8th February 22nd March
22nd February 12th April
1st March 19th April
- Practices:** 26th April and 10th & 17th May depending on groups and numbers
- Sacraments:**
First Forgiveness – 8th March
First Holy Communion – 8th May at Our Lady's and 22nd May at St Patrick's

Sunday Word: A group of Parishioners along with Fr Joe Donlan meet in both churches every week to reflect on the Scripture Readings for the following Sunday - Our Lady's, Wednesdays at 10.30am; St Patrick's, Thursdays, after 7pm Mass. All are welcome.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Fr Ravi visits the sick and housebound on Thursdays – 1st Thursday around St Patrick's; 2nd Thursday around Our Lady's; 3rd Thursday around Telford; 4th Thursday on request – every month. The person concerned or the next of kin should request and needs to be aware of these pastoral visits. As much as possible, we encourage people to attend church if they are able to on Sundays. We thank all those taking communion to the homebound and if you would to help in this important ministry, please do contact Eliska the Parish Secretary.

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School: Wellington, has had a fantastic start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome our children, families and friends back to school and to share our exciting plans for the year ahead.

If you are new to the parish, or if you are looking for a nurturing and high-quality Catholic education for your child, we currently have places available in Year 1 and Year 2. St Patrick's is a welcoming school community built on strong Catholic values, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. If you know of a family who may be interested, or if you are considering a change of school for your child, please contact the school office to arrange a visit. Mr Hawes, Headteacher, would be delighted to show you around and share what makes St Patrick's such a special place to learn and grow. We look forward to welcoming you to our school community.

Towards A Synodal Church: An *Introduction to Synodality* workshop style zoom session on 29th September, from 11am to 1pm or from 7pm to 9pm. The scope is to provide a clear and accessible understanding of synodality and its importance for the church today and to foster connection with others who share a desire to grow and celebrate a synodal church for all. For contact: admin@schoolforsynodality.org.uk

World Day of Prayer 2027: Friday 5th March. A planning meeting will be held at OLoR on Monday 28th September at 7pm. Women's World Day of Prayer was established in 1927: 2027 celebrates 100 years of prayerful action. If you'd like to be involved or find out more but can't attend the meeting, please contact Pauline Heffernan via email or text: paulineheffernan60@gmail.com or 07721 785224

Monthly Ecumenical Service: 1pm on Monday 5th October at Our Lady of the Rosary. The theme will be on Justice & Peace.

Roman Catholic Chaplain Vacancy at HMP & YOI Styal: We are seeking a compassionate and committed Roman Catholic Chaplain (Priest or Lay) to join our multi-faith chaplaincy team in a women's prison. Alongside providing faith-based care to Roman Catholic prisoners and staff, you will work collaboratively with colleagues to meet the pastoral needs of people of all faiths and none. You will be able to help create an environment where women can rediscover dignity, purpose and hope. We are looking for someone who is empathetic, resilient and committed to serving others with respect and integrity. If you are interested in helping people build brighter futures, we would love to hear from you. This is a one day a week post (8hrs). Please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst: 01625 553015 / Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk