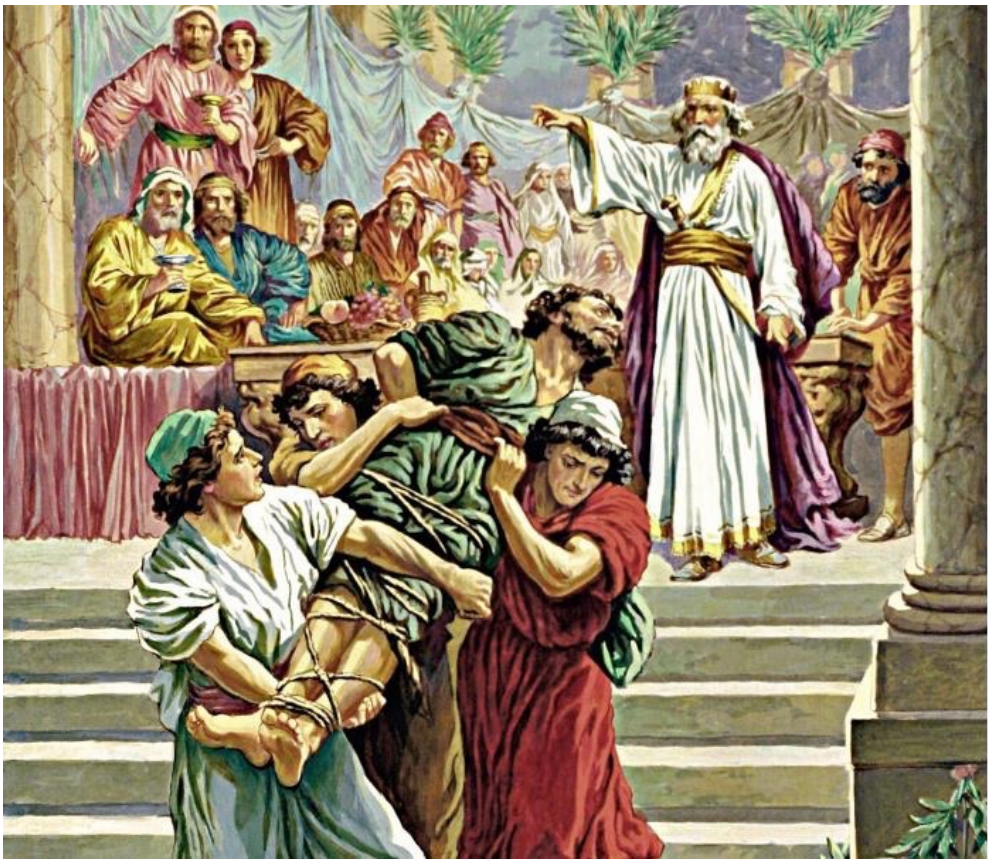
The Catholic Parish of Saint Joseph
St Neots

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week 4
Sunday 11th October 2026



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Liturgy of the Word

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Commentary

The reading begins with the image of the messianic banquet, the banquet which the Lord is preparing for the end of time, an image which Jesus takes up in the gospel story of the wedding-feast. After the first lines the image changes to the removal of the mourning-veil and the destruction of death, every tear wiped away. In the earlier parts of the Bible the dead are thought to lead a wretched existence in Sheol, a life which is no life, a sort of half-existence without power or substance, when the dead cannot even praise God. Gradually Israel comes

and so enduring that God cannot desert or abandon his faithful even in death. Even death cannot cut off the faithful from God. This is one of the

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. 1

R:/

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

R:/

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

R:/

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R:/

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the
for length of days unending.

R:/

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Commentary

Paul has reached the final greetings of his letter. Even when he is writing to his beloved community at Philippi, from whom alone he would accept gifts, Paul is anxious to maintain his independence. In the ancient world, as in the modern world, a favour demands a return-

without the gift they have given him, since all his strength comes from God. But he also wishes them the blessing of the fulfilment of all their needs from the glory of God in Christ

Jesus. This is an incomparable blessing, whose awesome value is obscured by our careless

after which his face
is so seared that he must wear a veil over it. It is a glory which, by contrast, fills Isaiah with dread at his own sinfulness, which makes Ezekiel fall to the ground. It is the experience of the limitless power and majesty of God. HW

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-10

Commentary

A wedding is a time of joy and completion after long preparation, a time of love and of complete satisfaction. In Judaism at the time of Jesus the coming of the Messiah is often compared to a wedding-feast. The marriage-feast at Cana must have been some party! At

In this story of the royal wedding, however, two things go drastically wrong. First, the original wedding-guests refuse to come. Not only do they refuse, but they brutally maltreat the innocent messengers, and the king (who must stand for God) relentlessly burns down their city.

tory, applying it to the Sack of Jerusalem, captured and
burnt by the Romans in 70AD, a few years before Matthew was writing. Secondly, the man who has no wedding-garment is slung out. A wedding-garment is a standard Jewish image for works of generosity expected of every faithful Jew. For us Christians, too, the story constitutes a double warning. *HW*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful
with the sacrificial offerings,
that, through these acts of devotedness,

we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord,
that, as you feed us with the nourishment
which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son,
so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Parish Events & Meetings

This is Prisons Week, in which we are asked to pray for prisoners and their families. There

Next Sunday is World Mission Day. There will be a Second Collection for Missio next week-end.

First Communion preparation continues on October 14th October, 5.00pm in the presbytery / Upper Room.

Confirmation/RCIA: - The next meeting is on Thursday 15th October at 6.30pm in the Upper Room (entry at side door of church). Anyone interested in either Confirmation (youth) or RCIA (adults) is invited to attend.

Holy Hour with adoration: Saturday 17th October at 10.00am.

Office Closure: The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October, for file maintenance. The office will also be closed Monday 19th October, reopening on Friday 23rd October.

November Mass for the Recently Deceased: During the 5.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 31st October, we will be lighting candles for those we have passed in the past year. More details to come.

Prayers for the Dead in the Cemetery: We will be praying at St Neots New Cemetery for all the dead on Monday 2nd December at 5.00pm.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in the Upper Room during the 10.00am Sunday Mass. It is aimed at children over the age of 4 and follows the Liturgy of the Word.

Coffee and tea available in the presbytery after the 10.00am Sunday Mass. All welcome!

Parish Information

Weekly Collection: £329.66 plus ~£820 in standing orders/Dona donations. In addition, £244.42 was collected for CAFOD. Thank you for your contributions!

Please pray for the sick and housebound: Sarah Keys, Cynthia Brown, Beryl Wordsworth, John and Jean Dunn, John Fernandes, Alex and Kerry Golding, Sal Jola, Mick Ellis, Maureen Palmer, Bob Lloyd, Jenny Savage, Sandra Clayton, Kit Touhy, Carl Wordsworth, Maureen Heffer, Bernie Dobson, Joyce Perkins, Karen Sayers, Allan Palmer, Trevor Simkins, Mrs Anderson, Anne Tubridy, Nuala Robinson, Joan Jones, Sam and Mina, Margaret Rose, Anne Hawks.

The Funeral for Leigh Davis th October, at 2.00pm.

Altar Servers Needed! Training for new altar servers will be held at 4.00pm on Friday 16th October in the church. Children who have made their First communion are eligible to serve. If interested, please contact Fr Tibor or John Fernandes.

Health & Safety: The parish needs a volunteer
If interested, please contact the office or Fr Tibor.

The Music Group needs you! We are looking for a keyboard player to join our Music Group for the 10.00am Sunday Mass and additional celebrations. If interested, please contact Richard: richard.tubridy@talk21.com / mob. 07955 662105.

Red Mission Boxes: This is the time when we ask you to bring your Red Box to the church

appreciated by Missio in its work throughout the world. Please make sure your name is on the label. The boxes will be emptied and returned within a couple of weeks. *With many thanks for your generosity!*

Film specialist: The parish priest is looking for someone willing and able to compile photos into a short film for parish use - capturing the past year in a video.

Parish Offer

The Upper Room (Church Hall): Our parish offers its parishioners the use of the Hall above the sacristy, equipped for family celebrations, birthday parties, carols, and interest groups. The room has 9 beautiful mahogany tables and 29 upholstered chairs. Please contact secretary Theresa with your request. If you need a larger covered open space for your family or interest activities, the Upper Room is available to you. We also offer for rent: porcelain service for 40 people - plates, cups etc.; garden furniture - plastic tables and chairs; gazebos; 2 child car seats

Deanery & Diocesan & UK & World Events, Meetings and Information

The Catenian Association is an international social network that provides an oasis of calm for busy working families. Membership is open to all Catholic men whether you are at the beginning of your career, settled in your job, or retired. The Catenian Cambridge Circle meets every second Wednesday of each month at 7.00pm at OLEM Church hall, followed

by a meal together. For more information: www.thecatenians.com or contact tonybaker@bushlite.co.uk

running a series of special Deanery Youth events.
Young people from Year 7 through to young adult are warmly invited to join the Ignite Team for games, music, prayer, inspiring talks and delicious food at on October 17th from 2.30pm 7.45pm.
While attendees are welcome to simply arrive on the day, anyone under the age of 18 must bring a completed parental consent form. The form for Peterborough can be completed here. Any questions, please contact the Ignite Team on igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you!

The Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima and the relics of the Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto
The Cathedral of St John the Baptist will be receiving the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima and the relics of the Ss Jacinta and Francisco Marto for two days on 17th and 18th October 2026.
The Visitation will commence with the procession into the Cathedral commencing at 9.45am on Saturday 17th October followed by Holy Mass and Veneration of the relics.
Followed by a film about the 'Message for the World' from Fatima and a talk on 'Fatima Promise of Salvation and Peace'.
Exposition of the blessed sacrament and Benediction will held on the Saturday afternoon followed by Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapulars.
The Sunday will start with Holy Mass at 9am followed by the Solemn Mass with Bishop Peter Collins at 11am. All are welcome.
I am sure there will be parishioners, for who this might be the only occasion they will be able to see these relics and Statue so would you be so kind as to put a copy of the attached poster up on your church noticeboard and please could you tell your parishioners about this coming event. *You can find more information on the poster in the church vestibule.*

Cathedral Visitation Co-ordinator

'Called to serve: A day of prayer and reflection on God's Call: In priesthood, in marriage, in religious life. 24th October 2026 at St Catherine's Convent, 155 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. For further information contact Sr Ann Swailes at swailesa@yahoo.co.uk '

Italian Medical Charity Commission: This charity has inherited the work of the former

pital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin who are in need of funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing, or for their carers. For further details, please visit the website www.italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to them at IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW. For independent verification, please visit the Charity Commission website and search either using Italian Medical Charity or the Char-

Baby Loss Awareness Week
Friday 9 October to Thursday 15 October

Saying Goodbye: A remembrance service for those who have suffered the loss of a baby at any stage will take place at Ely Cathedral on Thursday 15th October, 7.30pm. Anyone who has experienced child loss is invited to attend. The service is for people of any faith or no faith and is free to attend. For further details see www.sayinggoodbye.org

St Neots Town Council is supporting Baby Loss Awareness Week with two events:

Ribbon Remembrance
Location: Forget-Me-Not Garden, St Neots New Cemetery
Throughout the week, families and friends are invited to take a ribbon (available in the garden) and tie it to the remembrance twine in honour of babies gone too soon. The garden provides a peaceful space for reflection and remembrance.

Wave of Light Ceremony.
Date: Thursday 15 October 2026
Location: Love's Farm House, St Neots
Guests are welcome to arrive from **6.30pm**, with the **Wave of Light Ceremony commencing at 7.00pm**. The event will conclude at approximately **8.30pm.**
Join us as we light* candles in memory of babies gone too soon. As part of the global Wave of Light, people around the world unite in a shared moment of remembrance, reflection, compassion, and hope.

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

We invite all parishioners and children to bring an item of fruit, vegetables, tinned or dried food with them to Mass over the weekend.
The fresh produce will be sold for a donation after 10am Mass on Sunday.
All monies will be donated to St Neots Food Bank, together with the tinned and dried food.



PARKING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH

I would like to ask all drivers parking on Sundays in the lot behind the rectory, around the rectory, and in adjacent areas to take note of the following:

- Given the limited number of parking spaces near the rectory, I ask that you return to your cars promptly after Mass to allow those wishing to leave earlier than you to do so, and to avoid blocking others.
- Please be mindful of where you park on the street and do

- Parking at the cinema is free on Sundays. It takes just 3 minutes to walk from that lot to the church. There is plenty of space available, and you will not be blocked in by anyone there.
- The area in front of the church may only be used for dropping off or picking up passengers - **NOT FOR PARKING**. For safety reasons, this area must remain clear!!!!





FOR SAFETY REASONS, PARKING
IN THIS AREA IS NOT PERMITTED.

LUMINISCENCE



LUMINISCENCE comes to London to transform Westminster Cathedral
with a dazzling 360° video projection concert
- featuring the story of London and the Cathedral
scripted by BAFTA and Olivier Award winner Tim Whitnall,
narrated by Hugh Bonneville,
and accompanied by live music from the Lux Aeterna choir.

On select Orchestral Nights, the Lux Aeterna choir is joined by a live 14-piece orchestra
for a magnificent symphonic performance.

Tickets can be purchased at this link.





Have a lovely evening and invite your friends as well.

In doing so, you will also be supporting Westminster Cathedral.

Sacraments

Baptism: If you wish to have a child baptised, please take an application form from the church porch. Completed forms can be handed in to the parish priest or the parish office. **Baptism Preparation Session:** Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Confession: Fr Tibor will be available for confession on weekdays from Tuesday to Friday a half hour before Mass.

Holy Communion: To prepare for Holy Communion each year, children must be registered no later than the end of July and must be 8 years old and year 4 in school at the time of admission. Application forms will be available in early summer.

Confirmation: This year, there are no plans to open a class for preparation for confirmation.

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the sick can be arranged at any time through the office and secretary Theresa.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please register for an interview with the Parish priest at least 6-12 months before the planned wedding date in order to have time to complete all the necessary paperwork (especially for weddings abroad and mixed marriages).



Mass Times, Intentions and Liturgical Events for the coming week

Saturday 10th October	**St Paulinus of York, Bishop** *memorial*	
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	Vigil of Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time	
	10.00am 5.30pm	*Holy hour // Exposition and Adoration* People of the Parish
Sunday 11th October	**The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary time**	
	8.00am 10.00am	Raffaele Lauria ℟ Mai Gilmartin ℟
Monday 12th October	**St Wilfred, Bishop** *optional memorial*	
		No Mass
Tuesday 13th October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	9.30am 10.00am	*Rosary Prayer group in the presbytery* Paul Kemsley ℟
Wednesday 14th October	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**	
	10.00am	Michael Burns ℟
Thursday 15th October	**St Teresa of Jesus** **Virgin, Doctor of the Church** *memorial*	
	10.00am	John Price, ints.
Friday 16th October	**St Margaret** **Virgin** *feast*	
	10.00am	John Hurley ℟
Saturday 17th October	**St Ignatius of Antioch** **Bishop, Martyr** *memorial*	
	xxxxx	xxxxxxxxxxx
	Vigil of Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time	
	10.00am 5.30pm	*Holy hour // Exposition and Adoration* People of the Parish
Sunday 18th October	**The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time**	
	8.00am 10.00am	Paul Lippett ℟ Alexina Murphy & Zena Davidson ℟

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults in risk.

Your Safeguarding Representative is:

Noreen Sinclair

Email: sinclana7@gmail.com

Find out more: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk
www.rcdea.org.uk/safeguarding



For safety reasons,
ALL CHILDREN MUST
be accompanied
to the restroom by a parent or adult.

Thank you for understanding.

We respectfully request
that you turn off the sound on your mobile devices
when entering the church
(or better still, turn off your mobiles completely)
and maintain this status
while you are in the church.

Thank you for understanding.



!!! PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE CHURCH !!!



Photography in the church is not permitted
without the consent of a priest or a sacristan during public gathering.

We are obliged to comply with the regulations of the Diocese of East Anglia and the GDPR regulations on the protection of minors and vulnerable persons in particular.

PLEASE **respect and protect** all members of our community, especially the young and the vulnerable to avoid any possible sanctions or criminal charges against individuals or the Parish.

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.







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Everyone would be delighted and honoured
to welcome you at any of our services

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
my great protector, Saint Joseph,
that no one ever had recourse to your protection,
or implored your aid without obtaining relief.
Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you.
Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer,
but graciously receive them.

Amen.



Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Newsletter deadline
The deadline for submitting announcements or events for the Sunday newsletter is Thursday morning by 10:00am.

