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Parish Priest: Fr. Tony Grace
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th October 2025



CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges next week. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia, where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. Many thanks.

You are warmly invited to sign up for The Bible Timeline Course—a world-renowned, FREE OF CHARGE 8-week course presented LIVE ONLINE by Mauro Iannicelli.

REGISTER: comeandsee.org

The course, devised by Jeff Cavins, enables participants to see how the people & events of Scripture fit together into one, unified narrative—from Adam & Eve to Jesus Christ, the Old and the New Testament.

- START DATE: Wed 1st October, 2025
- END DATE: Wed 19th November, 2025
- TIME: 7pm - 8:45pm UK time
- COURSE DURATION: 8 Wednesday sessions
- WHERE: Online to registered participants
- LINK TO SIGN UP: comeandsee.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION St GABRIEL'S.

The sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Anne's Nantwich on Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 7pm, Bishop Mark will celebrate the Mass of Confirmation. So that preparations can be made, the programmes for the candidates and the dates of the meetings need to be in place.

If you have children who are in year 9 and over, who would like to be confirmed, please collect and complete the form from the church porch and return to Fr Tony or Deacon Eddie as soon as possible. Ideally, we want to launch the programme by 6th of December 2025. If you need further information, please let us know eddie.miller1348@gmail.com or 07851376925.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE PROGRAMME

Our parishioners Zoya & Alex Turkosvska are seeking sponsorship for their son Ilia & fiancée Oleksandra who remain in Ukraine. With the war escalating, life is increasingly dangerous, compounded by them living next door to a munitions factory. Ilia, who has not seen his family for a long time, is seeking sponsorship under the Homes for Ukraine Programme which is due to end this year. Under the programme a sponsor is required to have a spare room available for them. The government provides £500 per month to hosts & the couple would also contribute to utility costs. They have on-line jobs & are currently studying for Masters degrees at Taras Shevchenko University in Kyiv. They see this as their only opportunity to be safe but also see their family again.

If you are interested in helping & providing sponsorship, please contact Fr Tony or Deacon Eddie.

LMA9 Pro-life Meeting will take place on the second (not first) Wednesday of next month on 8th October at 7 pm in the Crewe presbytery (13 Gatefield Street, Crewe, CW1 2JP; park at the Caritas Centre). Come and join us for cake and coffee and a letter-writing session to Peers on the Assisted Dying Bill - and to see what we get up to. Any questions, ask Louise Kirk (07969 680519).

Collection plate, contactless terminal in the church.

Please use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone on our new DIGITAL / device to make a donation. Here is your webpage link to support the Mission of the Church in St Gabriel's and through the Red Boxes and Missio, and Cafod to the poorest parts of the world or please scan QR code. Many thanks. <https://donate.mydona.com/st-gabriel-alsager>

This Mission Month, join us to explore ways to be 'missionary' right where you are, with simple daily acts of prayer, reflection, giving or connection. Missio.org.uk/minutemissions

Open Day at St Gabriel's School on Wednesday 15th October from 9.00am-10.30 am for all prospective parents wanting their children to enter into St.Gabriel's Preschool, Reception Class or other classes now or in September 2026. Meet the staff and visit the classrooms. Apply online for a School Place www.Cheshireeast.gov.uk/school admissions for a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.



Alsager Food Bank.

Thank you for your continued support for the important work of the Alsager food bank. Please keep your donations coming in. Donations of long-life items are always welcome, e.g. Tinned vegetables, fruit, meat, fish etc. Your continued generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED, Maria Cullen, Val Mason, Julie Nally, William Monaghan, Theresa Ann Flanagan, John Clarke, Yvonne Davies, Sergio Colagucci, & those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Peter Pulford, Connor Young, Mary Mulligan, Margaret Pearson, Hilda McCann.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Especially for Baby Dymond, Maureen Kesteven, Stuart Gresty, Valerie Condliffe, Agnes Mair, Lucia Capper, Kathleen Large, Sister Benedict, Michael Woolf, Barbara Fahy, George Lawton, Ben Thomas, Francis Dockery, Robin Wickham, Rita Jepson, Pat Connors, Marie Bradley, Sheila Gilhooly, Brigid Smith, Maighread Tams, Brenda McDonagh, Margaret & Harold Barrow, Janet & Brian Woolf, Ann Cumberlidge, and all in our hospitals & nursing homes.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 5th October 2025

Saturday 4th October St Francis of Assisi	6.00 pm Mass 6.30 pm St. Gabriel's Church	Adoration & Confession Maria Cullen RIP, Julie Nally RIP, William Monaghan RIP, John Clarke RIP, Theresa Ann Flanagan RIP, Margaret Pearson (3 rd Anniv), Judith Mader RIP, Erica Mayer RIP, Jean-Paul Chapon (Anniv), Ints of Judith Mayer, Stuart Gresty (Sick), Private Intention
Sunday 5th October 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cafod Family Fast Day Collection	11.00 am 11.30 am. Mass. St. Gabriel's Church	Adoration & Confession Hilda McCann (Anniv), Val Mason RIP, Joan Dwyer (Anniv), Priscilla Morral (Anniv), Barbara Mountford (Anniv) and for Baby Dymond, and for all who are on our Parish Sick list
Monday 6th October St. Bruno	7.00 pm 7.30pm Mass St. Gabriel's Church	Adoration & Confession Hugh Stafford-Northcote RIP, Percy Turnock (B'day Anniv), Zofia Mier-Jedrzejowicz RIP, Shirley Kennedy RIP, William Charlton RIP, Ina David (Anniv), William Monaghan RIP, Trevor Campbell, Bob & Catherine Steele (sick), Olga Lockett (sick), Sister Benedict.
Tuesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	10 am Mass St Anne's Nantwich	For the sick
Wednesday 8th October	12.15pm Crewe Crematorium	Funeral Service of Kenneth Knox RIP
Thursday 9th October St John Henry Newman	10 am Mass St Anne's Nantwich	Holy Souls
Friday 10th October St. Paulinus of York	10.00 a.m. Mass St Gabriel's	Mary Mulligan (Anniv), Margaret Pearson (3 rd Anniv), Mary Chesworth RIP, Adrian Sandes RIP, Alex O'Hare Senior (Anniv), Norah & Geoff Totten (Sick)
Saturday 11th October St. John XIII Sunday 12th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners	11.00 am 6.00 pm Mass 6.30 pm St. Gabriel's Church 11.00 am 11.30 am. Mass. St. Gabriel's Church	Baptism of Ralphie John Ryder & Mabel Hazell Ryder Adoration & Confession William Monaghan RIP & For all who are on our Parish sick list. Adoration & Confession Hilda McCann (Anniv), Benjamin Besa (1 st Anniversary), Val Mason RIP.

Please contact Fr Tony a.grace3007@btinternet.com for newsletter items
Collection last weekend came to £461.69p Many thanks for your Offerings.
Diocese of Shrewsbury, Registered Charity Number 234025
Parish Safeguarding Officer, Paul Hassell 07795200353

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12 Time Periods, One Story

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Starts Wed 1st October, 2025

8 Wednesdays (1st Oct – 19th Nov) @7pm UK Time

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Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk
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Stop assisted suicide - further action needed!

As the assisted suicide Bill progresses through the Lords, Peers have made it clear that receiving physical letters will have the most influence at this stage of the process. Right To Life UK has launched a new *EasyAction* tool that creates a personalised letter to be sent in the post to a Peer highlighting a key concern with the Bill, selects a Peer to receive it, and customises the letter so that it is addressed from you. *Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.*

Here's a text if you've only a minute ...

If it seems to come slow, wait for it; it will surely come;
it will not delay.

First Reading

O that today you would listen to his voice!

Psalm

'Increase our faith!'

Gospel

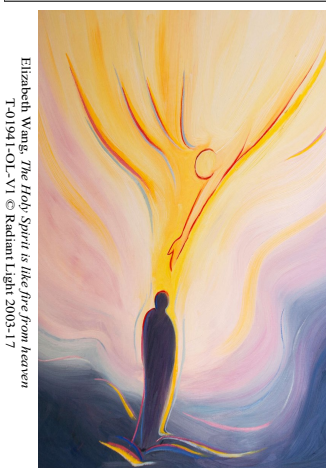
Almighty and eternal God, Father of the world to come,
your goodness is beyond what our spirit can touch
and your strength is more than the mind can bear.

Lead us to seek beyond our reach
and give us the courage to stand before your truth.

Old Opening Prayer

This week's texts if you want to reflect further:

Habak. 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Ps. 94 (95); 2 Tim. 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10



Elizabeth Wang, *The Holy Spirit is like fire from heaven*
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For God gave us a
spirit not of fear,
but of power and love
and self-control

2 Timothy 17

If you'd like to receive Prego by email each week, sign up at
www.stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com

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PREGO LEAFLET



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C, 5th October 2025

'Fan into flame the gift of God'

This Sunday, our readings lead us to consider the gift of faith, to ponder our trust in a faithful God, and to ask for the strength to offer humble service.

In the **First Reading** the prophet Habakkuk complains loudly to God that he does not help in the face of tyranny and oppression. The Lord's reply is to wait faithfully, for justice will come.

The **Psalm** is a song of praise and worship, but also encourages us to listen to the Lord, to be open to God today.

The **Second Reading** warns Timothy never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. He has been given the gift of the Spirit, which he must continually enliven, relying on God's power in times of trial.

The disciples, in the **Gospel**, ask the Lord, 'Increase our faith'. Jesus responds with the parable of the mustard seed, and then follows on with another about self-forgetfulness and service of others. A life of faith is one that liberates us to follow the voice of the Spirit.

As **Pilgrims of Hope** in this Jubilee Year, we pray for the end of all forms of slavery and trafficking in our world. May governments collaborate in their efforts to fight against it, and may victims find freedom and rehabilitation in compassionate communities.



Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.

A day to celebrate Catechists from across the Diocese of Shrewsbury



Jubilee for catechists



Saturday November 15th 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Church, Stockport

Tickets at www.bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists

Bishop Mark Davies – Dominican Sisters of St Joseph – Natalie Orefice

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Second Reading 1 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power, and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

As I settle to pray, I ask the Lord to help me slow down, to be aware of his presence within me. I may sit before a lit candle.

I read the passage a couple of times.

This is Paul (or someone writing in his style), in prison, encouraging his friend Timothy. When do I feel the need of support?

When, where, or with whom can I find it? I speak to the Lord about this.

Maybe some phrases of the reading remain with me.

Why do I think that I respond to them?

When have I felt that God has given me 'a spirit ... of power, and love, and self-control?' I think of an example, however small.

How can remembering this in times of fear or timidity help me, or make me stronger in my faith and actions?

I am reminded to be more aware of the gifts of the Spirit, to fan them into flame. What particular gift do I feel I have received? I ponder what this may mean in my life today.

The writer also points to Christ and his suffering for the Gospel 'in faith and love'.

I may wish to thank the Lord for his unconditional love for me, shown in his Passion and death.

I ask him to strengthen all those suffering in the world.

I end my prayer thanking God for all the good gifts he has entrusted to me.

Gospel Luke 17: 5-10

At that time: The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the fields, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what he was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."'

As I prepare to pray, I take a couple of deep breaths, taking the time to become conscious that I am in God's presence and asking the Spirit to help me pray.

When I'm ready, I take up the text and read it slowly a couple of times.

I may observe the apostles. Their request, 'Increase our faith', follows some challenging teaching by Jesus. Are they overwhelmed?

When do I feel like this?

How does Jesus respond? What will their little seed of faith achieve?

With honesty and humility, I ponder my own seed of faith.

I speak to the Lord from my heart. What do I ask for?

Or maybe, what does he ask from me?

I may wish to rest here, knowing that the Lord can work in and through me if I cooperate.

The second parable about the servant is different. How do I react to it? Maybe there are privileges that I expect?

Or maybe I wish to consider the selfless service of others?

Or I can simply contemplate the service of my Saviour himself.

I gather my prayer together, and spend some time in silent gratitude.

I end with a *Glory be* ...



Dear Friends,

I am very blessed to have been invited to take part in the Jubilee of World Mission taking place in Rome on 4-5 October. This celebration will bring together missionaries, and all those committed to spreading the Gospel, in a spirit of unity and renewed commitment to share the Gospel with all peoples.

This Jubilee reminds us that each one of us is called to mission and that by joining together we can share the hope of God, serve our sisters and brothers in need and create a better world for everyone.

Please send me your prayer intentions so that I can bring them to the Lord when we celebrate Mass with the Holy Father on Sunday.

God bless you.

Father Tony.

Click on this link to watch a message about the Jubilee from Fr Anthony:

[Fr Anthony's blog: Jubilee for World Mission - Missio](#)

[CLICK HERE to send your prayer intention to Fr Anthony](#)

WMS 2025: International short film

We are delighted to premiere Missio's international film for World Mission Sunday 2025. Focusing on the theme 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples', this film has been created through a collaboration of Missio offices around the world and shares insights from missionaries from all over the globe.



[CLICK here to watch the premiere of the World Mission Sunday 2025 international short film!](#)

Missio's Minute Missions!



This Mission Month, discover how small acts of kindness and faith can make you a powerful missionary of hope right where you are. Use our '[Minute Missions](#)' to ignite hope in your community and around the world.

[CLICK HERE to find Missio's daily Minute Missions for October](#)

[Find all of our World Mission Sunday 2025 resources by clicking HERE!](#)

We'd love to meet you!



Throughout the year, Mission Masses and Mission Animation Events take place across England and Wales to celebrate all things 'mission', pray for missionaries and come together in prayer.

Our next event will be in the **Diocese of Portsmouth** on Saturday 11 October between 1-4pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bowenhurst Road, Church Crookham GU52 8JU

It will be an opportunity to meet the new Diocesan Director for the Diocese of Portsmouth, Fr Johnpromise Umeozuru, and the Missio team to share about mission and prepare for World Mission Sunday. Refreshments provided.

All are welcome.

[Find a Mission Mass or event near you](#)

[Pope's Prayer Intention: October 2025](#)

Join our online community

Follow us on social media so we can keep you up-to-date with the difference you are making. You can also join us in praying for those in need through our weekly online Mission Rosary.

To follow us, click the icons below. 'Like' our posts, 'share' with a friend, and comment to help us spread the message of God's love for all.



October

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The Jubilee Prayer

By praying the official Prayer, we join with our global family, to use the same words to express gratitude to God for the Jubilee experience and request the grace of forgiveness.

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

