



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 11 OCTOBER 2026 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Last month I had a request to view our model of Ely Palace in the sixteenth century. I'd never heard of it, but Adolfo promptly showed me where it had been put into storage some years ago when the space it had occupied in the crypt was needed for the Bleeding Heart functions. It appears to be in very good condition. The illustration here was in the 2003 guide book. The caption reads: "Ely Palace in the 16th century, constructed by Jo Pradera in 1990." I think it would be an object of great interest, particularly to our many visitors and having consulted the parish, I'd like to restore it to public view, preferably in a spot at the back of the church. If any reader knows anything more about Jo, I'd love to hear from you.

Fr Anthony Furlong IC



Sunday's Music (11am)

MBartolucci Missa da Angelis

Rossini Ave Maria

Rossini O Salutaris

Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvum fac

Organ Voluntary: Mendelssohn Allegro con brio in D minor

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Today's Readings

isaiah 25: 6-10; [9 am Mass only. Psalm 22. Response: "In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending."]; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14.

Organ Restoration

With approximately £20,000 raised so far, we are confident that we can begin the organ restoration in two phases, in March 2027 and April 2028. Phase one is estimated to be £32,000, while phase two is expected to cost around £14,000.

Following consultation with the Parish, it has been agreed that, upon completion of the works, a commemorative plaque expressing our gratitude to donors who contribute £2,000 or more will be placed at the back of the church. Contributions can be posted through the presbytery letterbox or made via the contactless machines by selecting "Organ Restoration". Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Thought for the week

To abandon ourselves wholly to Divine Providence - there is no other Maxim which renders the follower of Jesus Christ dearer to our Heavenly Father: it implies perfect confidence in Him, and in Him alone; it implies a most lively faith, which believes with certainty that all things in the world, both great and small, rest alike in the hand of our Heavenly Father, and that nothing is done by them that is not disposed by Him for the accomplishment of His adorable designs. It implies also a belief in the infinite goodness, mercy, bounty, and generosity, of our Heavenly Father, Who disposes all things for the good of them that trust in Him.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us



Let us remember in our prayers:

For those recently married here:
Rebecca Leppert and Lucca Paletta,
Dominic Hauschild and Katherine Williams.
For those who are sick, especially:
Sam Stupavsky and Sheilagh Cooper.

Andrew Faiers RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrew Faiers, a long-standing and regular parishioner, and husband of Valerie Faiers. The Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 18 November at 11:00 am.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. You are invited to take a Missio envelope with you today from the cloister table and bring it next Sunday with your donation.

Rosminian Ascribed Group

The next meeting is at 6:00 pm this Wednesday (14th) in the presbytery. The spirituality of Ascription is explained on the sheet on the cloister table. Enquirers are most welcome to come along.

Emmaus Retreat for Men

Discover a deeper connection with your faith from **October 24-26, 2025**, at The Oratory School, Reading. For full details, please scan the QR code on the cloister notice board.

Collections

9 am: Plate **£165.00**; Contactless: **£55.00**
11 am: Plate **£277.86**; Contactless: **£155.00**
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£544.90**. Thank you for your generosity.



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CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Last chance. Your envelope or cash donation can be placed in the retiring collection, or you can use the QR code on the CAFOD envelope. Thank you for your generosity and support for CAFOD.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Our journey in faith has begun. The next meeting is today (Sunday) at 6:30 pm in the Crypt. It is not too late to join if you wish to know more about the Catholic Church.

Rosminian Bicentennial

October 2026 – 17 months to February 2028 – the 200th anniversary of the Foundation of the Rosminians. This is the fourth of twenty monthly meditations counting down to a National Mass of Thanksgiving in Westminster Cathedral marking 200 years since Blessed Antonio Rosmini established the Institute of Charity on Monte Calvario di Domodossola. Theme: The Light of Truth in Love Focus: Rosmini's harmony of intellect and charity. Grasping the truth of the gospel impels us to a love of God and neighbour. Scripture Verse: "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free". (Jn.8:32) Prayer Method: Just like the "Jesus Prayer" (familiar to many of you), find a quiet place and for five or ten minutes (or longer, if you can), as you breathe in, pray the first part of the verse. As you breathe out, the second part. This is a form of "lectio divina" which gives the words of scripture an opportunity to find a home in you.

Mary's Meals

Would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all your foreign coins/notes aside; we will be collecting all your foreign currency in the next couples of weeks with special Mary's Meals envelopes available at the back of church. Currently the charity feeds over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. *We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender

Mass Intentions

Sun 11th October
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.00 am
Jairo Garcia RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 12th October
Feria
1.00 pm

Tue 13th October
St Edward The Confessor
1.00 pm
Elvira Fernandes RIP

Wed 14th October
Feria
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Thu 15th October
St Teresa of Jesus
1.00 pm
John Vincent Fernandes RIP

Frid 16th October
St John Henry Newman
1:00 pm

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