28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A
Prisoners' Sunday
11th October 2026

Mass times and intentions:

Saturday 10th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	St Mary's Parishioners. The repose of the Soul of Jose Burke. Carmina Parris.
Sunday 11th	8.30 am 10.30 am	Les & Josie Riley. May & Martin Stynes RIP.
Monday 12th	9.15 am	Roy Cook.
Tuesday 13th	9.15 am	
Wednesday 14th	9.15 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Harvest in School. Parishioners welcome. Adoration. Mary O' Connor.
Thursday 15th	9.15 am	Patrick O' Riely.
Friday 16th	9.15 am	
Saturday 17th	11.00 am 6.30 pm	
Sunday 18th	8.30 am 10.30 am	John & Beryl Nield.

Feast Days:
Thursday 15th St Theresa of Avila, V, D
Saturday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch, D, M

Please pray for all the Sick of the Parish, and our relatives: Anne & Philip Holland, Sheila Smith, Dorothy Harte, Margaret Scarlett, Margaret Shallcross.

Lately Dead: Your prayers are asked for those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs around this time. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Offertory Collections Last Sunday

Plate	£232.15	Gift Aided	£ 60.00
Standing Orders	£580.00	Gift Aid Standing Orders	£510.00
	£812.15		£570.00

Prospective Tax Refund £142.50

Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160

Live Streaming: Access the system via internet access **Churchservices.tv/Congleton**

This Week and Later

Children's Liturgy (term time only): Children's Liturgy this Sunday in the Parish Centre.

Next Prayer Group: *Tuesday 3rd November 2026*, in the Davenport Lounge 7 pm – 8:30 pm. All are welcome. Bring a Bible, a Rosary and Encounter prayer book, if you have one.

Youth200 Fundraiser: Raffle Prizes of a Family Golf Lesson at Astbury Golf Course and the Adult Bonfire/Firework Tickets at Congleton Park on 7th November 2026. Please continue to buy Raffle Tickets - on sale £1 per 5 tickets. Thank you to those who have supported this already. Prize drawn on Sunday 25th October during Coffee Morning.

Youth200: Friday 6th November 2026 at 6.30-8pm in the Parish Centre. Young people aged c.7-14 year olds please come along for fun and games. If you wish to volunteer, please see Karen. Any questions, please call Karen Sutton 07714447417. Thank you to those who came along to Friday 2nd October 2026 session; great to see new faces.

Postponed Season of Creation: Eco Fun for the younger parishioners to mark the end of the Season of Creation is now on Sunday 19 Oct in the Parish Centre during the Coffee Morning. Please join us.

Sacrament of Confirmation: if you are interested in joining the programme, please pass names to Fr Francis or Karen Sutton 07714447417.

Meet, Greet & Eat Sunday 18th October 2026, 2pm–4pm St Mary's Parish Centre: Join us for a relaxed afternoon filled with friendly faces, chat, and tasty refreshments. Bring someone along or simply come and meet new people. It's a simple way for our parish community to spend time together and share light refreshments and friendship. If you're planning to come, please let us know by emailing **felicityawhitelock@gmail.com** or calling **07871 165984**, for an idea of catering numbers.

"Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School: Are holding an Open Day for those families who have a child starting Reception class in September 2027. Come along and meet the staff, and visit our wonderful school and grounds. Everyone welcome. For more information contact the school on 01260 274690."

New Offertory Envelopes: Will be available from this weekend. For use starting early November. For those who do not gift aid their contribution please take any of the boxes that are brightly decorated (brown envelopes inside these boxes).
For those who gift aid their contribution green boxes are available with your name on the top of the box (white envelopes inside the boxes).

Ideally, if you do online banking, you could make your contribution that way. **Parish Account Details: Lloyds Bank, 30-15-52, 54576160.** For more information, please contact Val Bridge on 07789767955.

We kindly ask anyone with a **Red Mission Box** to bring to church for counting. Thank you for your support.

Bicentenary Booklets: Now available for purchase after all Masses. Each booklet is **£5, payable in cash only**. A payment box will be provided for you to place your contribution securely. Thank you for your continued support.

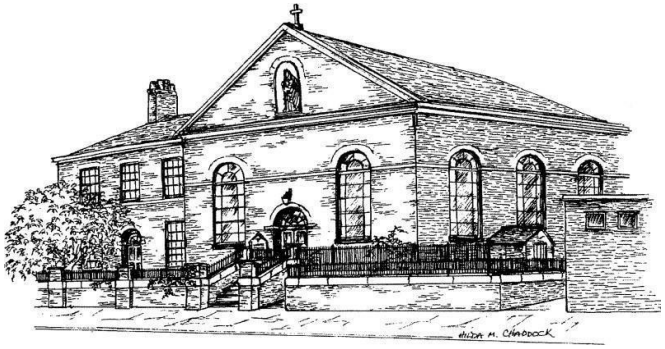
The Storehouse Project: The growing economy has made us all aware of the massive increase in the cost of living, which is affecting everyone, particularly the poor. The Food Bank that we support at New Life has an increasing demand for its services. So, we must appeal to you for your support, however you can, in providing food and life necessities for those in need. THANK YOU.

Reflection

(God's call)

God's call comes to us in many ways
and at many different levels.
However, His call is not so much a voice
as a tug at our hearts, which we feel
at quiet and reflective moments in our lives.
He is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life.
He is calling us into intimacy with himself.
He is calling us into community with others.
And at death He will call us into eternal life.
To accept means to admit our need.
Jesus said, 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will go hungry.
But blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.'
A sense of something missing in our lives is not a curse
but a blessing.
A spiritual hunger is God's way of inviting us to His banquet.

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Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.15am
Wednesday 7.30pm plus Adoration from 7pm

Weekend Masses
Saturday 11.00am & 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
1st Saturday of the Month 10am - 11am
Wednesday: 7pm before Mass at 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 11.30am - 12 noon & after 6.30pm Mass

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