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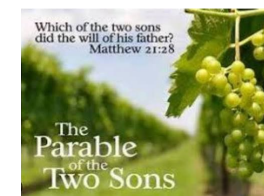
Parish Priest
Fr. Wojciech Sliwa

Assistant Priest
Fr. Zachary Lewis



Ordo Sancti Pauli Primi Eremitae

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Year A 27 September 2026

SUNDAY MASSES		WEEKDAY MASSES		RECONCILIATION	
Saturday	6:00pm Vigil	Monday	9:15am	Tuesday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
Sunday	7:30am 9:00am	Tuesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Wednesday	8:30am-8:55am
		Wednesday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Thursday	8:30am-8:55am
Vespers	10:30am 5:15-5:45pm 6:00pm	Thursday	9:00am	Friday	8:30am-8:55am 6:30pm-6:55pm
		Friday	9:00am & 7:00pm	Saturday	8:30am-8:55am 4:30pm-5:55pm
		Saturday	9:00am		

FIRST FRIDAY:

07:00pm: Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross followed by Exposition

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Thursday-Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am - 2:30pm
4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 1:30pm - Divine Mercy Devotions
1st Friday of the month: approx. 8:30pm - midnight
Every Saturday Adoration: 4:30pm-5:45pm

DEVOTIONS:

Veneration of the Holy Face of Jesus - Tuesday: 7:30pm - 8:30pm
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Succour) - Wednesday after 9:00am Mass
Novena to The Holy Family - Wednesday after 7:00pm Mass
Novena to St. Margaret Mary every Friday morning mass
Marian Movement Cenacle - Friday: 5:00pm (Children's Rosary)
Saturday: 8:00am before 9:00am Mass
Men's Rosary Crusade - 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass
Divine Mercy - 4th Sunday of the month: 1:00pm - 3:00pm (3:00pm - Holy Mass)

BAPTISMS:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month
(not during Advent, Month of January, Lent, Divine Mercy Sunday & Corpus Christi Sunday)
Baptism Preparation: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month - 10:30am Mass followed by session.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday morning: 9:00am Mass followed by session 10:00am - 11:00am

MARRIAGES: By appointment only (6 months required)

SICK CALLS: 9637 2526 - option 3 - any time

 **Please remember to switch off your mobile phone**

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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
- Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
- The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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.



MEDITATION

What kind of future are you preparing for? Jesus encourages us to think - to think about the consequences of our choices, especially the choices and decisions that will count not just for now but for eternity as well. The choices we make now will affect and shape our future, both our future on earth as well as in the life of the age to come. **Lord Jesus, change my heart that I may only desire that which is pleasing to you. Help me to respect your will and give me the strength, joy and perseverance to carry it out wholeheartedly.**

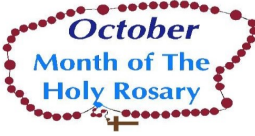
Matthew 21:28-32



SUNDAY - 27 SEPTEMBER 2026
1:00 – 1:30pm *Silent Adoration*
1:30 – 3:00pm *Devotions*
3:00 pm *Holy Mass*
All are welcome to come and pray with us.

**FEAST OF
THE ARCHANGELS
TUESDAY
29 SEPTEMBER 2026**





THE ROSARY is a prayerful exercise comprised of both meditation and vocal prayer. While praying the prayers of the Rosary, meditation focuses on the lives of Jesus and Mary.
There are four mysteries of the Rosary: Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious.
During the month of October, there will be recitation of The Holy Rosary and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of every Morning Mass (**weekdays only**).



**ON 02 OCTOBER 2026
AT 7:00PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT
(ALLIANCE OF THE TWO HEARTS)**

**MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE
SATURDAY - 03 OCTOBER 2026
@ 10:00AM**





WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
On 2nd Sunday of each month, couples celebrating their wedding anniversary during that month are invited for a special blessing at the 10:30am Mass.
The next blessing will be on **Sunday, 11 October 2026.**
Couples celebrating a milestone anniversary may contact the Parish office.

**Pilgrimage to Penrose Park - Fatima Day
(Tuesday 13 October 2026)**



The Parish Piety Shop is organising a Pilgrimage to Penrose Park to celebrate Fatima Day on **Tuesday, 13 October 2026. Cost is \$45 per person.**
Limited seats available. Kindly contact Lydia or Santy for further details.

Sheen Gems - The best of Fulton J. Sheen
Wednesday after 7pm Mass in the Pastoral Centre



Bishop Sheen's eloquence portrays the sacred truth that in every human heart there is a struggle known only to the soul and God.

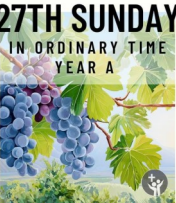


JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE
Matthew—The King and his Kingdom portrays Jesus as the true King who fulfills the Law the people of Israel have failed to keep and who introduces the new law that will accompany the New Covenant.

GOD'S WORD 2027
We request our Parishioners to support our Parish with their generous purchase of **GOD'S WORD 2027** for a **special price of \$22 (limited stock available).**
Purchases may be done from the Piety Shop. **Thank you.**



27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS
04 OCTOBER 2026**
**27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)**
First Reading: Is 5:1-7
Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION
SEPTEMBER 2026**
For the care of water
Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026
Sacrament of Confirmation enrolments are until **Friday 09 October 2026. (Enrolment Fee \$50 per child)**
Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or are available at our Parish Office during working hours.
The Sacrament of Confirmation program will be taught by Monique Kairouz and assisted by Fr. Zachary.
Parents Information evening: Monday - 12 October at 7pm.
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
All preparation sessions held on **WEDNESDAYS** at 5:30 - 6:30pm
Session 1: 14 OCTOBER
Session 3: 28 OCTOBER
Session 2: 21 OCTOBER
Session 4: 04 NOVEMBER
Venue: Parish Pastoral Centre.

Confirmation Rehearsal on Wednesday, 11 November 2026 at 6:00pm inside the Church.



**Saturday, 14 November 2026
at 6:00pm**

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING
To be completed by 31 October 2026
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Prayer Requests


Save the Dates...
15 November 2026 (Sunday) 10:30am Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Very Rev Fernando Montano
17 November 2026 (Tuesday) 7:00pm Solemn Mass
Celebrant: Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE
22 November 2026 (Sunday) 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Parish Luncheon Banquet at Aria House
Tickets are on sale at the Piety Shop

