



SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

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30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

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Reflection: As we make our way through the 2nd half of this decade, the 2020s, the long-term future of the United Kingdom (UK) would

seem to be under a measure of threat. (Wales and Scotland each have contingents espousing independence. Northern Ireland similarly claims such a wish, to however limited a degree – this would presuppose a united Ireland – Northern Ireland leaving the UK & joining the Euro-Zone). If anything like the above became reality, it would be a shock indeed – the disappearance of the UK – the disappearance of Great Britain.

For the UK, the year 1966 brought an example of real euphoria & an instance of absolute tragedy – that summer England won the soccer world cup for the first time. That autumn, (October 21st 1966, to be precise), Wales very sadly suffered the appalling natural disaster in its village of Aberfan. Wednesday of this week was the 60th anniversary of this tragedy, chiefly for Wales, of course. (A massive coal tip gave way, and its slurry gushed down and wiped out a primary school and houses nearby. 116 young children were killed, alongside 28 local people).

These 2 major events of 1966, one euphoric and the other tragic, were not just the “ownership” of England & Wales respectively. Fully understood, all of the UK (Great Britain) would have rejoiced & mourned respectively at these 2 diametrically opposed events.

In matters of Faith, **UNITY** (a stronger word than “union”) is a very significant notion. The Holy Trinity is a Unity of Persons. We, created in God’s Image & Likeness, are a unity with God and with each other – that is the reality, as seen by God.

In the 2nd half of Eucharistic Prayer 3 at Holy Mass, we hear that we might **“become one body, one spirit in Christ”**. Such words surely have a twin-meaning, emanating from our unity from Christ – to be joined with one another, yes, but also to be at one within one’s very self.

Saturday 24th October 2026 Feria

10am Mass – Kweku Assan RIP (1 month’s mind)

Confessions 11am-12 noon & 5.45pm- 6.15pm

6.30pm Mass – Mrs. Incoronata Hayes RIP (25th anniversary tomorrow)

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7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – People of the parish

11am Mass – For God’s blessing, guidance & protection of the family members of Stanley & Hana Peterside

Monday 26th October 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – That Mr. Terreri snr. may humble himself to now receive treatment rather than administer it

Tuesday 27th October 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For Martin Cosgrove (50th birthday tomorrow)

Wednesday 28th October 2026 Saints Simon & Jude

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Robert Wye RIP

Thursday 29th October 2026 Feria

8.00am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary’s intercession for Marietta during her maternal confinement

Friday 30th October 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am – Elizabeth O’Keefe RIP (13th anniversary)

Saturday 31st October 2026 Feria

10am Mass – For the ongoing welfare & wellbeing of Maria Vassallo

Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45-6.15pm

6.30pm – Joao Manuel Gonsalves RIP

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER: ALL SAINTS (YEAR A)

7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – Israel Ajisafe (10th birthday today)

11am Mass – Thanking God for His blessings & asking for His guidance in our lives (Nneka Okeke and family)

This weekend's Sunday Masses' 2nd Collection: Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda

EVC provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Children are supported through primary and secondary education and onwards to vocational training or university.

EVC is in the process of building 2 primary schools and enabling children to have a good start in life.

For further information about EVC, please go to their website at <https://www.evcuganda.org>

Christmas Bazaar 2026: the date is Saturday November 21st (11am – 4pm). We would love your help with:

1. Bottles for the bottle stall (Alcoholic, low-alcoholic & non-alcoholic only).
2. Good quality items (only) - for the auction & for the table-top sale.
3. Purchasing Grand Draw ticket envelopes: highly attractive prizes as per recent bazaars.
4. Helping to set up in the hall on the evening before (from 3.45pm).

Notice from our school: Nursery places available from January 2027. Please contact Mrs. Jane Day on 01689-841771 to arrange a visit. Thank you.

New Addington foodbank: Thank you for all your contributions. CURRENTLY THE FOODBANK NEEDS: household cleaning products; nappies size 4 & higher; baby wipes; long-life milk; sugar; coffee; squash/fruit juice; savoury biscuits/crackers; rice; cooking oil; meat pies.

2020 Diamond Fund: this actually dates from March 2015. 2017 was our 60th Year - the Diamond Anniversary as a parish. 2020 marked 60 years of our church being built, before its unveiling in 1962. Details of the 2020 Diamond Fund bank account avail from Fr. Con, for anyone wishing to transfer. Thanks to all contributors.

Gift Aid Scheme: Parishioners, not yet members, are encouraged to join. You paid tax on your weekly giving to the parish. It can come back to the parish from HMR & C, at no cost to you. ***Many thanks to those parishioners who joined Gift-Aid in May and June.***

Please pray for all those with health issues: Wannia Nicholson, Christine Maslona, Peter Brown, Cyril Ojiemen, Curtis Pointu, Francesco Bruno, Jim Venis, Thomas Gunn, Issy Okwuobi, Divina Ddungu, Michael Onuh, Jason Brewer, Ruddyn Mathiasine, Sebastian Akogun, Vera Arthur, Susan Smith, Izeubokun Ichide, John Kabangue, Roseline Bardo, Teresa Saunders, Joyce Dean, Dorothy & Maria Vassallo, Fred Wye, Trudi Ollivierre, Philomena deSouza, Shirley Pointu, Cyril Green, Patricia Tougher, Kathy & Terry Jobson, Kathleen Sage, Mary Davies, Anjali & Doug Fanthome, Margaret Furey, Bryan Smith, Maria Smith, Edith Mack, Eileen Evans, Tilly Whitmore, Celia Hulbert, Maura Malinoff, Amelia & Georgina Holmes, Ken Rowland, Maria Rowland, Anita Gregory, Victoria Kana, Jamie Prince, P. Vaughan, E. Hanks, Pat Enver, Julie Jones, Tyrone Phillips, Saoirse Hennessey, M. Slattery.

October 18th: Attendance: **177** 1st Collection: £**429.55** Gift-aided: £**246**

Loose: £**183.55** 2nd Collection: £**146.24**

Thanking you for your customary weekly generosity regarding the above collections.

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