



SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2026

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

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27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

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Reflection: In the Liturgy of the past week, we have had considerable focus on **ANGELS**. 2 days in from the end of September, we celebrated the Feast of the 3 leading Archangels: '**Michael**' (meaning "Like unto God"); '**Gabriel**' (meaning "Strength of God"); '**Raphael**' (meaning "Healing from/of God").

Then, 2 days into October, we celebrated the Memorial of **the Guardian Angels**. The basic meaning of Angel ('*Angelos*' in the Greek) is '**messenger**'. 'Angel' is a role – the angels carry messages to us from God. The individual name of our Guardian Angel will be unknown to us – but that makes our Guardian Angel no less close to us. We do not need to know their name to believe in their presence with us.

The final week of September and the opening week of October contain Memorial days of saints whose names are well-known to us. Such saints point us most firmly to the Holy Eucharist, to Jesus' Real Presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Angels do likewise. They have a profound understanding and deep appreciation of Holy Communion e.g. **St. Maximillian Kolbe**, martyr – saint of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp – said that if angels could envy just one facet or aspect of humankind, it would be Holy Communion.

Angels are present at every celebration of Holy Mass. Together with all the saints, they comprise **the Church Triumphant** in heaven, a central part of the Mystical Body of Christ. They are always praising God. They do so, in conjunction with us. They can, and do, prompt us in precisely how to reverence God, in the Divine unity that is the Most Blessed Trinity.

In reverencing all the Angels, we are primarily reverencing God. At the same time, we will be reverencing their Queen. This October, let us daily entreat Mary by praying her Holy Rosary.

Saturday 3rd October 2026 Feria

10am Mass – Ivanka Ezeji RIP aged 7: 1st anniversary 30.9.26

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

6.30pm Mass – Anthonia Kilonzo RIP (4th anniversary today)

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7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – In praise & thanksgiving to God, in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi

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

Monday 5th October 2026 St. Faustina

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – That John & Jenny, through St. Faustina's intercession, grasp more deeply the mercy of God

Tuesday 6th October 2026 Feria

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – For those souls in Purgatory who have no-one to pray for them (C & M)

Wednesday 7th October 2026 Our Lady of the Rosary

8.30am Adoration

9.15am Mass – That Mr. & Mrs. Terreri always retain a profound affinity with Our Lady of the Rosary

Thursday 8th October 2026 Feria

8.00am Adoration

9.15am Mass – Living & deceased members of the Cabral family

Friday 9th October 2026 St. John Henry Newman

8.30am Adoration

9.15am – For today's saint's intercession for the futures of 2 blood brothers in their studies and work

Saturday 10th October 2026 Feria

10am Mass – For Monica Nwakonobi's safe travel back home

Confessions: 10.30-11.00am & 5.45-6.15pm

6.30pm – Living & deceased members of the Extross family

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER: 28th SUNDAY YEAR A

7.30am Adoration

8.30am Mass – Saramma Varghese RIP 3rd anniversary 7.10.26

11am Mass – People of the parish

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: high attractive prizes as per last year's bazaar.
4. Helping to set up in the hall on the evening before (from 4pm).

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.

September 27th: Attendance: **200** 1stCollection: £**485.52** Gift-aided: £**338**

Loose: £**147.52** 2nd Collection: £**291.05**

Fr. Peter Harries OP thanks all of you for your generous response (£291.05) to his Dominican Appeal of last weekend. Very well done, indeed.

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

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