THE CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT BIRINUS
DORCHESTER-on-THAMES

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2026
MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
PENTECOST XXI · SUNDAY XXIX (A) Year II

Sunday 18th October	SUNG ENLISH MASS at Berinsfied	**9.30am**	*prop populo*
	SUNG LATIN MASS	**11.00am**	*Mary Ceinwen Davies (bd)*
Monday 19th Oct	St Philip Howard	**9.30am**	*Fr Jerome Bertram (A)*
Tuesday 20th Oct	Feria III	**9.30am**	*for Pope Leo XIV*
Wednesday 21st Oct	Feria IV*(Latin)*	**8.00am**	*Molly Bevan (A)*
Thursday 22nd Oct	Feria V	**9.30am**	*Michael Jones (40bd)*
Friday 23rd Oct	Feria VI *Fast & Abstinence*	**9.30am**	*BPMF*
Saturday 25th Oct	Of Our Lady *(Latin)*	**9.30am**	*Eileen Richardson (A)*
	VIGIL MASS of Sunday (XXX -A)	**6.00pm**	*BPMF*

CONFESSIONS: ***Saturday 5:15-5.45 pm or by appointment with the Priest.*** *BPMF *Birmingham Perpetual Mass Fund*

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Pope Leo XIV has encouraged the Faithful to keep the traditional month of October as a month of devotion to Our Lady and to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. Thus, throughout this month, the Rosary will be recited twenty minutes before each Mass every day. We shall also recite the Litany of Our Lady. Please bring your Rosary with you to Mass. The Pope has requested the Faithful to pray ardently for the cessation of war in Ukraine and the Near East. This intention should be uppermost in our daily recitation during October, however, we should also remember Pope Leo XIV in our prayers. In the Rosary, five mysteries of Our Lord's Life, or those of His Mother, are the subject of meditation each day. After the Holy Mass itself, the Rosary is the most powerful prayer that we possess. In the Marian apparitions in Fatima in 1917, the Blessed Virgin asked us to recite the Rosary every day. It can be recited at home with your spouse or your family. If you are alone, you are joined mysteriously to all the members of the Church on earth and in Heaven. We are never alone, we are surrounded by the invisible presence of the Saints and the Angels, also by the presence of the Faithful Departed. It is in the Mass that these two worlds come together – the visible tangible world and the invisible spiritual world.

"The true Christian is a warrior. Not because he loves the fight, but because he loves the Truth"
St John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church.

THE TRUE REVOLUTION

"The Saints are the true reformers. Only from the saints, only from God does true revolution come, the definitive way to change the world. In the last century we experienced revolutions with a common programme – expecting nothing more from God, they assumed total responsibility for the course of the world in order to change it. And this, as we saw meant that a human and partial point of view was always taken as a guiding principle. Absolutizing what is not absolute but relative is called totalitarianism. It does not liberate man but takes away their dignity and enslaves him. It is not ideologies that save the world, but only a return to the Living God, our Creator, the guarantor of our freedom, the guarantor of what is really good and true. True revolution consists in truly turning to God Who is the measure of what is right, and Who, at the same time, is everlasting Love, and what could ever save us apart from Love."
Pope Benedict XVI

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