THE CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT BIRINUS
DORCHESTER-on-THAMES

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2026
MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
SUNDAY XXX (A) Year II
Christ the King

Sunday 25th October	SUNG ENLISH MASS at Berinsfied	**9.30am**	*Jenny Lewicki (A)*
	SUNG LATIN MASS	**11.00am**	*Ann MacNamara (A)*
Monday 26th Oct	Feria II	**9.30am**	*Helen Grace (A)*
Tuesday 27th Oct	Feria III	**9.30am**	*Bernard d'Yve (A)*
Wednesday 28th Oct	SS Simon and Jude, Apostles *(Latin)*	**8.00am**	*Ellen Winton(A)*
Thursday 29th Oct	Feria V	**9.30am**	*Vera Carter (A)*
Friday 30th Oct	Feria VI *Fast & Abstinence*	**9.30am**	*Jean d'Yve (A)*
Saturday 31st Oct	Of Our Lady *(Latin)*	**9.30am**	*Esther de Liederkerke (A)*
	VIGIL MASS of Sunday (ALL SAINTS -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 MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THE DEPARTED

In a week or so we shall be in the Month of November, which, by ancient tradition, is dedicated to the Faithful Departed who can benefit from our prayers and supplications. Masses for the Dead will be said throughout November and December. If you wish Mass to be said, please take an envelope and return with names and an offering. The list will be placed on the altar during November. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the greatest form of worship of God , because we join our offering to that of the Divine Son to the Father. The MASS makes the Sacrifice of Calvary PRESENT on our altars and takes away our sins .It is the most beautiful and powerful gift we can ever present to our Departed. The redemptive life-giving fruits of Calvary are applied to each departed soul. It is a soothing balm for them and assists them in their journey through Purgatory into the Presence of God. Grave lights should be placed on the graves of the Faithful during November. Please visit the cemetery and of your charity, assist the souls departed with prayers, supplications and the traditional suffrages found in the Simple Prayer Book.

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