

# Harvest Thanksgiving

## 5th October 2025



### Collect Prayer

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**Amen.**

### First Reading (Philippians 4.4-9)

A reading of Paul's Letter to Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Gospel (John 6.25-35)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John  
When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them,

'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving  
for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence  
for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### For your prayers

**In our Prayers:** Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Shirley, Stephen Winfield, Paul Johnson

**Among the departed:** Ellen Palmer

**Anniversaries of Death:** Harold Clarke, Marion Mary Ann Shall, Maureen Fordham, Arthur Oliver, Ellen Alderson

**In our parish:** We pray for President House, Eva Martin House and Rahere House

**In the wider world:** We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

### Notices

**This week in church...**

**Wednesday Open Church: 10am-1pm**

**11-12am Study Group**

**12.30pm Mass**

**Pet Blessing Service Wednesday,**

**8th October @ 5pm**

A service to celebrate the animals who we love and who love us, and to give thanks to God for the wonder of the created world and everything in it. All pets welcome as long as they bring a well behaved human!