

**The Parish Church
of the Most Holy Trinity, Reading**

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Registered Charity Number X 62482

**Please take this news sheet home with you
and use it to help you say your prayers
in the coming week.**

**THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year A)**

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6th September 2026

**Please turn over this sheet to see the
prayers & readings for to-day.**

To-day we use for the first time a new format of the *Sunday Bulletin*, on which are printed all the prayers & readings for to-day's Mass.

Jesus Christ became our brother and made himself responsible for us, his brothers and sisters. He contracted the debt of mutual love; all he asks of us is that we should do the same.

Opening Hymn: 256: On this day, the first of days.

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9: *God, through Ezekiel, warns us that we are responsible if we do not fulfil our promise to 'shine as a light in the world' and to pass on the Gospel to others.*

Responsorial Psalm: from Psalm 94: *It is no good pretending that our Christian faith does not matter outside the Church building. 'Harden not your hearts....'.*

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10: *S Augustine (of Hippo) said that we should love God and do what we like. The lesson for us is that our love for God, if it is worthy of the name love, impinges on every moment of our daily lives.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20: *Despite the Lord's command to 'Love your neighbour as yourself', our consciences remain clear, if we have done our best to bring the light of Christ to an unhearing world.*

Offertory Hymn: 415: O for a thousand tongues.

P/Communion Hymn: 391: King of glory, King of peace.

After the Blessing we turn towards Our Lady to sing the *Angelus*.

Please use a **yellow envelope** for your offertory and fill in the outside, especially if you are a UK Taxpayer. Or, even better, make out a Standing Order with your bank. Details of how to do this can be obtained from the Churchwardens or one of the clergy.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- Our parish and its needs; the appointment of our own Parish Priest; parishioners returning to school, to college or to work after the summer holiday; those caught up in natural disaster or in warfare.
- Those in trouble or any kind of need: among them, Sister Diana SPB, Pauline Hamblin, Stewart Robinson, Margaret Skinner, David Smith (*priest*), Arthur Young.
- The recently departed: Stella Margaret Claridge.
- Our departed relatives, friends and benefactors: all who once worshipped here and those whose Anniversaries fall at about this time, among them: Florence Woodley (6th), HM Queen Elizabeth II (8th).
- *Please let us know of anyone you would like to have mentioned in our prayers.*
- ***The list of those we pray for each Sunday has now been revised. Please let Father Desmond know of any names to be added.***

Please stay on after Mass for coffee and fellowship, even if you cannot stay for very long. All are very welcome.



Parish Kalendar this week:

- Monday 7th Feria: Confirmation candidates
- Tuesday 8th **Mass @ 1200:** Our Lady's Birthday: *Pilgrims at Walsingham this week*
- Wednesday 9th Feria: Preachers
- Thursday 10th Feria: Paul, our Bishop
- Friday 11th Feria: The bereaved
- Saturday 12th Feria: The departed
- **Sunday 13th Mass @ 1000 & 1800: 24th SUNDAY:** Parishioners, resident & non-resident

Our preacher at **1000 on Sunday, 13 September** will be the Right Reverend Mary Gregory, Bishop of Reading.

Prayer for our Parish: ***Please use this prayer every day.*** Almighty God, send us a faithful priest: to establish the honour of your holy name; to offer the holy sacrifice of the altar; to give us Jesus in the Holy Sacrament; to proclaim the faith of Jesus; to baptise and to teach the young; to tend your sheep, to seek the lost; to give pardon to the penitent sinner; to bless our homes, to pray for the afflicted; to comfort mourners; to strengthen us in our last hour and to commend our souls to you, our Lord and God. **Amen.**