THE CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT BIRINUS
DORCHESTER-on-THAMES

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2026
MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
PENTECOST XX · SUNDAY XXVIII (A) Year II

Sunday 11th October	SUNG ENLISH MASS at Berinsfied	**9.30am**	*prop populo*
	SUNG LATIN MASS	**11.00am**	*Frank Montgomery (A)*
Monday 12th October	Feria II	**9.30am**	*Marie Byrne (A)*
Tuesday 13th October	Feria III	**9.30am**	*Desmond O'Neil (A)*
Wednesday 14th Oct	St Callistus P.M. *(Latin)*	**8.00am**	*Anne Johns (A)*
Thursday 15th October	St Teresa of Avila V. D.	**9.30am**	*BPMF**
Friday 16th October	St Margaret Mary Aloque *Fast & Abstinence*	**9.30am**	*BPMF*
Saturday 17th Oct	St Luke Evangelist *(Latin)*	**9.30am**	*Nora O'Leary (A(A)*
	VIGIL MASS of Sunday (XXIX-A)	**6.00pm**	*Ben Bosely (A)*

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

Welcome to Fr Tenny Antony, a recently ordained Priest of our Diocese. After a career in Banking and with an MBA, Fr Tenny responded to the call of Christ, spent some five years at Oscott, the Diocesan Seminary where he prepared for Ordination. He, with Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, will be saying the 9.30am. Mass in Berinsfield regularly. Fr Tenny has a Keralan heritage which will surely be beneficial to our people in Berinsfield. I know that you will

make Fr Tenny and Fr Paul feel at home and assist them in any way that is necessary, as the Deanery prepares for some changes to reflect the declining number of priests.

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. 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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