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### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our parish of St Vincent de Paul at 9.30 am Sunday morning Mass

Please bring a gift for Poitiers Care Food Bank. Pasta, rice, tinned fruit, vegetables, desserts

Page 143	Amos 6: 1, 4-7	1 Timothy 6: 11-16	Gospel Luke 16: 19-31
The readings this weekend warn against selfishness and ignoring those in need, God asks us to live with kindness and care, not to turn away from the poor or weak. This weekend reminds us that faith is shown in how we respond and act. In the first reading from the Book of Amos the prophet speaks strongly against those who live in comfort and luxury while others suffer. His words show that God wants justice for all people which means helping others, not just caring for ourselves. God demands social justice and rejects empty worship and paying lip service while oppressing others and ignoring the poor. In the second reading from St Paul's letter to his disciple and follower Timothy he urges him to live faithfully as a servant of God. Paul stresses virtues like faith, patience, love "to fight the good fight" which is essential for a community built on Christ He encourages perseverance and holiness for those entrusted with teaching others and not be distracted by wealth or pride. Luke's Gospel tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Jesus warns against ignoring the poor and highlights God's concern for the marginalised and challenges followers to live generously and humbly responding with action. Malcolm.			

### Mass times

### Feast Days

6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> St Vincent de Paul</b> See separate sheet of his life story. In his life he answered the call for social justice that we hear in the readings this weekend. He is one of the most famous saints for giving support and help to the poor, marginalised and vulnerable,
9.30 am Mass	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, procession and Celebration Breakfast</b>
6.30 pm Mass	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</b> The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are the only three named in the Scriptures out of the traditional "seven archangels who stand before the Lord." St Michael is known as "the prince of the heavenly hosts", captain of the armies of God. He is depicted as a strong warrior, dressed in armour with a large lance piercing a dragon. St Gabriel is pictured with a scroll with the words "Ave Maria" and is considered as a messenger after appearing to the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation.. St Raphael is considered a protector of the vulnerable and is often shown walking holding the hand of Tobias.
10 am Mass	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> St Honorius of Canterbury</b> A Roman born at the end of the sixth century. A Benedictine member of the second Gregorian mission to England formed by Pope Gregory the Great in 601 The first mission was led by St Augustine to convert the Anglo-Saxons in 597. Honorius brought a "pallium" from Rome a symbol of an archbishop for Augustine and gave his support to the first mission. After Augustine died, St Paulinus of York consecrated him as Archbishop of Canterbury in 627. When King Edwin of Northumbria died in 633, St Paulinus fled south for safety and was made Bishop of Rochester by Honorius. He also made Felix from Burgandy the Bishop of East Anglia to do missionary work in that area. King Sigeberht of East Anglia had already converted to Christianity while in exile on the continent. When Paulinus died Honorius consecrated the first Anglo-Saxon Bishop Ithamar of Rochester. He felt that the English were more amenable to preaching by other English people and raised up English priests and monks. Honorius admired St Aidan of Lindisfarne one of the leaders in the Irish missionary efforts in the north. He died on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 653, the last of the Gregorian missionaries and was buried in the Church of St Augustine in Canterbury.
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm	<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. St Teresa of Lisieux</b> Born in 1873 in Normandy, France, to devout Catholic parents later the first married couple canonised together by Pope Francis. They were very charitable to poor and sick in the area. Teresa was the youngest of 9 children, but very frail as a baby. Mother died when she was 4 years old. Four of her sisters were nuns. Educated by Benedictine nuns at Lisieux. Very able academically. Very sensitive to bullying. Had great support from her sister and father. She suffered nervous tremors which stopped when she looked at a statue of the Virgin Mary. Went on a pilgrimage to Rome with her father and sister Celine and met Pope Leo XIII. Also visited other holy places in Italy. Then entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux to join two of her sisters. Widely known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" after father gave her a white flower. Her father became ill. Recovered to see Teresa receive the habit in 1889. Bullied by other nuns due to lack of skill in handicrafts and manual work. Teresa was tall and had the nickname "the big nanny goat". Read <i>Imitation of Christ</i> and writings by many great theologians and mystics such as St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Francis de Sales. Developed a devotion to the <i>Holy Face</i> and took the religious name <i>Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face</i> . She wrote poems and plays and continued to write vivid and copious letters. Sister Pauline was elected Prioress as Mother Agnes. Teresa was made assistant to the Novice Mistress who had been the previous Prioress. Teresa
6.30 pm Mass	

	revealed a talent for clarifying doctrine to novices who had not received as good an education as her. In 1894 her father died and her sister Celine, who had been nursing him, returned to the Convent to join her 3 sisters. Teresa continued to write, encouraged by her sisters, the autobiographical account describing in simple terms a practical way to live a holy life in a commonplace world. Her <i>little way</i> in her <i>Story of the Soul</i> became famous. She did not search through stacks of books for prayers but said they should come naturally. In the final months of her life she wrote <i>Dark Night of the Soul</i> .				
10 am Mass	<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> . Holy Guardian Angels</b> The concept of everyone having a Guardian Angel is not an article of faith defined by the Church. But it has been a belief emphasised by St Jerome in the 4 <sup>th</sup> century, St Honorius of Autun in the 12 <sup>th</sup> century and St Thomas Aquinas in the 13 <sup>th</sup> century. An old tradition of Dominicans was to encourage each novice to give a name to their Guardian Angel. In 1997 Pope Paul II referred to the belief in having a Guardian Angel. Pope Francis, on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2014, in his homily for the Feast of Guardian Angels, told those gathered for daily Mass to be like children who pay attention to their “travelling companion”. “Nobody journeys alone and no one should think that they are alone. Events in my life have convinced me that I have a Guardian Angel and I feel guilty that he is sometimes rather overworked.				
NO MASS	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Gerard of Brogne</b> Born 895 of noble birth in Belgium. Became a soldier, courtier, diplomat and a monk at Saint-Denis monastery on the outskirts of Paris. Studied theology and monastic styles. Understood the problems of the Church at the time. Reformer of monastic life. Ordained a priest. Sent to his home area to be abbot of the new Brogne Abbey. Shocked at the laxity of the local clerics. He requested more monks to help him improve the situation and to replace lax clerics. When things had improved he retired as a hermit. Then called to reform many other monasteries. Was then superior of 20 monasteries across Belgium and France. In 953 aged 58 he appointed abbots and superiors to replace him and returned to Brogne Abbey due to illness. Still had energy to go to Rome to obtain a “Papal Bull” for privileges for his Abbey. Made final visits to the communities he had reformed over the 30 years. Retired as a hermit where he died peacefully in 909.				
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> St Francis of Assisi</b> Born in late 1181 or early 1182 in Assisi, Italy to noble and prosperous parents. Helped his father as a cloth merchant. Lived a high spirited life of a wealthy nobleman and enjoyed pleasure and fine clothes. Was popular with other nobles but at times showed charity to the poor. Started a military career but was made prisoner after a conflict. He became ill in captivity and questioned his life style. However, when he recovered returned to his old ways. Equipped himself as a knight. Voices told him to stop fighting for man but fight for Christ to restore my church. Francis restored a chapel with his father’s money. Father disinherited him and Francis lived as a beggar. By begging he restored many chapels with the help of others. Travelled around preaching to the people. Realised his vocation was to restore the whole Church. He gained 11 followers which he called Friars and gave them a <i>Primitive Rule</i> . Visited Rome. <i>Friars Minor</i> recognised by Pope Innocent III in 1210, start of <i>Franciscan Order</i> . In 1211with Clare of Assisi founded the <i>Order of Poor Ladies</i> , later known as <i>Poor Clares</i> . Founded <i>Third Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance</i> for those who could not leave home. Great lover of birds, animals and all creation. Order grew quickly across Europe. Wrote <i>First Rule</i> in 1217. Emphasised absolute poverty and the apostolic life. In 1218 Francis did a missionary tour of Italy. Attracted large crowds. In 1219 tried to bring peace in 5 <sup>th</sup> Crusade in Egypt with negotiation with Muslims. <i>Chapter of the Mats</i> in 1220 with about 5,000 friars. Gave up leadership of Order to Brother Elias. Francis wrote <i>Second Rule</i> . 1224 Francis had stigmata. Died in 1226. Last pope chose name Francis in his honour				
9.30 am Mass	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>					
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Mary Light	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Ann Drumgoole

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### Fundraising raffle for refurbishment project and new chairs for the church

Total collected so far is over £600. Many thanks to all who contributed and to those who sold the raffle tickets.

#### All parishioners past and present are invited to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Vincent de Paul

This Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the 9.30 am Mass we will celebrate this important milestone in the life of our parish. After the Celebration Mass there will be a procession with the statue of St Vincent de Paul (weather permitting) followed by a Celebration Breakfast. Everyone is asked to bring a gift in the form of an item for the Poitiers Care Food Bank such as pasta, rice, tinned fruits, vegetables, desserts or cereals. For the occasion a commemorative booklet has been produced and a message from Bishop Philip. Click on the link at the beginning of the newsletter to open the parish website if you would like to read them. Hard copies of the booklet will be available on the day

#### Next SVP Social is Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

#### Parish collection for last weekend 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Raffle money	Gift Aid	Loose	
£87	£21.75	£142.95	£242.54	£51.98	£546.22	£80		130.50	<b>£756.72</b>