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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A - Season of Creation



### *Forgive! You must be joking!*

'It is a sign of weakness to forgive - and foolishness to forgive often!' But that is not God's Way!

God is unconditional love and Jesus is the flesh of that love. He gives His very life in the terrible torture of the Cross in order to forgive every sin and inhumanity. An ocean of evil of wounding and war and injustice. And in Jesus God forgives it all - forgives us all - everything! This is God's foolishness that is so much wiser than our human wisdom. This is the love our world desperately needs to discover, experience and live!

How can we break the endless cycles of evil, violence, rejections, abuse, vengeance unless we allow forgiveness to break through and heal? Grant to us O Lord a heart renewed! A heart filled with the tender mercy of our God.

**SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (Live-streamed)**

**MONDAY: Feast of the Holy Cross No Liturgy**

**TUESDAY: Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows No Liturgy**

**WEDNESDAY: Feast of Ss Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (3rd cent)  
No Liturgy**

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**THURSDAY: Feast of St Edith of Wilton, Nun (961-984)**

Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon

**FRIDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon**

**SATURDAY: Feast of St Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (601-690)**

Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation none**

**13/09/2026** On the **Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Year A** we celebrate the infinite mercy and forgiveness of God brought to us by Jesus. If we as a Church or as individual Christians are truly to be the Body of Christ, the Sacrament of God's Love, we too need to forgive endlessly. This is perhaps the most challenging part of loving with Divine Love - but also the most liberating and healing. However the deeper the wounds the longer it may take to reach that place of forgiveness.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION**

We pray for our **Ministry of Church Flower Arranging**, led by Minette Semper - a small team of devoted ladies who every Friday enrich our worship with colour and nature in our flowers. They would welcome helpers willing to learn about flower - please contact Minette.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER**

We pray for the parish in communion for Mission of St John the Evangelist, Bath, served by Canon Christopher Whitehead, Pastoral Assistant Theresa Tunbridge, Parish Administrator Janet Flinn and all their community. Please remember the retired priest who live at St John's.

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A 'Home Mission Sunday'**

**SUNDAY: PARISH MASS at 10.00am (Live-streamed)**

**MONDAY: Feast of St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

No Liturgy

**TUESDAY: No Liturgy**

**WEDNESDAY: Feast of St Pius of Pietrelcina ('Padre Pio') Capuchin priest (1887-1968)**

No Liturgy

**THURSDAY: Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham**

Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon

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**SATURDAY: Feast of Ss Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs, Patron of Doctors (4th cent)**

Adoration at 11.30am Service of Word & Communion at 12.00 noon  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation none**

**COLLECTIONS**

**HOLIDAY WEEKS TOTALS PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER**

**6/09/2026** GA: £00 + Loose £169.00 + Card Reader £78.64 + S.O. £206.35 = £453.99

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**20/09/2026** [1] With the **Twenty-Fifth Sunday Year A** we celebrate Jesus the Prophet of Justice and of a New Way for our world. In his parable today he teaches us that we are all equal and equally valued in God's eyes. God wants us to make sure that the needs of every human person is met. So what about the unemployed, the homeless, the victims of war, poverty and global warming? He also teaches us that we cannot earn God's love, because God's love is a free gift given to everyone without exception.

[2] **Service of Word and Communion with the LGBTQ+ community** at 3.00pm

[3] It is **Home Mission Sunday** when we are asked each to be 'missionary disciples' in our own communities, society and nation. There is also a **Retiring Collection in support of Evangelisation in UK**

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** We pray for our **Ministry of Altar Serving**. We rejoice in our excellent team of Altar Servers who enable and enhance our Sunday Liturgy. They work so well together they are an example to all our parish of great team work. We will train new altar servers (boys and girls of any age after they have celebrated their First Eucharist) starting in October - the precise time to be confirmed. Please see Richard or Mary.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** We pray for the parish in communion for Mission of St Mary Bath, served by Fr James Finan, Pastoral Assistant Theresa Tunbridge, Parish Administrator Charlotte Boyall and all their community. Please remember former parish priest, Mgr Jeremy Rigden who has recently retired.

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

14th Sept to 2nd Oct Richard on holiday

20th Sept Home Mission Sunday

4th Oct **Parish Synod Meeting 12.30-2.00pm - for everyone please book it**

14th Oct Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meet at 12.30pm

17th Oct Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)

1st Nov **ALL SAINTS DAY - SUNDAY MASS AT 10.00AM**

2nd Nov **Commemoration of All the Departed (All Souls)** Mass at 7.00pm

22nd Nov **FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** Mass at 10am

28th Nov Community Stewards meet 1.15pm (Richard's Office - Assisi Centre)

29th Nov **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B**

**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?** We have made a good start with this year's Journey of Faith with 7 people seeking baptism or Reception into Full Communion. These meetings are suitable to anyone seeking to explore their faith more deeply. **We will be meeting each Thursday at 5.00pm - next meetings Thursday 10th September and 8th October**

**CHANGE IN PARISH PARKING - PLEASE NOTE** If you are attending a liturgy or parish activity Mon – Fri, you can park for free by signing in using the Parish Visitor Free Parking QR code to be found in the sacristy. This change is to stop abuses of the free parking. **Please sign in within 10 minutes of parking.**

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**PARISH SYNOD DAY - SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER** Three years ago, our parish welcomed the opportunity to have our voices heard during the the preparation for the International Synod of Bishops called by Pope Francis to explore the them of 'Synodality' and to reshape the governance of the Church globally and locally to a more inclusive model. This **FIRST PARISH SYNOD DAY** is to further the process of embedding 'synodality' in our parish and to set priorities for our community's life and mission into the future. It is vitally important that as many parishioners take part. There will be extra refreshments after Mass and then 12.15pm to 2.00pm we will gather for 'conversations in the Spirit'. We will arrange for our children to have supervised play during this time, so all parents can participate in the 'Synod' meeting. **PLEASE MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. THANK YOU!**

**SEASON OF CREATION 1st Sept to 4th Oct** With heatwaves, wildfires, drought, floods and turbulent wether condition we are seeing the result of global inaction to halt Global warming which is killing people and damaging the planet. Let us observe the Season of Creation in our prayer, liturgy & **ACTION TO HEAL OUR BEAUTIFUL PLANET - 'listen to the cries of the poor, the cry of the Earth'**

**CATECHISTS AND HELPERS WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDED NOW!**

**We have an urgent need for people (young adults and parents?) to offer to help with our Catechetical Programmes** - preparing our children for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation and parents for the baptism of their children. There is also **a grave need for help on a rota basis with our Children's Liturgy of the Word** (during Sunday Mass) that we would like to restart, but do not have enough people to do so. These ministries are a vital part of forming our children and young people to grow as People of Faith and Love - essential to the future of the Church and our parish. **If you feel you can help with these programmes please contact Mary Hopper as soon as possible.**

**'FROM SEED TO PLANT' - A DAY FOR CATECHISTS**

Led by Dominican Sr Hyacinthe this day is for existing catechists and those considering serving as catechists. **St John's, Bath, on Saturday 17th October 9.30am to 4.00pm** - bring packed lunch and register on [fromseedtoplant.eventbrite.co.uk](https://fromseedtoplant.eventbrite.co.uk)

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS - A DAY EXPLORING POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL**

I really want to encourage people to take part in this day on safeguarding the human person in the light of poverty and Artificial Intelligence - especially parishioners involved with AI professionally. **Saturday 24th October 9.30am-4.00pm at St Brendans College** [magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk](https://magnificahumanitas.eventbrite.co.uk)

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

Paul has stepped down from his role as Parish Safeguarding Rep (PSR) - thank you Paul for the contribution you have made to this important ministry. We are pleased to welcome Verina Muteve who joins the team as PSR with special responsibility for DBS checks. Thank you for joining Mary Hopper (PSR) and Richard on the team.

**PARISH SHARING THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

As a parish we will take part in the National Congress with Eucharistic Adoration at the end of Sunday's 10am Mass.

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