

PARISH OF HAWLEY

30 August 2026—Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

Weekday services

Midweek Masses resume at Holy Trinity this week at the usual days and times. (Please note, however, that they will be suspended again the following week due to the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham.)

All Saints 50th Anniversary

Our daughter church of All Saints was consecrated and dedicated on All Saints' Day, 1976 – 50 years ago this year. To celebrate our half-centenary, and with the intention of raising our profile in the south of the parish, we will be holding a Parish Brunch on Saturday 7th November in All Saints' Hall from 11 am to 2 pm, open to the whole local community. Marian King is organising this and there will be a planning meeting at the Vicarage on Monday 5th October at 7:30 pm. Marian will be very happy to pick anybody up for this meeting and take them home afterwards if they need a lift or find driving of a night difficult.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton,
John Cowley, John Darcy, Mike Exell, Ian McRea,
Brian Martin, Janet Murton, Mike Reed,
Pat Rorison, Lauren Scammell, Derek Truman,
Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary,
Jill, Kirk & Karen, Mac, Mark, Pete

The recently departed & their families:

Kellyann Harding, Denise Kay

Anniversary of death: Leslie Allen, Reg Bidwell,
Fr Bernard Holdridge, George Hope, Brian Scott

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 22 in Ordinary Time, Year II

Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R^z. *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

Thursday *St Gregory the Great, Bishop, Doctor
[of the Church]*

11.00 am: Bible Study Group

Friday

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R^z. *The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.*
2–4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*
2.30 pm: Holy Communion—*Camberley Woods*

Saturday

9 am–12 pm: Working Party

Next Sunday—*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*
11.00 am: Sung Mass
12.30 pm: Holy Baptism

Thank you, whoever you are!

A note of thanks to the anonymous donor of the two Christmas collages which turned up unannounced recently. They will be used at HT at Christmas.

'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2–4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

Weekly news sheet

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

On the Beatitudes: St Leo the Great
The Lord then goes on to say: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. This hunger is not for bodily food, this thirst is not for any earthly drink: it is a longing to be blessed with righteousness, and, by penetrating the secret of all mysteries, to be filled with the Lord himself. Happy is the soul that longs for the food of righteousness and thirsts for this kind of drink; it would not seek such things if it had not already savoured their delight. When the soul hears the voice of the Spirit saying to it through the prophet: Taste and see that the Lord is good, it has already received a portion of God's goodness, and is on fire with love, the love that gives joy of the utmost purity. It counts as nothing all that belongs to time; it is entirely consumed with desire to eat and drink the food of righteousness. The soul lays hold of the true meaning of the first and great commandment: You shall love the Lord God with your whole heart, and your whole mind and your whole strength, for to love God is nothing else than to love righteousness. Finally, just as concern for one's neighbour is added to love of God, so the virtue of mercy is added to the desire for righteousness, as it is said: Blessed are the merciful, for God will be merciful to them. Remember, Christian, the surpassing worth of the wisdom that is yours. Bear in mind the kind of school in which you are to learn your skills, the rewards to which you are called. Mercy itself wishes you to be merciful, righteousness itself wishes you to be righteous, so that the Creator may shine forth in his creature, and the image of God be reflected in the mirror of the human heart as it imitates his qualities.

Sunday 30th August 2026
Trinity 13 / 22nd Ordinary
Gospel: Matt 16: 21 – end



In today's Gospel the Lord speaks in explicit terms about the cross that He is to bear. He says to His disciples (i.e. you and me) that if we are to be his followers, we also must renounce ourselves and take up the cross and follow him. To us, today, the cross has become a religious symbol, and as a result our senses are numb to its horrifying power. We must never forget that for the first eight centuries of the Christian era the cross was not depicted in Christian art, such were its associations with violence. For the Christian the cross is seen through the eyes of faith, and faith teaches us that this instrument of suffering and death was the very thing God used to reconcile what was divided. The eyes of faith look at the cross and see the reach of the Divine Love for mankind. The power of His cross always triumphs over the world's evil.

Words from St Leo (concluded)

The faith of those who live their faith is a serene faith. What you long for will be given you; what you love will be yours for ever.