

ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

19th October 2025



Mission Sunday

Catholics around the globe will come together this weekend to celebrate World Mission Sunday, the annual appeal from Pope Leo XIV, for both spiritual and financial support for the Church's missionary work overseas. This year's theme, 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples', reflects the urgent need to support missionaries who work tirelessly in some of the world's most impoverished regions, across Africa, Asia, and Latin America, often living alongside those they serve, offering religious support, as well as education, healthcare, and social care.

World Mission Sunday is a vital source of funding for missionary dioceses that depend on international solidarity. The appeal is organised by Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission.

The second collection today is for the Missions — THE BLUE POUCH.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity.

Enabling us to Become more Grateful

In his homily last weekend Fr. John gave us a list of words beginning with the letter A to enable us to become more grateful. Many have asked for the list again, so here it is:

- > To become **Attuned** to the mystery of God's goodness hidden within people, situations and the material world around us;
- To become Aware of those in need of healing.
- > To become Attentive to the cries of the poor, the oppressed and the exploited.
- > To Acknowledge our obligations to others...our obligations to others alive today and to future generations who must live on this God-given earth.
- > To become Appreciative of the wonder around us.
- > To become Alert to how simply we can slip into a life of ingratitude.
- > To Accept the need to praise God if we are to fully understand our human situation.
- > To become Awake to the damage we can do to others and the earth by our carelessness.
- To become **Alive** to the dimension of thanksgiving for God's goodness in creation in our Sunday liturgy (e.g. the prayer over the gifts) and how the liturgy is linked to care for the poor.

Altar List of the Dead



The new Altar List for the coming year starts on 1st November; sheets and envelopes are now available in the Gathering Area. Completed lists and offerings, in our distinct purple envelopes, may be dropped into the big boxes on the back wall or left into the Parish office.

All Masses on 1st & 2nd November and one Mass every weekend throughout the year will be offered for all those whose names are on our Parish Altar List of the Dead.