

There's hope...

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY *Plus*

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Season of Creation

Where there's life...

Those who mix amongst the poor of our Capital know that beneath the squalor, and in spite of it, there exist holiness of life and a wonderful charity; holiness which reveals itself in the resignation with which the poor bear the manifold troubles which are their daily lot; charity which is seen in their kindness to those amongst them who are poorer than themselves. It seems easy to be holy in the cloister or in the sheltered surroundings of a comfortable home, but to see real goodness, go to a room in a tenement house and look around you. There is the Perpetual Lamp kept alive somehow, even where there is no bread. There are the objects of piety: crucifix, pictures,

statues, and the tiny altar decked in coloured paper and tinsel. There a patient wife alone with her little ones, for the husband is gone on the never-ending quest for work, or the lonely widow who earns a pittance from a few days charring each week, will meet you with a smile of welcome, and will thank the good God for the little timely aid you have brought in his name to those, his little ones...

The life of Matt Talbot proved to the world that sanctity is not the preserve of the cloister, nor holiness of life a matter of social position, and that in our own day, as in the days of Christ, his friends are to be found amongst the poor and the lowly.

Joseph A. Glynn, *Life of Matt Talbot*

Image: Statue of the Venerable Matt Talbot in Dublin, Ireland © Keresaspa, Wikipedia



Lord of hope, sometimes life is tough,
but you help me to keep on going.
When I feel down, lift me up. Keep
my eyes and heart focused on your
incredible love.  Amen.

How great thou art!

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee
How great thou art! How great thou art!

Stuart K Hine

By her very nature the Church is in
solidarity with the poor, the excluded, the
marginalised and all those considered the
outcast of society.

Pope Leo XIV



Feast of the week
Friday 2 October

Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

Today we celebrate the quiet, constant presence of our guardian angels: heavenly companions entrusted by God to guide, protect and intercede for us. Though unseen, their mission is deeply personal: to walk with us through life's joys and trials, whispering truth, nudging us towards grace and shielding us from harm.

Scripture reminds us, "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11). This is not mere poetry: it's a promise. Each of us is known and loved so intimately that God assigns a heavenly protector for our journey.

Let this feast renew our trust in divine care. In moments of fear or confusion, we are not alone. Our guardian angel stands beside us, ever watchful, ever faithful. May we learn to listen, to lean into their guidance, and to thank God for this tender gift of companionship from heaven.

READINGS

Today:
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Monday:
Job 1:6-22
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday:
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
or Apocalypse 12:7-12
John 1:47-51

Wednesday:
Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday:
Job 19:21-27
Luke 10:1-12

Friday:
Exodus 23:20-23
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday:
Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday:
Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43