

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Jer 29: 11, 12, 14 C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Malachi 4:1-2

'For you the sun of righteousness shall rise.'

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 98(97):5-6. 7-9. R cf. 9



Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the Lord. (R)
Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. (R)
The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. (R)
He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. (R)

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

'If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.'

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

Gospel Acclamation:
(ALL STAND)

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia.

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

'By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 72: 28

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion:

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord.



Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Hal Camden Town

Reminder: Please turn your mobile phones OFF! Would you kindly take your weekly newsletter home with you!

16th November 2025 (Year C) | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Perseverance and Trust in Times of Change

This Sunday's Gospel can sound unsettling at first — Jesus speaks of wars, famine, and signs in the heavens. But His words are not meant to fill us with fear; they're meant to strengthen our faith. Jesus is reminding us that change and uncertainty are part of every human life, and that even when our "world" seems to fall apart, God remains with us.

We all go through moments when one chapter of life ends and another begins: a marriage, the birth of a child, losing a loved one, retiring from work, or facing illness. These moments can be joyful, painful, or both — but they always involve stepping into something new. And naturally, that brings fear: Can I cope? Will I manage? What comes next?

Jesus gives us the key: "By your perseverance you will save your lives." Perseverance doesn't mean having all the answers or never feeling afraid. It means taking life one day at a time, trusting that God will guide us step by step. We don't need to see the whole path — only the next step, the one He lights before us.

Saint John Henry Newman captured this beautifully in his prayer:

"Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see

The distant scene—one step enough for me."

So, if your world is changing, hold fast to faith. Take the next step. Trust that God is already in the tomorrow you fear. His kindly light will lead you on.

Father Mark

Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you which will tell you about this week's celebration and the activities in the parish during the week.



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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Mike Power, Father Anthony, Margaret Quinn, Michael O’Brien, Christine Smith, Rachel Cottrell, Alice O’Neill, Janice Davidson, Jilly Taylor, Marie Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O’Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Morag & Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, George Spencer.

HAL LAMPS: DUFFY FAMILY (RIP) & CARWOOD FAMILY (RIP)

RECENTLY DEPARTED: We pray for all those who have died recently: Maureen Whelan

DEAD ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all the souls on our November Dead Lists.



LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK						
SUNDAY MASS: 6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.00am (Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn). 5pm (Portuguese). OTHER MASS TIMES: <u>Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 12 Noon</u> ; <u>Wednesday and Thursday at 9.30am</u> HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: As Announced. EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Fridays: 12.30pm-1pm and Saturday: 5.15-5.45pm CONFESSIONS: Friday 12.35-1pm, Saturday 11am-11.30 & 5.15pm-5.45pm and by appointment.						
G	Sunday	16th November	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon	Evening Prayer of the Church The Holy Souls Terrence O’Reilly & Marie Cawdery (INT) The Holy Souls & People of the Parish
G	Monday	17th November	Feria		12 Noon	The Holy Souls
G	Tuesday	18th November	Feria		12 Noon	Dominic Murtagh (RIP)
G	Wednesday	19th November	Feria		09:30 am	The Holy Souls
G	Thursday	20th November	Feria		09:30 am	Francesca Cardarelli (RIP)
W	Friday abstinence	21st November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		12 Noon	The Holy Souls
W	Saturday	22nd November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Vigil	6:00 pm	The Holy Souls

NEWS AND VIEWS

WELCOME to all at Mass today, especially visitors, or to anyone who is new to the Parish.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Mon; Tue; Thu and Fri: 10.00 to 2.00pm; Wednesday closed.

WEEKDAY MASSES: At present, we will be able to retain most weekday Masses from Monday to Friday. The situation will be reviewed at the end of the year.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: FHC is one of the most joyful milestones in a Catholic child’s life. Children normally make their FHC in Year 3, provided they are baptised and able to understand the sacredness of what they are receiving. As part of the preparation programme, they will also make their First Confession learning about God’s forgiveness and mercy. If your child is due to make their First Communion next year, please get in touch. We would be delighted to welcome you into the preparation journey. For an application form please e-mail the parish office: camdentown@rcdow.org.uk
Closing date: 30th November 2025.

CONFIRMATION 2026: We have had few applications from young people to be confirmed next summer. The deadline for applications has been extended to **15th December**. The reality is that we don’t have enough voluntary catechists to run a course for a small number. If more people do not come forward, we will skip a year and run a programme for 2025/2026

The Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund collection: Today’s second is for the sick & retired priests of our Diocese. Please give generously and help ensure that our sick and older priests are financially supported. They have baptized us, welcomed us into the church and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have a peace of mind during their senior years. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or scan the ‘QR Code’. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 28th November, 7pm ‘Taste of the World’ Potluck Event

Since the bingo night was successful, we have decided to have another event celebrating the rich diversity of the parish. We are asking people to sign up to bringing either a main dish, side dish or dessert, special to your cultural background. Food sign-up sheets are available from the table at the rear of the church. Please place your sign-up sheets into the box in front of the Event notice boards or call in the office during the week. Tickets are £5 to include a Welcome drink, and will go on sale after Sunday Masses, or email camdenpastoralassistant@rcdow.org.uk. Tickets for Musical Bingo can be purchased on the night at £2 per game, with all sales proceeds going towards the parish building maintenance fund. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

‘Pilgrims of Hope’ Mass: As the Holy/Jubilee Year is coming to an end, there is a Pilgrim Mass at the Westminster Cathedral on **November 22nd at 2pm**. The Westminster Cathedral is one

of our Jubilee churches so journeying there on the 22nd will be considered a pilgrimage. The Mass is open to all and there will be refreshments at the Cathedral hall after the Mass.

Red Wednesday Holy Mass: There will be a special annual Holy Mass on Wednesday 19th November, 6pm at St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark SE1 7HY. The focus on this year’s mass will be on suffering young Christians around the world. The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. If you are interested in joining, please book your space by emailing events@acnuk.org or book online at acnuk.org/redwednesday for a special evening filled with prayer, music, light and hope.

IMMERSE - A night of encounter! Calling all young adults! Come and join us on the 6th of December from 5.15pm for the upcoming Joel’s Bar evening - Immerse, here at Our Lady of Hal. This is a time for young adults to meet together, be refreshed with the Holy Spirit through worship and prayer ministry and to build community with one another. There will be Mass beforehand and then a talk from an incredible speaker, before some mulled wine and social time! All are welcome so bring a friend, and if not then just bring yourself! We’ll be diving into the hope that we have in Jesus, who is a sure anchor for the soul, and why the message of Christmas is needed now more than ever!

Pensioners’ Christmas Party: With Christmas season approaching, Maria Fidelis Catholic School is holding a Pensioners’ Christmas Party on Thursday, **11th December** from **4:30pm-7:30pm**. There will be catered dinner so please come and join for an evening of holiday spirit! If you would like to attend, please advise the parish office by telephone, in person or email camdentown@rcdow.org.uk before **November 26th** to book a space.

OLH CALENDAR 2026: CONGREGATION IMAGES 22/23 NOVEMBER: Over the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd of November, we are asking our Saturday and Sunday congregations to remain in place for a few minutes after Mass to be photographed with Father Mark. We would also like to take pictures at ‘tea & coffee’ in the Hall after 10am Mass. These images and more will form part of a Parish 2026 calendar to be sold across Sundays in Advent up to and including Christmas Eve. All proceeds will go to the work of the Parish. Please listen out for further details over the coming weeks. Thank you for your cooperation.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2025

First Holy Communion 2026: please see separate item.

Confirmation 2026: please see separate item.

RCIA Course: Now up and running.

TEAS AND COFFEES TODAY for parishioners and visitors after the 10am Sunday Mass.

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY: (THANK YOU!)
Envelopes: £329.50 Loose: £273.28 Total: £602.78.
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £116.24 and £519 per week by standing order.