

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 53: 6, 8
See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Collect: Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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.

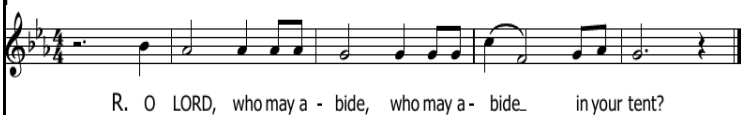
First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

‘O Lord, do not pass by your servant.’

In those days: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, ‘O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.’ So they said, ‘Do as you have said.’ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, ‘Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.’ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ The Lord said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD
C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:



Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

‘The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints.’

Brothers and Sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body — that is, the Church — of which I became a minister according to the stewardship

from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known — the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.
To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD
C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Luke 8:15
(ALL STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patience.
Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

‘Martha welcomed him. Mary has chosen the good portion.’
At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’

R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings:
O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Ps 110: 4-5
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion:
Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.



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

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Hal Camden Town

20th July 2025 (Year C)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Welcome to all at Mass today, especially to any visitors who are here for the first time. Please take this sheet home with you

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Making Space for God

Dear friends,

There’s something beautifully human about today’s Gospel. Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary, and we find ourselves in the middle of a family moment. Martha is rushing around, trying to get everything ready—tidying, cooking, doing what any good host would do. Mary, on the other hand, is simply sitting at Jesus’ feet, listening to him speak. Martha is flustered, and she asks Jesus to step in. But he responds gently: “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things. One thing is necessary.”

It’s a story that touches something deep in all of us. Many of us live with a constant hum of busyness—jobs to do, people to care for, things to sort. And yet, Jesus invites us not just to do for him, but to be with him. That doesn’t mean that Martha’s work was unimportant. But Mary had chosen the better part—the quiet attentiveness to the presence of the Lord.

That same spirit of hospitality runs through the whole of today’s readings. In Genesis, Abraham welcomes three strangers under the oak tree. He rushes to prepare a meal, washes their feet, and waits on them. But in his hospitality, something more happens—he encounters the mystery of God, and receives the promise of new life.

Paul, in the second reading, speaks of the great mystery that has been made known: “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” It’s a stunning phrase. Not just Christ alongside us or above us, but Christ *in* us. That’s the goal of the Christian life—to make space for Christ to dwell in us, to listen, to welcome, to trust.

So as summer unfolds and some of us finally get a little time to breathe, perhaps we can take a moment to ask ourselves: Where am I making space for God in my life? Where do I sit and listen, like Mary? Where do I welcome others, like Abraham? In both stillness and service, God is waiting to meet us.

With prayers for a peaceful and grace-filled week,
Father Mark.

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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, Peter Cawdery, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Julia Duglinson, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O’Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Morag & Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter

HAL LAMPS: ROSE CALVEY (ANN) & RITA WILLIAMS (ANN)

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

DEAD ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all who died around this time.

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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	20th July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil	5:15pm 6.00 pm 10.00 am 12 Noon	Evening Prayer of the Church Kevin O’Connell (RIP) Joaquim Pereira (RIP) People of the Parish
G	Monday	21st July	Feria			No Mass
W	Tuesday	22nd July	Saint Mary Magdalene			No Mass
W	Wednesday	23rd July	Saint Bridget of Sweden , Patron of Europe		9:30 am	Maureen Baxter (INT)
G	Thursday	24th July	Feria		09:30 am	Colin Liddiard (RIP)
R	Friday abstinence	25th July	Saint James, Apostle		12 Noon	Conlon Family
G	Saturday	26th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Vigil	6:00 pm	John Blachfield (RIP)

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: For the moment, we will be able to retain weekday Masses from Monday to Friday. The situation will be reviewed at the end of August.

NO MASS ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY 21st and 22nd July. Unfortunately, we have an infestation problem in the large wooden shed built behind the sacristy and sanctuary. The shed will be emptied and pulled down on these days. The debris has to come out through the church. We have been advised not to use the church on these days to prevent a public health issue. Thank you for your understanding.

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): On Saturday evenings, Sung Evening Prayer is celebrated at 5:15pm before Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to join us. This week will be our last Vespers for the summer and we will resume in September.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham – New Date Announced: We’re pleased to announce a new date for our Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 13th September. If you’ve already filled out a booking form and paid, you don’t need to do anything —your place is secured. If you haven’t yet booked but would like to come along, please complete a booking form (available at the back of church or from the parish office) and return it to the parish office as soon as possible. Cost: £35 per person (based on a minimum of 45 people travelling). **Booking deadline: Thursday 31st July.** Join us for a day of prayer, reflection, and community at England’s Nazareth. All are welcome!

END OF SEASON RECEPTION: 1.00pm, 20th July: An informal social will take place today after 12.00 noon Mass, to thank our Altar Servers, Volunteers, Musicians and all who have contributed to the life of our church during the past year. This will also give us an opportunity to officially say farewell to our Altar Servers departing for university. The reception will consist of a glass of pimm’s or soft drink, and canapes. The parish bar will be open to purchase additional drinks at subsidised prices, (proceeds go to the Parish Building Maintenance Fund). All parishioners welcome.

The Hal Singers: Today at 12pm Mass:
Music List:
Introit: O God, our help in ages past
Psalm: O Lord, who may abide in your tent
Gospel Acclamation: Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
Credo: III
Offertory Hymn: Lord enthroned in heavenly

splendour
Memorial Acclamation 1: We proclaim your death O Lord
Communion Music: Ave Verum (Mozart)
Communion Hymn: As longs the deer
Recessional Hymn: O Praise ye the Lord (arr. C. Hubert H. Parry, taken from the anthem ‘Hear my words, ye people’)
Ordinaris: Communion Service in E Minor (Harold Darke)

Today, the Hal Singers will sing Solemn Mass, through the kind and generous donation of a parishioner, and will sing at one Solemn Mass each month for nine months, recommencing in September. In order to continue our work of evangelising through Music at both Sunday Masses, please consider donating to ‘Music Ministry’ through the card machine at the rear of the church. In the autumn, listen out for announcements including how you can take part in our ‘Sponsor a Cantor appeal’, dates for a series of ‘Community Concerts’ performed by local music organisations and a ‘Community Singing Day’ open to all and led by our Music Director.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Fr Mark thanks Carl, our music director, and all the Hal Singers for the beautiful sung Mass we will have this Sunday at 12 Noon. Our minds and hearts have been uplifted by the wonderful sung Masses we are so fortunate to have each Sunday. We wish our cantors and organist a well-deserved rest until they return in September.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS: Fr Mark will be away from 22nd July and we welcome Father Kzysztow Pawlina again from Poland who will be celebrating Masses for us. We are extremely blessed and grateful for his visit. Thanks also to Fathers John (Deehan), Colin and Peter OP who will also be celebrating Mass for us. I am sure you will make them welcome and assist where needed.

NO ENTRY to the parish hall **from the church please.** Access to the toilets will be via the door **next to Our Lady of Fatima.** Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2025
Upcoming Dates for your diary:

RCIA: Meetings will resume after the Summer.

NO TEAS AND COFFEES TODAY for parishioners and visitors after the 10am Sunday Mass due to the setting up of the parish reception in the hall.

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY: (THANK YOU!)
Envelopes: £343.00 Loose: £235.89 Total: £578.89
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £143.78 and £519 per week by standing order. Stella Maris Collection: £189.56