

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

Collect: Almighty ever-living God,
by whose gift we venerate in one celebration
the merits of all the Saints,
bestow on us, we pray,
through the prayers of so many intercessors,
an abundance of the reconciliation with you
for which we earnestly long.
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: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

‘Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.’

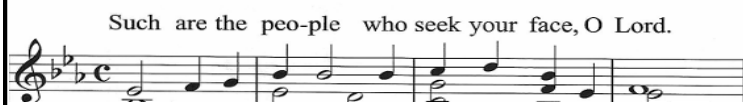
I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6



The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **(R)**
Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **(R)**
Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

‘We shall see God as he is.’

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28 (ALL STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord,
and I will give you rest.

Alleluia.

Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12a

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings:

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints
be pleasing to you, O Lord,
and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured
of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our
salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion:

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy
and wonderful in all your Saints,
we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the
fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table
to the banquet of our heavenly homeland.
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!

2nd November 2025 (Year C) | FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Feast of All Saints – Communion of Saints

Today we celebrate the great feast of All Saints, a reminder that we are part of something much larger than ourselves — the Communion of Saints. This mystery tells us that all God's people — in heaven and on earth — are united in one great family of faith, love, and praise. A good analogy for this is the image of a great heavenly choir.

No one sings alone. Our journey of faith is never solitary. When one of us falters, others lift us up. When we cannot pray, the saints and the Church pray for us. We walk the road to God together.

Every voice matters. In God's great choir, no voice is too small or unworthy. Every prayer, every act of love, adds to the harmony. Recent moments like the meeting between King Charles and Pope Leo in the Sistine Chapel remind us of this unity — a sign of ‘living ecumenism’ and the shared faith we hold with other Christians.

No one sings all the time. There are seasons when life's burdens silence us, but the hymn of faith continues. Others sing for us until we find our voice again, and God patiently waits for our return.

As we celebrate the saints — famous and forgotten — let's join our voices in the song of the Church. Open your hymn books, take part in the Mass setting and hymns led by our cantor. Don't worry if your voice isn't perfect — it's the effort and the heart that count in the eyes of God.

Together, may our voices blend with those of all the saints in heaven, praising God in perfect harmony.

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: PHIL CARROLL (B’DAY R)

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

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



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. EUCHARISTIC 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.						
W	Sunday	2nd November	All Saints	Vigil	6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon	John Inayatullah (RIP) David Francis Donovan (RIP) Ignatius and Giuseppa Said (RIP)
P/B	Monday	3rd November	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)		9:30am 12 Noon 6pm	Lelia & Ita Kelly (B’day) All the faithful departed The Holy Father’s Intentions
W	Tuesday	4th November	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop		12 Noon	Mary Guthrie (ANN)
G	Wednesday	5th November	Feria		09:30 am	Charlie McMahon (ANN)
G	Thursday	6th November	Feria		09:30 am	Don Giovanni Cardarelli (RIP)
G	Friday abstinence	7th November	Feria		12 Noon	Carmel Irvine (ANN)
W	Saturday	8th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Vigil	6:00 pm	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 weekday Masses from Monday to Friday. The situation will be reviewed at the end of the year.

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER): Vespers will resume next Saturday 8th November at 5:15pm. All are welcome to join us.

NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS and envelopes are available to pick up from the back of the church. Please return them to the parish office or through the presbytery letter box **as soon as possible**. The lists will be placed near the altar and Masses will be celebrated throughout November for all your loved ones.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026: Applications Now Open. Programme begins in January. FHC is one of the most joyful milestones in a Catholic child’s life. In the Eucharist, we receive not ordinary food, but Christ Himself—His Body and Blood. 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—or if you are an older child, teenager, or adult who has not yet received the sacrament—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 hope to run a Confirmation Programme provided there are sufficient candidates. In this sacrament, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us live as adult Christians. Young people are normally confirmed in Year 9 or above. **Requirements:** 1. A Baptism certificate (if not baptised at Our Lady of Hal)
2. Regular Sunday Mass attendance.
3. Commitment to attend all preparation sessions
4. Choosing a saint’s name for Confirmation.
5. A practising Catholic sponsor (aged 16+, not a parent). If you wish to apply, the candidate is to e-mail the parish priest: markdunglinson@rcdow.org.uk (copying in your parent or guardian) and explain why you wish to be confirmed. **Closing date: 30th November 2025.**

RCIA CANDIDATES: Would all those adults who expressed interest in joining the RCIA programme, please attend an initial meeting on **Saturday 8th November** in the parish hall at **10am**. If you cannot make it, please advise Fr Mark: markdunglinson@rcdow.org.uk

BLESSING OF GRAVES: Islington and Saint Pancras Cemetery
Our local parish, Saint Dominic’s, will be blessing graves on Saturday 8th November at 11am. If you would like a grave blessed, please advise their parish office: Mrs Rita Bryan
Email: london.secretary@english.op.org Tel: 020 7482 9234.You will need to advise the exact location of the grave.

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. For this event to be successful, we are asking people to sign up to bringing either a main dish, side dish or dessert that is special to your background and culture. Food sign-up sheets are available from the table at the rear of the church. Please place your food 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 starting today, or from the office during the week, alternatively please email camdenpastoralassistant@rcdow.org.uk. Tickets for Musical Bingo can be purchased on the night at £2 per game, with all proceeds from ticket, bar and Musical Bingo sales going towards the parish building maintenance fund. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship.

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!

The Repository now has a stock of 2026 Calendars and Christmas Cards. Please come and purchase yours in good time for Christmas.

Advent Day by Day is now available at £1 each. You can find them on the table at the back of the church or in the Repository. If taking from the table place your £1 in then box marked ‘books’.

The Holy Father’s Prayer for November: For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2025

First Holy Communion 2026: please see separate item.

Confirmation 2026: please see separate item.

RCIA Course: please see separate item.

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

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY: (THANK YOU!)
Envelopes: £349.00 Loose: £258.29 Total: £607.29
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £149.02 and £519 per week by standing order.