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8TH NOVEMBER 2026 | THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY (YEAR A)

Sunday Mass Times:
6pm (Saturday Vigil), 10am (Family) & 12 Noon (Solemn)

Other Mass Times:
Mondays & Fridays: 12 Noon
Wednesdays & Thursdays: 9:30am

Holy Days of Obligation:
As announced



Confession Times:
Fridays 12.35-1pm, Saturdays 11-11.30am & 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.
Eucharistic Adoration:
Fridays: 12:30pm-1pm,
Saturdays: 5.15-5.45pm
Parish Office Opening Times:
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 10am-2pm
Wednesdays: Closed

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Remembrance Sunday – Remembering with Gratitude and Hope

This Sunday, as we observe Remembrance Sunday, we pause to remember all those who have given their lives in the service of our country, particularly in the two World Wars and conflicts since. We remember members of the Armed Forces, civilians caught up in war, and all whose lives have been lost or changed forever by conflict. We also pray for those who continue to serve in dangerous situations and for families who live with the pain of losing loved ones.

Remembrance is more than looking back. It invites us to reflect on the preciousness of human life, the terrible cost of war and our responsibility to work for peace. As Christians, we remember with gratitude, prayer and hope, asking God to welcome the departed and bring healing to those who still bear the wounds of conflict.

There is a particular connection with today's Gospel, in which Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids. Five are wise and five foolish. The wise bring extra oil for their lamps, while the foolish are unprepared for the bridegroom's arrival. Jesus concludes: "Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel reminds us that life is precious and must never be taken for granted. We are called to live wisely, keeping our lamps burning through faith, hope and love. Those who died in war remind us of the sacrifices made for others and our responsibility to build a world where future generations can live in peace.
The first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us that true wisdom is readily found by those who seek her. In the second reading, St Paul offers consolation to those who grieve, reminding us that death does not have the final word. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, we believe that those who have died are not lost to God, and that one day we shall be reunited with them in the fullness of his kingdom.

As we observe the two minutes' silence, may our remembrance become a commitment to peace: in our world, communities, families and hearts. May we never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and never cease praying and working for a world where nations settle their differences without violence.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old."
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK, HOUSEBOUND, THOSE WHO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT HOME:

Father Anthony, Michael O'Brien, Christine Smith, Alice O'Neill, Jilly Taylor, Pauline Guthrie, Maureen Lyden, Richard Ainsworth, Francesco Sesia, Joe Owen, Doreen O'Callaghan, Wesley Gilead, Henrik Sperlich, Allan & Lynne Mackintosh, Ray Norris, Raj Puri, Stephen de Winter, Ann Olive, Esmeralda Costa.

HAL LAMPS: SIMON KOLAR (B'DAY R) AND THEO SEWARD (RIP)

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

DEAD ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for all who died in war and conflict & the Holy Souls on our November dead list. May they rest in eternal peace. *Requiescat in Pace.*



LITURGICAL CALENDAR & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

G/P	Sunday	8th November	**Thirty-Second Sunday (Remembrance)**	**Vigil** 	**5:15 pm** **6:00 pm** **10:00 am** **12 Noon**	Evening Prayer of the Church People of the Parish Susan Begley (INT) Those who died in warfare
W	Monday	9th November	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**		**12 Noon**	Paul Hanson (RIP)
W	Tuesday	10th November	**St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church.**			**NO MASS IN OUR CHURCH TODAY**
W	Wednesday	11th November	**Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**		**9:30 am**	Thomas Vincent Finnerty (RIP)
R	Thursday	12th November	**Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**		**9:30 am**	Holy Souls
G	Friday **Abstinence**	13th November	**Feria**		**12 Noon**	Mick O'Hara (RIP)
G	Saturday	14th November	**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**Vigil**	**6:00 pm**	The Conlon Family (INT)

TODAY'S READINGS

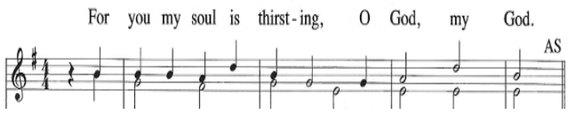
Entrance Antiphon:
Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect: Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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: **Wisdom 6: 12-16**
'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

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

REPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ℣2b**



O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R/-**
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R/-**
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R/-**
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God. **R/-**

Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

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

Gospel Acclamation: **Matthew 24:42a, 44**

(ALL STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming
at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**
''Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'
C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings: Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion:
Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

SUNG 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.

THE LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary, meets on Sundays at 1.15pm after the 12 Noon Mass. Contact Lourdes on 07585 336051 for

DONATE TO THE PARISH.

For your convenience, scan the QR code to donate to the Sunday collection and other collections for the Mission of our church. You can also set up regular offerings and donations. This QR Code will be displayed on church notice boards etc to make giving easier. We thank you for your generosity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 8th December: Proposed trip to Winchester for the Christmas Market and optional Evensong in the cathedral. Ticket £27. Sign the list in church if you would like to go **so we can ascertain if the day out is viable.**
Sunday 29th November: Day of Rededication to our patron, Our Lady of Hal. Solemn Mass at 11am **(NO 10 or 12 Mass that day)** with procession and rededication of us all to Our Lady of Hal. Parish lunch of soup, sandwiches and treats. 3:30pm Advent Carol Service, with readings and congregational hymns, to be sung by the Hal singers.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES

CONFIRMATION: If you are a young person, of 14 years, or older, and are in either year 9 or 10 at school and wish to be confirmed next year 2027, please e-mail Carl at camdenpastoralassistant@rcdow.org.uk **by 3rd January 2027**. Please tell him why you wish to be confirmed, and copy your parent or guardian in. The e-mail is to be written by the candidate. Please note, if there are not enough candidates this year to make a course viable, the course will skip a year.

RCIA COURSE: Meetings: **NOVEMBER:** Wed 11th at 6:30pm; Thursday 26th at 6.00pm

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Until we recruit a new parish administrator, it will not be possible to produce a full newsletter each work due to pressure of work, both pastoral and liturgical on the workload of the parish priest and the pastoral assistant/music director. A simpler version will be produced weekly with the Mass readings and any important notices. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS STALL, RAFFLE & CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE

We will run a Christmas stall from Sunday 22nd November and subsequent Sundays until Sunday 20th December (except Sunday 15th November). On sale will be: Christmas Cards, other gifts, raffle tickets for some lovely prizes, and special 'remembrance baubles' which can be placed on the Christmas tree in memory of a loved one.

WORLD PREMIERE AND CD LAUNCH

Our Lady of Victories, Kensington and Caritas Westminster invites you and your parishioners to a World Premiere of a Full Sung Mass of Our Lady of Victories, composed by Parish Priest Nigel Woollen, Arranged by Timothy Macklin, and performed by Joyful Light, Saturday 21 November at 6pm, at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, 235a Kensington High St, W8

COLLECTIONS: LAST SUNDAY (THANK YOU!)

Envelopes: £248.12 Loose: £362.20 Friday: £87.77 Total: £698.09
Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £416.20 and £519 per week by standing order.

