

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Rev 21: 2

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Collect: O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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:

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

‘I saw water flowing from the Temple, and all to whom this water came were saved.’

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. And he said to me, ‘This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.’

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 46(45):2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R5



God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea. **(R)** There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst, it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn. **(R)** The Lord of hosts is with us: our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the Lord, the astounding things he has wrought on earth. **(R)**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

‘You are God’s temple.’

Brothers and Sisters: You are God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.

R/ THE WORD OF THE LORD

C/ THANKS BE TO GOD

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Chronicles 7:16

(ALL STAND)

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, for my name to be there for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel:

John 2:13-22

‘He was speaking about the temple of his body.’

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’

So the Jews said to him, ‘What sign do you show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

R/ THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

C/ PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

Prayer over the Offerings:

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place the power of the Sacraments and the answer to their prayers. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

1 Pet 2: 5

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

Prayer after Communion:

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth, grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament, we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter the dwelling place of your glory. 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!

9th November 2025 (Year C) | THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Remembrance Sunday

This Sunday we unite with our nation in remembering all who gave their lives in war and in the service of others. As Christians, our remembrance is not simply an act of looking back, but a moment of faith, gratitude, and commitment — to be people of peace in a world still scarred by conflict.

At our 12 Noon Mass, we will hold the Act of Remembrance, including the two minutes’ silence and prayers for all who died in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. We will also remember those who continue to live with the consequences of war — the bereaved, the displaced, the wounded, and those still serving in the armed forces today.

Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:13). We honour that love, and we pray that it will inspire us to live with courage, compassion, and hope.

As Pope Francis said: “War is always a defeat — for humanity, for creation, and for the soul. Let us choose the path of peace” Therefore, let us make this Remembrance Sunday a moment not only to honour the past, but to renew our Christian commitment to reconciliation and peace in our families, our community, and our world.

National Anthem to be sung at Sunday 10AM & 12 Noon Masses:

God save our gracious King!

Long live our noble King! God save the King!

Send him victorious, happy and glorious,

long to reign over us,

God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause,
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.



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.



WHO’S WHO AT OUR LADY OF HAL:

Parish Priest: Fr. Mark Dunglinson
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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: THE HOLY SOULS

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

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

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. 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.						
W	Sunday	9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Vigil	5:15 pm 6:00 pm 10:00 am 12 Noon (Requiem Mass)	Evening Prayer of the Church The Holy Souls Patrick Guthrie (ANN) & People of the Parish All war dead and those who died in subsequent conflicts (RIP)
W	Monday	10th November	Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church		12 Noon	Thomas Vincent Finnerty (RIP)
W	Tuesday	11th November	Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop & Martyr		12 Noon	All who died in warfare (RIP)
R	Wednesday	12th November	Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr Funeral Mass		09:30 am 11:15am	The Holy Souls Maureen Whelan RIP
G	Thursday	13th November	Feria		09:30 am	Maria Bardntini (RIP)
G	Friday abstinence	14th November	Feria		12 Noon	Francesca Cardarelli (B’day R)
G	Saturday	15th November	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time	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.

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday:
Lord of peace and justice, we remember with gratitude those who gave their lives so that others might live in freedom. As we honour their memory, make us instruments of your peace in the world today. May we never forget the cost of war, and may your kingdom of love reign in every heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

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 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: markdunghlinson@rcdow.org.uk (copying in your parent or guardian) and explain why you wish to be confirmed. **Closing date: 30th November 2025.**

The Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund collection is next week:
The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. 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 that is special to your cultural background. 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, 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 opened to all and there will be refreshments at the Cathedral hall after the Mass.

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 in the Repository.

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 alongside other Christmas gifts 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.
READERS: Please speak to Fr Mark if there are names on the prayers of the faithful you don’t know how to pronounce. It seems we are mispronouncing some of the names.

MOBILE PHONES: Please ensure mobile phones are switched off or are put on silent so as not to interrupt and distract others at Mass. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES 2025

First Holy Communion 2026: please see separate item.

Confirmation 2026: please see separate item. **RCIA Course:** Details will follow next week

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

COLLECTIONS LAST SUNDAY: (THANK YOU!)
Envelopes: £241.05 Loose: £344.92 Total: £585.97 . Donation by Dona Card Machine on Sunday: £218.50 and £519 per week by standing order.