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Last Sunday's collection £1993, Sick and Retired Priests' collection £1082. Many Thanks.

Remembrance Sunday. This Sunday we remember all those who gave their lives in the Wars. We are very conscious of what is happening in the world at the moment and reiterate the need to work even more diligently for peace, harmony and reconciliation. This Sunday is also designated World Day of the Poor.

Your prayers are asked for Nelius Morley who has passed away. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please also remember his family in your prayers.

Gospel Notes Matthew 25:1-13. While the parable has clear end of time applications, it can also be applied to any moment of grace. It reminds us that moments of grace come unexpectedly, and we need to be awake to receive them. Recall times when you were alert to such a moment.

Grace can be disturbing. We can be coasting along in life and suddenly an opportunity or a graced moment arrives and we are shaken out of our routine. Perhaps you can recall moments when you were unprepared, and moments when you were ready to respond. What lessons have been learned?

We may be tempted to judge the wise virgins as being selfish for not sharing with the others, but perhaps Jesus is teaching that there are some things that other people cannot provide for us. We have to acquire them ourselves. What qualities in life do you see as the essential oil that you must provide for yourself?

Jesus tells us that there is a right time and a time when it will be too late. The lamp is given to us by God and our prayer or time given to God is our oil. All of God's actions in our lives is his gift but it needs our openness and welcome. Prayer builds up our supply of oil which lights up our lives. This is a time for preparation and a time for action. We ask God to help us in our preparation.

Thank you

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. We will be compiling the November Dead List as per usual. You will find some envelopes and sheets in the Church Porch. Place in the envelope the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

The Pope's Monthly Intention. For the Pope. We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

A Day with Mary. Saturday 18th November. Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George, London Road, Enfield. 9.30 am to 5pm. Saturday 25th November. St John Fisher Church, Imperial Close, North Harrow HA2 7LW. 10am to 5.30pm.