SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER +32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND
9TH /10TH NOVEMBER

6.00 PM MARY KELLY **(A) RIP**
9.30 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12 NOON REMEMBRANCE DAY SOULS

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Sheila Keeble, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus and Christina Enright.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon, Norma Kolakowska, Marie Hardy , Hilda Minoli.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME :
Ann Murphy, Tony Weeden.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Cathy Fade, Francisca Matarin
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

THE CANDLE IN THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week for the intentions of

ANNA AND DANIELE

THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY



burns this coming week in loving memory of

MARIA SKOWRON

Dear Parishioners,

'A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.'

In this week's Gospel, following on from last week when we heard Jesus tell us that the most important thing we will ever do is love God and love our neighbour as ourselves, we hear about the virtue of a poor widow giving two small coins into the Temple Treasury. If we were in charge of the finances for such a large operation as the Temple, which might we prefer: the rich putting in large sums of money or one poor widow putting in such a negligible amount? Is more always better than less? Is wealth always better than poverty? God judges the heart, not just the immediate worldly outcome. From a worldly perspective alone, Jesus' life could be considered a failure. Whilst trying to gain as many followers as possible and teach the people that he was the promised Messiah they had been waiting for, Jesus was arrested, charged as a criminal, beaten and killed. Many of his followers abandoned him when he was arrested. Of course, in the spiritual realm, the realm of eternal realities, Jesus' life was infinitely successful. The death of Jesus destroyed death itself, and his Resurrection enabled all who believe in him to share in eternal life. Concerning the case of the poor widow, what Jesus pointed to was that she gave the spiritual gift of her generosity and complete trust in God. The widow gave all she had to live on and trusted that God would take care of her and use her gift for good. This is infinitely more fruitful for the building of the Kingdom of God than simply the gift of an excess of money. This is the teaching of the two commandments in practice. Jesus sees the love in the offering of the widow. In her gesture he recognises a sign of his own total gift of himself that he will make on our behalf: his sacrifice of himself on the Cross for our redemption. Let us reflect, today, upon the compliment Jesus pays to this poor widow: *"She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."* Do we contribute our whole livelihood and dedicate everything we have and all that we are, all our energies and gifts, to the service of God for his glory? We are called to give everything to God—not just a portion of our lives. Let us reflect this week upon how well we imitate this poor widow and seek to follow her holy example.

God Bless You , *Fr Martin*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Mass will start at **12 noon this Sunday 10th November** not 11.30 am, to allow people time to attend remembrance services.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS –We have a parish Christmas card available in packs of 5 cards for £5, with funds raised going towards the new parish mass books that we need to purchase for the revised translation. Please support this initiative and send a unique card to your family and friends, that features Our Lady Queen of Love from the parish shrine this Christmas.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS 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. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **72** retired priests, at a cost of **£976,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS are available to buy at the back of church, including advent calendars.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING -9.30 am **24th November** will be a children's mass followed by Breakfast Club, with sausage and bacon rolls in the hall. Drop in after mass and enjoy a tasty treat.

Mass Times
11th November—18th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 11TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	9.30 AM	JEREMY HALL– MASS OF THANKSGIVING ST MARTIN OF TOURS
TUES 12TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST JOSAPHAT
WED 13TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PAMELA REBEIRO **L/D RIP**
THURS 14TH	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 15TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST ALBERT THE GREAT
SAT 16TH NOV	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	LUCY SANTILLAN **L/D RIP** **FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS** ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON
SUN 17TH NOV		**6.00 PM (SAT)** **9.30 AM** **11.30AM**	RICHARD KEATING **RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH ISABEL DOCASALA HUSSEIN **RIP (A)** 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

FOR MORE PARISH INFO OR TO SIGN UP FOR: E ALERTS, NEWSLETTER BY E MAIL, LIVE STREAMING OF SERVICES , VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE HTTPS://PARISH.RCDOW.ORG.UK/

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS During the month of November, there will be a number of masses offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones to be included in these masses, please complete a sheet with their name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Your offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form. The names will be placed in a box, which will remain on the altar for the month of November.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If your child is in in Year 9 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 14th June 2025, 12.00 pm** forms are now available to complete at the back of church to join the programme that starts in the New Year. Please return to the parish office by the **12th January 2025.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION 2025- If your child is in year 3 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 17th May 2025 at 12pm,** please complete the forms at the back of church to sign up to the programme starting in the New Year and return to the parish office by **3rd December 2024.**

YOUTH MASS Last Sunday we had the first youth mass at 6pm, followed by pizza and a social time in the hall. If you didn't make it this time or know someone in year 9 or above who would be interested in coming to the next one, please keep an eye open for the advertised dates.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meeting next on **Wednesday 13th November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

SVP will be meeting next on **Sunday 17th November,** after the 9.30 mass at 10.45am in the library. All are welcome to attend and learn about the SVP, how they help parishioners and the local community and whether it is something you could be involved in.

FOODBANK Thank you for all the donations. The next collection date will be **2nd December 2024**. Food packs contain: noodles, cereal, sugar, jam, condiments, toiletries, tea/coffee, long life milk and juice. If you can supply any of these it will help people the local foodbank to continue to supply those in need. In the first six months of 2024, from January to June Hillingdon Foodbank supported more than **9842** people.

AN EVENING OF SONG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS Saturday 7th December in the Main Hall, led by the Folk Group. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30. No charge for the evening, There will be a voluntary collection for new Church hymn books. Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church for an idea of numbers for set up.