SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER + 33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

6.00 PM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9.30 AM MATTHEW MORONEY **RIP**
11.30 AM KATHLEEN MURCHAN **RIP**

FOR OUR PRAYERS

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Bill Garvey , Loreto Berry, Ida Houlden, Stella Murray, Andrew Hencel, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially
Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Martin Duggan, Ray and Elizabeth King.



FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS
especially Marie Hardy **,** Pat Faille.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Nicholas Paterson, Christina Enright, Teddy Keating, Sheila Keable, George Forrow, Dhashantha Goonewardena.



THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY
has been donated this week for the intentions of

THE EVANS FAMILY

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP

has been donated this week by

VIVIENNE

In thanksgiving for the gift of life.

Dear Parishioners,

"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

This Sunday's Gospel is the last in our liturgical year before we celebrate the feast of Christ the King next week. Jesus warns his apostles of the resistance and persecution that they will encounter as his followers. Jesus is also warning all his Church throughout the centuries that there will be hostile and unchristian powers operating in the world against them. The Scriptures inform us that the leader of the kingdom of darkness, the devil, is always active and seeks only to destroy. For our part, we are to participate in the victory that Jesus has already won against evil, sin and death. Though most of us may not endure physical martyrdom for our faith, it will happen to some and is still very prevalent in our world. In present day Nigeria, countless Christians are being put to death for their faith. For most of us, the persecution we will endure will be on a different level. We may be mocked or even hated for our refusal to accept immorality within the culture. We may be called hateful when we stand up for the sanctity of human life from natural conception to natural death. We may be deemed superstitious or old fashioned by remaining faithful to Sunday worship and daily prayer. We may be thought of as out-of-touch or behind the times for refusing to embrace the latest popular ideologies or secular values. Jesus has foreseen all this and he has endured it in an essential way. By going to the Cross to offer his life as a sacrifice for the entire world Jesus gives us both the example and the means to follow him when we too face powers of darkness. Jesus says to his Apostles: *"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."* Let us reflect, today, upon the fact that we are all part of a battle for the salvation of souls, beginning with our own. Let us commit to always going forward with faith, hope and love. Let us be open to the words Jesus will inspire us to speak when needed. Let us resolve to follow Jesus in the footsteps of all those who have gone before us, including all our beloved departed, for whom we are praying this month.

God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS– There will be a second collection after all the masses this weekend to help support the sick and older priests, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can either give a one off donation or become a patron. Alternatively you can give on line www.rcdow.org.uk/donations or use the QR code to scan found on the envelopes and poster.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING—The 9.30 am mass next Sunday will be a children's mass, with a chance for the children to wear the crowns they make this week in the Children's Liturgy. The folk group will be leading the singing and afterwards in the hall there will be a Parish Breakfast. Come and enjoy a sausage or bacon bap, tea / coffee and great company.

SVP—Will meet this Sunday in the library, following the 9.30 am mass at 10.45. All welcome to come and see what the SVP do and how they help those in need of support in our community.

This weekend, **15TH NOVEMBER** we celebrate **75 years** since the formation of the Parish under Fr Eugen Langdale. We remember and prayer at this time, for all those past and present, who have been paramount in forming and shaping the parish that we have today.

Mass Times
10th November—16th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 17TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST HILDA
TUES 18TH NOV	9 .30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	PATRICK SMITH **INTS** DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS. PETER AND PAUL
WED 19TH NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
THURS 20TH NOV	10 AM— 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRIDAY 21ST-NOV	9.30 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	SHARON EVANS **(L/D) RIP** THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
SATURDAY 22ND NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS ST CECILIA **EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS**
SUNDAY 23RD-NOV		6.00 PM **SAT EVE** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	FRANK RIORDAN **(A) RIP** PEOPLE OF THE PARISH WILLIAM & MARY O'REILLY **(A) RIP** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Online Retreat at Home - Westminster Diocese is offering a Week of Accompanied Prayer - An Online Retreat at Home, which starts on Sunday 23rd November 6-7pm and ends on Friday 28th November 6-7pm. Would you like to deepen your prayer life? Can you find 30mins to be with God and meet with your own prayer guide at a time chosen by you each day of the week? For more information and to book your place email Lynne Galloway spirituality@rcdow.org.uk

MISSIO–/ RED BOXES Thank you to the anonymous donor, who donated a bag of coins totalling £217.22 to add to the red box appeal. If you still have a red box that hasn't been counted and emptied yet, please bring this to church and leave in the sacristy. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026 If your child is in year 9 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 24th May 2026, applications are now open. Forms can be found as you come into church or on the website. The course will begin in the New Year.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme, please complete both the application form and medical form found in the narthex or download them from the website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP meet next on **WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. This involves half an hour of prayer and a discussion around the current material from the Agency for Evangelisation for small groups.



AN EVENING OF SONG TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Led by the Folk Group. Doors open at 7.00 and singing starts at 7.30pm.
Bring your own picnic for you and your guests. No charge, donations on the night.
Please see posters for more details and sign up sheet for numbers if you are coming.



NEXT FOOD BANK Collection will be on **MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER** They are in particular need of Tinned potatoes/ packet mashed potato, Longlife milk and the usual following list: Lentils/pulses, Tinned fruit, Tinned spaghetti, Tinned vegetables, Rice, Juice, Sugar, Biscuits/treats, Jams/ Bread spread, Sauces/ Condiments, Noodles, Toiletries, Puddings.