

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 12th November 2023

First reading

Wisdom 6:12–16

Psalm:

For you my soul is thirsting, O God,
my God.

Second reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Gospel:

Matthew 25:1–13

PARISH MASS BOOK: PREFACE 4, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3



MASS TIMES & MASS
INTENTIONS WEEK
COMMENCING 11TH NOVEMBER

Saturday 11th November-St Martin of Tours, Bishop
6pm ALL SOULS

Sunday 12th November
9:30am John Came (RIP)
Richard Evans (RIP)
11:30am Jim Costello (RIP)

Monday 13th November
9.30am William De Souza

Tuesday 14th November
9.30am Dorothy Rodrigues (RIP)

Wednesday 15th November
9.30am Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

Thursday 16th November-St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
9.30am Dr John Benbough (RIP)

Friday 17th November
9.30am Marilene De Jesus Das Neres (RIP)

Please remember in your prayers
All the sick

Mary Kerr, Baby Sophia, Adam Bogusz, Adriano Grazioli, Noreen Ellisdon,
Bob Smith, Bernadette McGann,
Janet Crawley, Gabriel Hadid, Brendan O'Brien, Robert Rowe

All the recently departed and their loved ones
James Murphy, Mary McNamara

**and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this
time:**
Richard Evans

"[S]tay awake, for you know neither day nor the hour"

The end of the liturgical year always presents us with Scripture passages that speak of the end times. This theme will continue into Advent's repetitive admonition to stay awake and ready for the ultimate coming of Christ. The bible's images of this time are sometimes troubling; here, we have a locked door and a Bridegroom who refuses to recognise those who come unprepared for the wedding feast—hardly a reassuring image of Christ's boundless mercy. But this is not a gospel about the mechanics of our preparation; when put into dialogue with the other readings for today, it becomes a gospel about our longing to be with Jesus. Those whose hearts desire him will find ways to prepare their hearts. The specifics of that preparation will look different for all of us, but love and longing are at the core.

Gluten free communion hosts

We have coeliac Hosts in this church which are gluten free. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with gluten free hosts please let Fr Dermot know before which ever mass you will be attending.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities. Thank you for your generosity

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill

Parish Secretary - Alison McKinnie (Office hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.00-1.00pm, Friday 9.00-12noon**
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Parish Website - Visit our website for all weekly updates at **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**

Safeguarding - Claudia Clayman - Email: **finchleynorthsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk**

CHILDRENS LITURGY - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.

REPOSITORY - Open after both Sunday Masses.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: To arrange a baptism please contact Fr Dermot.

FUNERALS: It is normal procedure to first contact your chosen Funeral Director. They will liaise with Fr Dermot.

WEDDINGS: Preparation for marriage: Six months' notice is required. Please contact Fr Dermot.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 5.15pm

REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH: Registration forms are available from the porch. Complete and return to the Presbytery. Thank you.

ST BANABAS FOODBANK: Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30 & 12.30. They are open for those in need on Monday's 12.30-2pm. 913 High Road, North Finchley.

NEWSLETTER: If you wish to receive a copy of our weekly newsletter by email, please sign up by using the website e-Alert or, email the parish office to request.

CHRISTMAS TREAT APPEAL

As in previous years, there will be a collection box in the porch for donations of small gifts for the sick who are housebound in our parish from 12th November. Gift ideas - biscuits, chocolates, toiletries, Xmas goodies and other small items. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a gift from the parish please contact the parish office by email finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk
Thank you in advance for you for your generosity.

Our lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School

The school is having their open day on Wednesday 22nd November at 9.30/1.30 & 7pm for prospective parents for Reception in September 2024. No need to book in advance, just turn up.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST ENVELOPES

The month of November is a time when the Church remembers to pray particularly for the souls of our Faithful Departed. We will be remembering the souls of all the dead at masses throughout November.

Envelopes are available from the exits of the church. Please put the list of names you wish to have prayed for together with your donation and return the envelopes to the presbytery or in the offertory baskets in the church.

On Saturday evening, November 11th, the 6.00 pm mass will be offered for those who have died in this parish over the past year.

An Invitation: 'Come and See'

Do you know anyone whom you could invite to learn more about the Catholic Church? Or perhaps someone who might be considering becoming a Catholic?

If so, please invite them to attend a meeting for adults every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the Presbytery where they can meet other interested adults and find out what is involved. In the meanwhile, if they want to know more, introduce them to Fr Dermot or ring or email the Parish Secretary who will ask someone to phone them with information

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 Ukraine 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 a 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

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 18th November. £15 for a fun evening with Pauline as our quiz master, fish and chip supper, cash bar and raffle. Book a table for 8 or 6, or buy individual tickets - contact Colette Landucci (020 8445 5397) or email socialcommitteesap@hotmail.com
Please let us know about any dietary requirements in advance.



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For online donations

The church will remain open during the day for private prayer.

