TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

First reading: **Isaiah 55:6–9**
Psalm: **The Lord is close to all that call him.**

Second reading: **Philippians 1:20–24, 27**
Gospel: **Matthew 20:1–16**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday 19th September
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
6pm Bridget Corcoran (RIP), Cathy O'Brien (INT)

Sunday 20th September
9:30am Geneviere Dias (RIP)
Patrick & Peggy Sheerin (INT)
11:30am Michael Savage (RIP) Teresa Doran (RIP)

Monday 21st September-SAINT MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist
9.30am Bernadette McKenzie (RIP)

Tuesday 22nd September
9.30am Lito Bonifacio (RIP)

Wednesday 23rd September-Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
9.30am Teresa Doran (RIP)

Thursday 24th September-OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 25th September
9.30am Margaret Murphy (RIP)

Please remember in your prayers all the sick:
Adriano Grazioli, Robert Rowe, Tom O'Connor, Kitty Carey, Joe Dooley, Primo Leonardi, Peter Whitaker, Brunno Rodrigues De Souza
All the recently departed and their loved one
Mary Byrne, Teresa Doran, Nuala Todd, Sr. Marie Joseph Catney
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Margaret Murphy

In the Gospel reading, Jesus illustrates divine mercy in the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The daily wage for laborers was enough for a small extended family of several adults and children to purchase bread and vegetables for the day's meals with a bit left over for taxes and other expenses. Observant Jews had to be especially careful to keep enough for Sabbath days when they refrained from labor. The vineyard owner was thus making sure all his laborers could eat regardless of the work they put in. His concern was for the effects of the wage, not its value as a symbol of effort. Likewise, Jesus reveals, God's mercy is not a currency to be earned, but a gift to support the life of any who humble ask for it.

Nuala Todd RIP
The Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 12.30pm on Saturday 26th September followed by Committal at Hendon
Requiescat in pace

Teresa Doran RIP
The Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 10am on Friday 2nd October followed by Committal at Marylebone Crematorium
Requiescat in pace

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Priest - Rev Dermot O'Neill
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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 BARNABAS FOODBANK : Accepts donations of food each Saturday between 9.30am & 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2026-27

First Holy Communion for children in year 3 and above.

Part 1 is a Foundation Course for children who are Baptised Catholics and attend non-Catholic schools and for children who are not yet baptised. **This is now closed**

Part 2 is a First Holy Communion Course for Baptised Catholic children attending Catholic schools and for children who have completed the Foundation Course. It begins in November 2026. The application form, as a download can be found on the parish website under Sacramental Preparation. Paper copies are now available in the church porch.

Confirmation Preparation for young people in Year 9 and above. Sessions will begin in October 2026. Registration is now open: Either go to our website under Sacramental Preparations or scan the QR code here

CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

Saint Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher of Art more information can be found in our Church porch or our website under the news section **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**

Our Lady of Lourdes Nursery and Primary School (Bow Lane, Finchley, London, N12 0JP) warmly invites all prospective parents to our upcoming school tours on: Wednesday 23rd September 2026 at 9.30am and 6pm, Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 9.30am and 6pm, Wednesday 4th November at 9.30am.

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 on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Church Hall where they can meet other interested adults and find out what is involved. In the meanwhile, if they want to know more, why not introduce them to Fr. Dermot or ring or email the parish secretary who will ask someone to phone them with information.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next Baptism Preparation session will take place on Wednesday, 23rd September, at 8:00 pm in the Church Hall. We look forward to welcoming all parents and guardians who are preparing for the Baptism of their child.
Please let the Parish Office know if you will be attending finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk

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Parish QR code
For online donations

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