TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

First reading: **Ezekiel 18:25–28**
Psalm: **Remember your mercy, Lord.**

Second reading: **Philippians 2:1–11**
Gospel: **Matthew 21:28–32**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Saturday 26th September
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
12.30pm REQUIEM NUALA TODD
6pm Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

Sunday 27th September
9:30am Bernard Hughes (RIP) Bhawani (INT)
11:30am Teresa Doran (RIP)
Albert & Felicity Sobol (RIP)

Monday 28th September
9.30am Bridget Corcoran (RIP)

Tuesday 29th September-SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, Archangels
9.30am Agustin Diaz (INT)

Wednesday 30th September-Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9.30am Teresa Morrissey (INT)
Valeriana Flora De Luz Banina (RIP)

Thursday 1st October-Saint Theresa of the child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 2nd October-Holy Guardian Angels
10am REQUIEM TERESA DORAN

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
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
Bridget Corcoran

The psalm draws a contrast between the long-standing mercy of God, and the former youth of the psalmist. Where we change, grow, and (hopefully) mature as disciples as we age, God stays the same—always loving, always merciful, always ready to welcome us home. If we approach God with humility, God will help us to follow him more closely, with fewer steps away from the path of righteousness. In preparation for proclaiming this psalm, spend some time praying about your own "youth," however recent. What choices have not aged well in hindsight? What have you learned from decisions and actions that you regret? How have you experienced God's love and Grace since these experiences?

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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Donations & Gift Aid - Claire Catney - Email: **finchleynorthgac@rcdow.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 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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at **cafod.org.uk/envelope** call **0303 303 3030** or use the QR code here.

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

St. Theresa's Nursery and Primary School (East End Road, Finchley, London, N3 2TD) invites all prospective parents to our upcoming school tour on: Tuesday 29th September at 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book your place, or to arrange a tour for another time - if this date and time is not convenient (tel: 02083468826 email: office@sttheresas.barnetmail.net).

Saint Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancies

The Governors are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-qualified teacher of Art and a Modern Foreign Languages Assistant, specialising in Italian. 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 14th October 2026 at 9.30am and 6pm, Wednesday 4th November at 9.30am.

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Parish QR code
For online donations

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