ALL SAINTS

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

First reading:	**Apocalypse 7:2–4, 9–14**
Psalm:	**Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.**
Second reading:	**1 John 3:1–3**
Gospel:	**Matthew 5:1–12**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Saturday 31st October
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
12pm REQUIEM PETER ARULRAJ DAVID
6pm Tiffany Fernandes (INT)

Sunday 1st November
9:30am Teresa Doran (RIP)
11:30am Cathy Byrne (RIP)

Monday 2nd November
9.30am ALL SOULS

Tuesday 3rd November
9.30am Mary O'Brien (RIP)

Wednesday 4th November
9.30am Sr Mary Joseph Catney (RIP)

Thursday 5th November
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 6th November
9.30am Guerino Leccacorvi (RIP) James 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

and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:
James Murphy

In this month, we pray for those who have died but have not yet fully entered the heavenly kingdom. Although assured of their salvation, they must first pass through a stage of purification—one that is beyond the realm of temporal time—aided by our prayers. Our love for one another continues beyond death, and we are united with one another in the hope of eternal life with Christ.

We create a book of Holy Souls during November that will be placed near the altar where all those names will be commended to God during masses at this time. There are envelopes in the church porch where you can put your list of names to be included in that book. Return the envelopes in the offertory bags or to the sacristy, where the temporary parish office is set up.

On Saturday November 7th, the evening mass will be offered for the souls of all those who have died in this parish over the last year.

Our Christmas tree, will be another opportunity in due course to remember our loved ones who have died. More about this in December.

Blessing of graves: On Sunday November 8th at 2.00 pm, Several priests will gather at Hendon cemetery to bless the graves of those interred there. On the same day there will be blessing of graves at Mill Hill cemetery on Miles Pit Lane.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Parish Secretary - Alison McKinnie (Office hours:**Tuesday 9am-1pm, Wed 9am-4pm & Thurs 9am-1pm**
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Parish Website - Visit our website for all weekly updates at **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**
Donations & Gift Aid - Claire Catney - Email: **finchleynorthgac@rcdow.org.uk**
Childrens Liturgy - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.
Safeguarding - Maire Lynch - Email: **finchleynorthsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk**
Repository - Open after both Sunday Masses.

Volunteering Opportunity for Young Catholics (18–34)

Caritas Westminster, in partnership with the Irish Chaplaincy and Anna Chaplaincy, is offering free training in prayerful accompaniment, listening, and pastoral and spiritual care.

The programme includes four sessions (two online and two in person), preparing volunteers to visit older people in care homes, offering companionship and support.

No previous experience or Irish background is required. A wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action and make a difference!

Please register your interest by Friday 6th November. The programme is planned to begin later in November, and those who register will be contacted directly with further details, including training dates.

To register your interest, please click here - forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mpyr8gYhSr

For more information, please email **cianofarrell@rcdow.org.uk**

A special Mass for those who have been bereaved, and whose loved ones are buried or commemorated in St Pancras Cemetery, East Finchley Cemetery, or at Marylebone Crematorium, will take place at St Mary's, East Finchley, on Saturday 7th November at 5pm. During the Mass, each family will receive a blessed candle to take to the grave or memorial of their loved one as a sign of prayer, remembrance and Christian hope.

Parish office hours slightly changed again!

The office hours have changed until further notice. The new hours are; Tuesday 8am-12pm, Wednesday 9am-4pm and Thursday 8am-12pm. Outside of these hours please email the parish email for any urgent enquiries **finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk**

Save the Date! St Alban's Quiz Night Friday, 27th November, 2026, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Join a table or gather your team! In support of the renovations to our Presbytery.

Tickets £15.00 per head to include Fish & Chips or a vegetarian option. Cash bar and Raffle.Call Brigid Russell **07836 798 909** or Tricia O'Connor **07507 220161**

and tickets will be on sale, cash only please, after each Mass on 7th/8th and 14th/15th November, 2026.

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 11th November 5pm-7pm with talks at 5.15pm and 6.30pm **Full details are in the church porch**

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 come along on a Wednesday 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.

Magnifica Humanitas

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm to Westminster Cathedral Hall, for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on Magnifica Humanitas. The talk will explore Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. For further details and tickets visit **https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/**

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 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.