TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 11TH OCTOBER 2026

First reading:	**Isaiah 25:6–10**
Psalm:	**In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**
Second reading:	**Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20**
Gospel:	**Matthew 22:1–14**



MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 10TH OCTOBER 2026

Saturday 10th October
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
6pm Bridget Corcoran (RIP) Cathy Byrne (RIP)

Sunday 11th October
9:30am Shirley Shewry (INT) Mary O'Neill (RIP)
11:30am Corina (INT) Cathy Byrne (RIP)

Monday 12th October
9.30am Cathy Byrne (RIP)

Tuesday 13th October-SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR, Patron of the Diocese
9.30am Mary O'Neill (RIP)

Wednesday 14th October
11am REQUIEM CATHY BYRNE

Thursday 15th October-Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 16th October-
9.30am Ray Byrne and family (INT)

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
Cathy Byrne
and the faithful departed whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

We last heard Psalm 23 during the Easter season, and we'll hear it once more for the solemnity of Christ the King. This time, the third and fourth stanzas are particularly relevant. God invites us to the heavenly banquet, present here in the Eucharist and brought to perfection in the next life. God desires to welcome us into his home for eternity, if we but accept the invitation. To prepare to proclaim this psalm, reflect on the image of God's house and the feast God offers us. What "table" has God provided for you in life? What might it be like to share in God's feast for eternity? What preparation might you need to do to enter God's house? If you are to receive the Eucharist this Sunday, pay particular attention to your own participation in God's feast, allowing God's grace to nourish you for the journey home.

Cathy Byrne RIP
The Requiem Mass will be celebrated here at 11am on Wednesday 14th October the Committal after will be for family only.
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.

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day!

Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Our parish raised **£1,122.80** to help more children stay in school. Thanks to you and CAFOD's local partners, children like Tayla in Zimbabwe now have access to safe water and nutritious food through a solar-powered water supply, helping them learn, grow, and develop their God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou or to get involved and give some time through volunteering please call or email Beata Rozycka: Brozycka@cafod.org.uk Tel.077898769130 A small commitment of time, just being present at Mass on two Sundays a year can make a huge difference.
Through this simple service, we live out our faith by caring for those in need. As Pope Francis reminds us, even small acts of love, done with faith, can change lives.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2026-27

First Holy Communion for children in year 3 and above.
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.

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.

Saint Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Canteen Assistant to support the Canteen Supervisor.
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 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.