THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 8th NOVEMBER 2026

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**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 7th NOVEMBER

Saturday 7th November
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
6pm HOLY SOULS

Sunday 8th November
9:30am Alex Jones (RIP)
11:30am Cathy Byrne (RIP) Margaret Doktor (RIP)

Monday 9th November-THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
9.30am Mary Treacy (RIP)

Tuesday 10th November-Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
9.30am Evelyn Ibi and family (INT)

Wednesday 11th November-Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
9.30am Martin Murphy (RIP)

Thursday 12th November-Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
9.30am Margaret Cronin (INT)

Friday 13th November
9.30am NO MASS TODAY

Please remember in your prayers
All the sick
Michael O'Sullivan, David Wright, Adriano Grazioli, Robert Rowe, Anne Dooley, Tom O'Connor, Mary Tanner, Susan McHale
All the recently departed and their loved ones

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

In incredibly vivid language, Psalm 63 is a song of longing for God. The psalm's author thirsts and pines for God, presumably because he knows that God can quench the desires of the heart. Before we can desire God, we, like the psalmist, have to know who God is—the source and destination of all that we are, a personal God who desires to exist in relationship with each of us. Why would we long for something that will not satisfy? In preparation for proclaiming this week's psalm, write out a list of as many descriptions for who God is as you can. This might be a long list! But in naming who God is for us, we can more accurately and truthfully direct our heart to the end it seeks .

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Childrens Liturgy - Takes place at the Family Mass at 9.30am on Sundays.
Repository - Open after both Sunday Masses.

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund – Next Weekend

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online this can be found on the poster in the church porch. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

St Alban's Thursday Club-Thursday, 12 November 2026 1.00-3.00pm

We welcome all to our monthly social gathering where we will make a Christmas wreath. Lynda will lead the Tai Chi. Tasty homemade soup is on the menu. Tea / coffee will also be served. £2 per person.

The ArtsDepot have invited us to their matinee on Thursday, 3 December for the Jazz Noel: A Swinging Christmas. Tickets £12pp. at the Club.

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**

Saint Michael's Catholic Grammar School vacancies

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Technician to provide specialist support to the Biology Department for this temporary contract whilst the incumbent is on maternity leave. As well are seeking a full time Temporary Teacher of Geography and a full time Temporary Teacher of Religious Education. More information can be found in our Church porch or our website under the news section **parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleynorth**

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