THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH NEWSLETTER - 15th NOVEMBER 2026

First reading	**Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31**
Psalm:	**O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**
Second reading:	**1 Thessalonians 5:1–6**
Gospel:	**Matthew 25:14-30**

MASS TIMES & MASS INTENTIONS WEEK COMMENCING 14th NOVEMBER

Saturday 14th November
Confessions 5.15 – 5.45pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during confession time
6pm Cathy Byrne (RIP) Mick Harnett (RIP)

Sunday 15th November
9:30am John Quinn (RIP)
11:30am Sheila & Jack Jackson (RIP)

Monday 16th November-Saint Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop
9.30am Intercession of St Jude

Tuesday 17th November
9.30am HOLY SOULS

Wednesday 18th November
9.30am Michael McDonagh

Thursday 19th November
NO MASS TODAY

Friday 20th November
9.30am Mary Cronin (INT)

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:
Mick Harnett, Sheila & Jack Jackson, Jill Kudlacek

"Fear the Lord" in today's psalm ought to read more like "terrific" than "terrified," though both come from the same Latin root. To have a fear of God is to be able to look upon God with wonder, like a child sees the world around him. If we can see God's desire to be generous, then we are able to see all the many blessings of life as gifts from a loving God. In preparation to proclaim this Sunday's psalm, spend some time in prayer putting together a list of the blessings God has given you, whether big or small. Where have you seen God's action in your life? How can you respond in gratitude?

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or 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 – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online

Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School, North Finchley: School Governor

Could you spare a little of your time to volunteer as a school governor and join our committed and experienced team of governors? You need no special expertise, only a passion to achieve the best education for our children. If you are interested in this rewarding work and would like to find out more, please contact office@olol.barnetmail.net

Welcoming Ministry - Volunteers

Welcoming visitors and regular attenders to our church is an important ministry. It involves greeting people at the door, fifteen minutes before the weekend Masses, once a month.

If you would like to help, please contact our Parish Secretary at finchleynorth@rcdow.org.uk Please advise which Mass time would suit you best. If you already volunteer,

please confirm that you would like to continue and which Mass time you prefer. A new rota will be created and further information will be provided to volunteers.

REPOSITORY

Our repository will be open after the Saturday and Sunday Masses from November until Christmas! Come along and browse our lovely selection of nativities for children and adults, Christmas decorations, Christmas cards and much, much more. Many of our products are fair traded, helping to support communities and artisans around the world as well as our own parish. We look forward to welcoming you. Why not pop in and find something special for Christmas while supporting a good cause!

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.

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. Also the Governors are seeking to appoint a Medical Room Assistant to deliver first aid and other health-related support. 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.