

OUR LADY AND ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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32nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time (Year A)

8th- 15th November 2026 (Ps Wk. 4)

PARISH TEAM

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Parish Administrator: *garston@rcdow.org.uk*
Catia ANDRADE *Office Hours:*
Mon. *8.00-12.00* Tue. *8.00-10.00* Fri. *9.00-15.00*
Parish Bookkeeper: *garstonbk@rcdow.org.uk*
Laura ETSON: Office Hrs: Wed. 9.30-2.30 pm

OUR SCHOOLS:
***St Michael's High School**
***St. Catherine Primary**
***St Michael Pre-School**

SAFEGUARDING Reps: **1: Debbie Stone** garstonsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
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Parish Bank Details: **Name: *WRCDT Garston; Sort Code: 40-05-20; Acc. N.: 41095897***
Please add your appropriate reference (Mass intention, etc) to help our bookkeeper.

CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday, 5:15 pm-5:45 pm or by appointment

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION: We welcome new parishioners. Please get in touch with the parish office to receive a welcome pack and register with the parish. **FUNERALS**: The Catholic Church does allow for both burial and cremation, but does NOT permit scattering of the ashes; they must be buried or interred. Please speak to the parish clergy to arrange this.

Awake to the Lord

The wedding banquet is a consistent image of eternal life in the New Testament. We can only speak about the unknown and unfamiliar in terms of what is known and familiar. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. "O God. for you my soul is thirsting" (responsorial psalm.) In the second reading, Paul. without making use of the banquet image, speaks of life beyond death in a similar vein–it is that eternal moment when "God will bring them (those who have died) with him" and when "we shall stay with the Lord forever." Eternal life will mean entering into a new" and fuller relationship with God and, through him, with all creation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✞**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:** Will take place on November 14th at 10 am in the North Watford Cemetery.

✞ **PARISH CLEANER VACANCY:** A new position for a Parish Cleaner is now open. Apply online via the application form https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk , applications will close by the end of upcoming week. Thank you for your kind support and generosity.

✞**LEGACY DRIVE – 14 & 15 November:** Our annual Legacy Drive will take place at every Mass on 14 and 15 November. This is an opportunity to help secure our parish's future and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come. Thank you for your support and generosity. 🙏

✞🎶 **Afro Beats Night – 14th November 2026** 🎶 Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, food, and fun at our Afro Beats Night! Enjoy a lively atmosphere with Bar, music by DJ Black, Raffle, Suya, Puff-puff, Jollof & lots more! Adult £12.50 | Child £5. Tickets on the door £15 (subject to availability – book in advance to guarantee your place)

✞**CATHOLIC PRACTICE SIGNING:** If you are applying for a Primary School and require a Catholic Practice Form, please register online under Events tab to arrange a meeting with Fr Ben. When attending your appointment, please bring your child's Baptism Certificate with you. Thank you.

✞**MISSIO RED BOX:** Boxes are ready for collection from the Sacristy. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

✞**MASS FOR THE DECEASED:** will take place on 20 November 2026 at 6.00 pm November is the Month of the Holy Souls. Dead List envelopes are available at the back of the church. If you would like deceased family members or friends remembered at this Mass, please complete an envelope and return it in the offertory collection by 14/15 November, if possible. 🙏

✞**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SACRAMENTS and CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

✞ **BAPTISMS:** The next baptism course will be on 14th November at 9.30 am. Register online.

✞**FIRST COMMUNION:** Introduction session – 9th November 2026 at 7 pm.

✞**CONFIRMATION:** Next Parent Session- 5/11/26, candidates' session – 7/11/26, followed by Youth Club in the hall.

✞**RCIA:** Will meet on Tuesday.

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

✞ **SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Pray for Noel Patten, Livinus Agu, Jolanta Nowak, Nimmi Pannell, Mary Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Ruban Ambrose, Kathleen Sole, Maria Bayle, Ana Adeleke, Joe Rooney, John Moloney, Joseph Melder, Gillian Beagley, Ellie Belsham, Monica Davis, Jacqueline Cherrill, Janet Richardson, Julie Harrison, Helen J and Mary J Cash, Sandra Clark, Miss Clancy. ***A full list is available on the parish website.***

✞**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Pray for Chinweike Obiozor, Raffy, Barry Soto, Eugene O'Connor, Eileen Cassidy, Miles Cash, Eileen Cash, Paddy and Billy Cassidy, John Berry, Vincent Wem, Kevin Herbert, Thomas Hughes, Josephine Wem, Carol Ann Powel, Giovanni Torrano, Dennis Murtagh, Kieran Calder, Fr. Peter Dwyer, Sammy Connors, Gerry Olohan, James O'Connell, Sherley Robbins, Ann O'Connor, Michelle Cirilio, Graham Booth their families at this time of loss.

✞**WATFORD FOODBANK:** Our parish contributed **107.7 Kilos** to the Foodbank during October. Thank you to all who remembered the needy in our community. Current needs are for tins: fruit, meat and fish, tomatoes and other vegetables, rice pudding and custard.

✞**THIS WEEK COLLECTIONS: Loose: £ 462.63, Envelopes: £125.00** Contactless donations **October £1422.99**. Thank you for your Support.

✞ **CHURCH CLEANING:** Team 2 will clean the church next Thursday. You are invited to join them. Thank you to those who volunteer for this, and if you can spare some time, please help in this ministry.

UPCOMING PARISH / SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	TIME	WHERE
14/11/2026	Afro Beat Night	7.30 pm	Parish Hall
06/12/2026	Seniors Christmas Party	2 pm	Parish Hall
12/12/2026	Our Lady of Guadalupe	3.30 pm	Church
13/12/2026	Children's Christmas Party	1.00 pm	Parish Hall

✞PARISH GROUPS:

	Group	When	Where
Monday	*Finance Committee*	**12th January 2027 at 7 pm**	Meeting Room
	PAC	**1st February 2027 at 7 pm**	Meeting Room
Tuesday	*Spiritan Friends*	**7 pm - 1st Tuesday (monthly)**	Presbytery
	St. Vincent de Paul	**7:15 pm 2nd Tuesday (monthly)**	Meeting room
	Serra Club	**7:30 pm - 2nd Tuesday (monthly)**	Church and Hall
	RCIA	**6.15 pm Tuesday**	Meeting room
Friday	*Sunshine Club*	**2 pm-4 pm - 1st Friday (monthly)**	Hall
	Charismatic Prayer Grp	**7:30 pm – fortnightly**	Church
Saturday	*Liturgy Committee*	**13th January 2026 at 10 am**	Meeting Room

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

32nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time (Year A)

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Margaret and Terry Gidman RIP

07/11 SATURDAY	**6.00 pm Vigil Mass** **32nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time**	*Mary and Danny O'Sullivan (RIP) Anni.
08/11 SUNDAY **Wisdom 6:12-16** **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** **Matthew 25:1-13**	**8:30 am Mass (Ps Wk. 4)** **10.00 am Mass** **32nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time Tea and Coffee** **12.00 noon MASS**	*José Nicolás Almeciga special int. *Teeja & Joseph 21st Wedding Anniversary *Francis Beard RIP 6th ann
09/11 MONDAY	**9.30 am The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica**	* Kathleen Callan
10/11 TUESDAY	**1.00 pm Requiem Mass of Eugene O'Connor**	
11/11 WEDNESDAY	**6:30 pm** Adoration **7.00 pm Saint Martin of Tours**	* Serra for vocations
12/11 THURSDAY	**No Mass**	
13/11 FRIDAY	**9.30 am Feria Mass**	*Crystal and Duncan Dawson and Family
14/11 SATURDAY	**6.00 pm Vigil Mass** **33rd Sunday Of OT**	*Maureen Seabrook (RIP) Anni. *Joe and Loretta 25th wedding Anni.
15/11 SUNDAY **Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31** **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6** **Matthew 25:14-30**	**8:30 am Mass (Ps Wk. 1)** **10.00 am Mass** **33rd Sunday Of OT** **Tea and Coffee** **12.00 noon MASS**	*Norris Dawson RIP *Tania and Rogelio's 25th Wedding anniversary *Daisy Godinho 94th Birthday *God's protection for Barbara B.

MASS INTENTION

To offer a Mass Intention, please email the office, give a note to the parish clergy, or post a note through the presbytery letterbox. Please include intention details (name and RIP/anniversary/private intention)

NOTE: IF THERE IS A FUNERAL, THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS

JOIN THE PARISH WEEKLY PRAYERS:

✞ **MORNING PRAYER:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9. 00 am

✞**ADORATION/BENEDICTION:** Wednesdays 6.30-7.00 pm

✞**1st FRIDAY OF THE MONTH MASS OF THE SICK AND ADORATION: 9.30 AM**

SECOND COLLECTION:

WEEKEND	CAUSE
15/11/2026	Sick and Retired Priests
22/11/2026	Diocesan Youth Ministry
29/11/2026	New Hope