

OUR LADY AND ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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33rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time (Year A)

15th - 22nd November 2026 (Ps Wk. 1)

PARISH TEAM

PARISH CLERGY:

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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.

Use them or lose them

At first sight, today's parable seems to suggest that the third servant took a prudent course of action–"I heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown." The scribes and Pharisees, towards whom it was directed, would argue: God demands perfection; the Law expresses his will; only a scrupulous observance of the Law can give us security. But God's way is different: He wants an abundant harvest. Jesus wants us to know that salvation comes to those who are prepared to risk their all for him. A talent is given to bear fruit, not to lie there unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end, it is not what God expects of us. Association of Catholic Priests

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ **LEGACY DRIVE** As you heard at Mass today, legacy giving presents a huge opportunity for our parish and diocese. To find out more, you can take a leaflet or visit rcdow.org.uk/gifts-in-wills. Everything you need to know, and answers to any questions you might have, can be found on the website, or by emailing legacies@rcdow.org.uk, or by calling: 020 7798 9025. Thank you for everything you do for our parish.

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

✝**YOUTH MEETING:** Get ready for a cosy and fun-filled evening as we begin to embrace the Christmas spirit! Our next Youth Club meeting will take place on **Saturday 5th December**, following the Youth Mass at **7 pm**. This time, we're having a Christmas Movie Night! 🎥 Bring along your favourite pillow or a cosy blanket as we settle in to enjoy a festive movie together, with plenty of tasty snacks and popcorn! Let's come together, share some laughter and friendship, and get into the joy of the Christmas season! We look forward to seeing you all there! Don't forget your pillow or cosy blanket! 🎄 🍿

✝**SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** will take place on Sunday 6th of December from 2 pm till 4.30 pm. Please register at the back in the lists provided.

✝**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Please register using the lists at the back to meet Father Christmas on 13th December from 1 pm onwards.

SACRAMENTS and CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES

✝ **BAPTISMS:** There will be no Baptism course throughout Advent Season. Will resume in January.

✝**FIRST COMMUNION:** Next Parent Session- 17/11/26 at 7 pm , children's session – 21/11/26 at 10 am and 12.30 pm.

✝**CONFIRMATION:** Advent Prayer Session – 20/11/26 at 7 pm at Church, next Parent Session- 3/12/26, candidates' session – 5/12/26, followed by Youth Club in the hall.

✝**RCIA:** Will meet on Tuesday.

GENERAL PARISH NOTICES

✞ **SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Pray for Mary Connors, Theresa Leszczynska, 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 Christine Sonner, 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.

✞ **THIS WEEK COLLECTIONS: Loose: £ 557.32, Envelopes: £140.00.** Contactless donations shared monthly. Thank you for your Support.

✞ **CHURCH CLEANING:** Team 3 will clean the church next Friday at 10 am . 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
05/12/2026	Youth Group Meeting	7 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

SECOND COLLECTION:

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

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

33rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time (Year A)

SANCTUARY LAMPS: Margaret and Terry Gidman RIP

14/11 SATURDAY	**6.00 pm Vigil Mass 33rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time**	*Maureen Seabrook (RIP) Anniversary *Mark Power RIP 12 ANN*Joe and Loretta 25th wedding anniversary *Daniel Heffernan ann
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 Ordinary Time 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.
16/11 MONDAY	**9.30 am Saint Edmund of Abingdon Bishop**	* Margaret and Terry RIP anniversary
17/11 TUESDAY	**9.30 am Feria Mass**	*Zikora and Zayne Aguolu Healing Intentions
18/11 WEDNESDAY	**6:30 pm** Adoration **7.00 pm Feria Mass**	* Angelina Rosetti RIP
19/11 THURSDAY	**No Mass**	
20/11 FRIDAY	**9.30 am Feria Mass**	*Missa Pro Populo
21/11 SATURDAY	**6.00 pm Vigil Mass Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**	*Eugene O'Connor RIP
22/11 SUNDAY Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46	**8:30 am Mass (Ps Wk. 2) 10.00 am Mass Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Tea and Coffee 12.00 noon MASS**	*All holy souls of little children * Musicians of the Parish/ St Cecilia *Kevin Herbert RIP *Tony Belsham RIP *Agnes Darkowaa RIP

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**