service users, please contact Damien Anstis, ResetPoint Support Worker, at damien.anstis@wlmind.org.uk or on 07503 338213.

Knife Crime Reduction Forum: Small acts, wider impact - what can we do about knife crime? **Thursday 22nd October, 7-8.30pm**. Caritas Westminster, the Justice & Peace team of St Mellitus, Tollington Park, and Operation Forgiveness are hosting their second online event on knife crime. This session will explore practical ways parishes and schools can take action. More details and to sign up: https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/knife-crime-reduction-forum-small-acts-wider-impact/

OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND: Sat/Sun 24th/25th Oct. We are the Good Shepherd Company, originally from Bethlehem and now based in Nottingham. Through the sale of olive wood carvings, we support the Christian families in the Holy Land, for whom this craft is a vital source of income. By helping sell their work here, we contribute to keeping families employed and rooted in their homeland.

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10.30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

Foodbank Shopping List: Tinned Fruit & Custard, Tinned Sardines & Mackerel, Tinned Tomatoes & pasta sauces, Instant Coffee, Vegetarian Mains (Curry, Chilli, etc...) Thank you!

SOCIAL CLUB
UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 17th Oct	Johnny Mac
Sun 18th Oct	BINGO
Sat 24th Oct	The Duets
Sat 31st Oct	Kieran White + Monthly Draw

Sept Monthly Draw Result £300 Yellow now claimed.

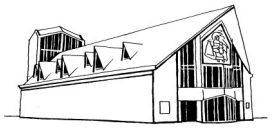
Total Collection: £2564
Envelopes: £453 Loose: £741 Contactless:£317 Standing orders: £1053

Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday 25th Oct 26

Saturday	6.00 pm	S. Clayton
Sunday	08.00 am	S. Kalio
	10.00 am	E. costa, P. Sheridan, A. Hull
	12.00 pm	E. Darroux , C. Barreto

Readers for Sunday 25th Oct 26

Saturday	6.00 pm	F. Fernandes
Sunday	08.00 am	J. Gilbert
	10.00 am	A. Harris
	12.00 pm	A. Kaur



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18th October 2026 -Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time - A

Giving to God What Belongs to God

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:15–21), the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. Jesus responds: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' words invite us to reflect on our responsibilities both as citizens and as Christians. We are called to contribute to the common good, respect legitimate authority and work for justice and peace in society. However, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God, who created us in his image and likeness.

If the coin bears Caesar's image, every human person bears the image of God. Our lives, talents, time and possessions are gifts entrusted to us by the Lord. Giving to God what belongs to God therefore means more than fulfilling our Sunday obligation or making financial contributions to the Church. It means offering our whole lives to him through prayer, worship, service and love.

As Catholics, we are nourished by the Word of God and strengthened by the Eucharist, which unites us with Christ and with one another. Through the grace we receive in the sacraments, we are sent forth to live our faith in practical ways: caring for the poor, visiting the sick, forgiving those who offend us and defending the dignity of every human person.

In a world that often places material success and personal ambition above spiritual values, this Gospel challenges us to examine our priorities.
Are we giving God the place He deserves in our lives?
Does our daily conduct reflect our identity as disciples of Christ?

As we celebrate this Sunday, may the Holy Spirit help us fulfil our duties as responsible citizens while remaining faithful to God. May our lives become a genuine offering of love, service and thanksgiving to the Lord.
Amen.

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 17th Oct 2026

Saturday	6.00 pm	Martin Moules RIP / Also pray for River Pound RIP	
Sunday	8.00 am	People of the Parish	
	10.00 am	O'Brian Family	Anniv
	12.00 noon	Mary & Jimmy White	Anniv
	Also pray for Bridie Jordan		Anniv
Monday	10.00 am	Phyllis McHugh	Sp Int
Tuesday	10.00 am	Kian Collins	Sp Int
	Also pray for Zara Collins		Sp Int
Wednesday	10.00 am	Angie Harris	Sp Int
Thursday	10.00 am	**No Mass**	
Friday	10.00 am	John Manning	RIP

Adoration: every Friday (provided there is no funeral) from 9:00 to 9.50am & every Saturday from 5:00 to 5.50pm.

Confessions: Always after Mass and BY APPOINTMENT. Please phone or email us.

RCIA & other Confirmation:
Please contact Fr. John or write to him at johnbaalaboore@rcdow.org.uk

Are you feeling lonely? If you would like someone from our Saint Vincent de Paul group (SVP) to give you a call, please contact the presbytery with your details and we will get back to you.

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Novena: Every Tuesday after 10am Mass.

Knights of St. Columba Meeting: Every second Tuesday of the Month.

Baptisms: If you are a registered parishioner and have a child for Baptism, (or are expecting one) please contact the Parish Team for information on how to apply for a place on the Baptism Programme. Parents requesting permission for a Baptism to take place abroad will need to attend a preparation course first. Next date: **2nd Nov 2026 7pm**

Marriage Preparation: Any registered couple from our parish who are intending getting married in the Catholic Church are asked to note that the Church requires **at least six months notice prior to their wedding date**. Couples need to speak to their Parish priest so as to fill out the forms and also participate in a Marriage Preparation course.

Registration Forms for all Parishioners: If you live and/or worship in our Parish please ensure that you have registered so that we have your correct contact details. It is essential to be registered if you wish us to support you in your pastoral needs. Please call the Parish Office Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri 10am to 2pm and **make an appointment**.

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:	**from the Prophet Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**
Psalm:	**Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.**
Second Reading:	**from the Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1:1-5b**
Gospel Acclamation:	**Alleluia, alleluia.** **Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.** **Alleluia.**
Gospel:	**Matthew 22:15-21**

Confirmation Programme 2026-2027: **Registered parishioners ONLY** are asked to visit the Parish Website (from the Home Page, use the dropdown menu on the top right corner. Choose Parish Life then under Sacramental Preparation, you will find the Confirmation tab to click on. Alternatively, the below link takes you directly to the form:
https://forms.gle/obPPmZZLnZNrAQAb6
Please ensure this is completed by **12pm on 9th November 2026.** We are unable to accept late submissions.

Baptism Course: for Registered Parishioners Monday 2nd Nov at 7pm in the presbytery. Please ring the office between 10am and 2pm to discuss if you haven't already started the process.

First Holy Communion - Session 1 - In the Name of the Father: Sun 18th Oct at 3.15pm-4.30pm in the hall.

Sunday Friends: Sun 18th Oct at 3.15pm - 5pm in the Sacristy.

Saturday Class: Sat 24th and 31st Oct **HALF TERM**

RCIA The Church: Wed 21st Oct at 7pm. **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens**: Sunday 25th Oct at 12noon Mass.

Sunday Teas and Coffees: during term time only.

SAVE THE DATE: OLSJ Parish Events coming up
Sun 1st Nov 1pm - 3pm All Saints Day Party for children.
Sun 22nd Nov 1pm - 3pm Feast of Christ the King Celebration
Sat 5th Dec 12noon till 3pm OLSJ Christmas Fayre
More details to follow soon.

Secondary School Transfers 2027 Catholic Parents who are **registered members** of our parish who require a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' for Secondary admissions are welcome to email the parish office at hanwell@rcdow.org.uk with the child's full name, registered address, date of birth. If you NEED to speak to a priest, Appointments are available on 20th & 21st October from 11am-2pm. Please do not bring children to the appointment. All application forms must be completed beforehand and be accompanied with supporting documents and certificates. Please obtain a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate in advance of the appointment. The Catholic Parent is asked to bring the whole application form. Anyone who is new or ***just moved into the parish*** will need to have their forms signed by their previous parish priest who knows them.

CAFOD - Please return your gift-aid envelopes or give your cash to the collection for the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development after all Masses today. If you prefer to pay online see
https://www.cafod.org.uk/?form=givetoharvest2026

Introducing ResetPoint – West London Mind: West London Mind has launched **ResetPoint**, a non-clinical support service for West London residents aged 18 and over who are experiencing gambling-related harms, as well as those affected by someone else's gambling. The service aims to reduce harm, improve wellbeing, and empower individuals through education and support. ResetPoint offers three flexible support options: **drop-ins, peer support groups, and psychoeducation workshops**, available both in person and online. Referrals can be made by professionals or individuals directly via the West London Mind website. For further information, partnership opportunities, or leaflets to share with