require a 'Certificate of Catholic Practice' for School admissions are welcome to email the parish office at hanwell@rcdow.org.uk with the child's full name, registered address, date of birth.

Christmas Fayre - 5th December 2026 12:00 - 3:00 a big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated items for our Christmas Fayre. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! We are still looking for lots more donations, so please do consider contributing if you can. Every donation, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support.

St Michael and St Martin, Hounslow: Warmly invites you to an Inclusive Mass on Sunday 22 November 2026 at 2.00 pm, celebrated by Fr Damian Moneke, followed by light refreshments. Everyone is most welcome, particularly those with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

Right To Life UK: *"Tomorrow, we will celebrate the feast of St Margaret of Scotland, who was a great lover of the poor. We ask St Margaret to teach us this same love. May we be like her, loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, the poor, the helpless, the sick, the dying and the unborn. Lord hear us".*

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 14th Nov	Cross Keys
Sun 15th Nov	BINGO
Sat 21st Nov	Finbar Black
Sat 28th Nov	T R Dallas

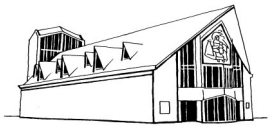
Total Collection: £2569
Envelopes: £445 Loose: £726 Contactless: £345 Standing orders: £1053

Eucharistic Ministers for Sunday 22nd Nov 26

Saturday	6.00 pm	S. Clayton
Sunday	08.00 am	F. Pierre
	10.00 am	C. El -Tohami, M. Jarvis
	12.00 pm	F. Peters , E. Costa

Readers for Sunday 22nd Nov 26

Saturday	6.00 pm	M. McGinn
Sunday	08.00 am	K. Osayuwamen
	10.00 am	P. Stark
	12.00 pm	B. Rodrigo



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15th November 2026 - Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time - A

Do Not Bury the Gifts God Has Given You

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings invite us to reflect on how we are living our faith and using the gifts God has entrusted to us.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going away. Two servants use what they have received and make it grow, while the third, out of fear, buries his talent in the ground.

This parable reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God. Our abilities, time, opportunities, faith and love are entrusted to us for a purpose. We are not all given the same gifts, but we are all called to use what we have for the good of others and the glory of God.

Sometimes we bury our talents without realising it. Fear, lack of confidence or comparing ourselves with others can prevent us from sharing what God has given us. Yet we do not need to achieve extraordinary things to please God. **He asks us to be faithful with the little things as well as the big things.** A simple act of kindness, a word of encouragement, forgiveness, a visit to someone who is lonely or a helping hand can become a beautiful offering to Him.

The question we might ask ourselves is: Am I using the gifts God has given me, or am I keeping them hidden?

As St Paul reminds us, we are children of the light. Let us live with faith, generosity and purpose, making each day an opportunity to serve God and one another.

May we one day hear those beautiful words: **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 7th Nov 2026

Saturday	6.00 pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	8.00 am	Holy Souls
	10.00 am	Holy Souls
	12.00 noon	Holy Souls
Monday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Tuesday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Souls
Thursday	10.00 am	**No Mass**
Friday	10.00 am	Holy Souls

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.

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.

Tea & Coffee: will be served after the 10am Mass every Sunday.

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 Book of Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**
Psalm:	**Blessed are all who fear the Lord.**
Second Reading:	**from the 1st Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6**
Gospel Acclamation:	**Alleluia, alleluia.** **Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.** **Alleluia.**
Gospel:	**Matthew 25:14-30**

Confirmation Programme 2027: thank you to all who have registered, the dates and further information will be sent out shortly. Please note the first meeting is for Parents on Monday 23rd November at 7pm in church.

Raffle Tickets on Sale: we are delighted to announce that raffle tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses over the next three weeks. There are some fantastic prises to be won, including an iPad, a Smart Tv, a £200 John Lewis voucher, and many more! Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish everyone the very best of luck.

Our second collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Archbishop Richard and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support.
By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.
If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and/or at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out section 4 on the envelope form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. By becoming a Patron, and assuring income to the fund, the Diocese can plan its continued care for our retired and sick priests.
Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

Sunday Friends: Sun 15th Nov in the Sacristy at 3.15pm-5pm.

RCIA Baptism & Confirmation: Wed 18th Nov at 7pm.

Funeral Arrangements Kathleen O'Neill: Mass at Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford at 1.00 pm, Thursday 19th November, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Saturday Class Christ the King: Sat 21st Nov at 9.30am-11am in the hall.

Christ The King: Sun 22nd Nov 1pm - 3pm: Join us at the Parish Centre to celebrate our unity in Christ and the diversity of our cultures. Please bring a traditional dish from your country to share in fellowship and love. **Please bring your dish to the Parish Centre before Mass.** Unfortunately, we cannot reheat food or keep it warm.
If you can help with setting up or clearing up on the day, please contact the Parish Office with your name and phone number.

First Holy Communion Session 3 Celebration our Rescue (Reconciliation 1): Sun 22nd Nov at 3.15pm-4.30pm in the church. **Parent Meeting 2 The Sacrament of Reconciliation**: All parents & prayer sponsors welcome Tues 24th Nov at 7.30 in the church.

School Admissions 2027 Catholic who are **registered members** of our parish who