NEWS
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **8 November 2026**

OUR PARISH NEWS

DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: St Gabriel's: Monday 10.30am - 11.00am
St Bernard's: Thursday 10.30am - 11.00am
Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus (First Friday only): St Gabriel's: 10.30am - 11.00am

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday only)
St Bernard's 10.30am - 11.30am

Holy Rosary: Monday - Friday: after Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Friday at 9.40am before Mass

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group: St Bernard's: Monday 6.30pm.

November is the month of prayer to The Holy Souls in Purgatory

LAST WEEK OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: £1202.66

Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

ALTAR SERVICE TRAINING: There will be a training for all altar servers on THIS Saturday 7th and on next Saturday 14th November at St Bernard's Church after the adoration at 11.15am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION FOR CHILDREN: All registered First Holy Communion children will have a session on Saturday 7th and on 14th November 2026 from 10am to 11am at St Gabriel's Church Hall.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: Today is Remembrance Sunday. Two minutes silence is kept at the end of the 10.00am Mass at St Gabriel's and at the start of the 11am Mass at St Bernard's.

ST GABRIEL'S MONDAY CLUB: We are having our St Gabriel's Monday club on coming Monday 9th November 2026 at St Gabriel's Church hall from 1pm to 3pm for the elderly of the parish. Come and join us in friendship.

SYCAMORE GROUP NEXT MEETING: The group will next meet on Monday 9th November at St Gabriel's Church Hall, 7pm for food and then meeting at 7.30pm for an hour or so. Sycamore is a resource designed to help us come to ask questions about Catholic Faith.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) on Monday 2 November will commence the month of prayer for the Holy

Souls. You are invited to take an envelope from the back of church in which you can put a list of your deceased family and friends and enclose any offering you can make for the offering of Mass. You can return this envelope to either the Parish Office, the Presbytery, or to one of the boxes kept by the altar during November. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered throughout November for the repose of the souls of those so remembered.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: The information we have is as follows:
Carpenters Park Cemetery, 8th November at 1:30pm. Harrow Weald Cemetery (Clamp Hill), 8th November at 2.30pm. Northwood Cemetery 14 November at 2pm. Alperton Cemetery, 28th November at 12 noon. Pinner New Cemetery, 28 November at 2pm.

YOUTH GATHERING: Saturday 14th November at St Gabriel's Church Hall: Youth meeting (Ages 13-17) 3pm to 5pm. Praise and Worship 5pm to 6pm. Youth mass at 6pm. Young Adults social (18-35) join us after Mass for socializing. All are invited to come along to pray, play and work together.

PARISH LUNCH: Here's the new plan to find a way to do a Parish bring-and-share lunch: Mark the date **Sunday November 22nd 2026**. The Sunday is the Christ the King feast to end the liturgical year which seems like a good date to have a gathering. We will have our Youth Talents' SHOW encouraging our young ones to play song, poem, drama or any talents on stage. Please contact the Parish Office now to register your children's interest. THANK YOU.

SVP SENIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our SVP will organize the Christmas party for the elderly on Saturday 5th December 2026 from 3pm to 5pm. All those who are interested to attend, please call the parish office to register your name.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – Next Weekend

The second collection next week, 14th & 15th November, will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can 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** – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

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QUEEN OF PEACE PRAYER GROUP: The Queen of Peace prayer group has started their prayers on Mondays at St Bernard's Church at 5.30pm every week. Those who are interested to join them and pray for world's peace, you are most welcome.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: As we are required to provide safe environment for all to worship in our parish. Please parents do not let your children (below 18 years) to use the toilet facilities unattended.

CATECHESIS: Information and news

BAPTISM of INFANTS: Expectant parents, or parents of new-born children are asked to register your name by calling parish office for baptism class. After attending the baptism class, you can contact Fr Raja after the Sunday Mass or send an email in order to know next steps to arrange Baptism.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:

For the Proper Use of Wealth- Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be at the service of the common good and in solidarity with those who have less.

Of your charity, pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time, among them:

Ann Molloy; Francis Neafcey; Anthony Kwasi Frimpong; Elizabeth St. Roas; James Coupar; Bridgette McDonnell; Collin Brewis; Henry Otim; Elizabeth Friedman; Stephen Hobbs; Ricario Monteriro; Rosario Victor Fernandes; Mary Catherine Donnelly; Swarnamale Boleagz; Zdzislaw Zalewski; Briget Gill; Sarah Warrew; M.DXavier; Damascena; Juliana, Antonio Guerrera, Patrick L; Luigi Esmeralda; Edward McCann; Catherine McCann.

THIS SUNDAY Reflection: Vigilance, and the pursuit of true wisdom

"Is there anything I can do to make myself Enlightened?"
"As little as you can do to make the sun rise in the morning."
"Then of what use are the spiritual exercises you prescribe?"
"To make sure you are not asleep when the sun begins to rise."

One Minute Wisdom—Tony de Mello

First reading (Wisdom 6:12-16): In a world inundated with information, and technological advancements, true wisdom often feels unfashionable. Yet, the scriptures remind us that Wisdom is "radiant and unfading." Wisdom is a divine personification of God's presence, and grace. She actively "goes about seeking those worthy of her" and meets them halfway on their paths. To find wisdom, we must prioritize our spiritual life, making space for quiet reflection, prayer, and discernment amid the noise of modern life.

Second reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18): St Paul writes to comfort us with a grand vision of the resurrection. He tells us not to "grieve as others do who have no hope." For those who die in Christ are not lost; they are simply asleep, and God will bring them with Him when He returns. It reminds us that our final destiny is communion with God.

Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13): All ten virgins have the same task: to wait for the bridegroom. The crucial difference between the wise and the foolish is that the wise took extra flasks of oil with their lamps. At first glance, the refusal of the wise virgins seems selfish and unchristian. But the parable uses oil as a metaphor for things that cannot be borrowed, bought, or transferred at the last minute. Oil is our personal relationship with Jesus: our habits of prayer, loving neighbour, integrity, faithfulness.
The ultimate goal of our Christian journey is to remain spiritually prepared for the coming of Christ by cultivating a deep, non-transferable relationship with God. Today readings converge on a single, vital invitation: to move beyond a casual faith and intentionally stock the "oil" of spiritual readiness before the night falls.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS & CHURCH OPENING TIMES:
Parish office hours: only on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am to 2pm.
Church opening hours: *The church will be opened for prayers, during the Parish office hours and on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am to 3pm*.

SVP CONTACT NUMBER: The Parish SVP (St Vincent de Paul) Group, in communion with the Parish Team, continues to coordinate the response to the vulnerable in the Parish. Those needing help with practical assistance or just feeling isolated can contact our SVP members on **+447596462206**.

GABRIEL'S TABLE TENNIS CLUB: The sessions are normally on **Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 to 9pm** at **St Gabriel's Church Hall.** We have started table tennis for youth and children on **Saturdays 1pm to 3pm.** During funerals and hall hired by parishioners, we will not have table tennis games. Come and enjoy the game!



CALLING ALL SINGERS/MUSICIANS! MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS:
The one who sings with love prays twice. A GREAT WAY TO OFFER A MINISTRY TO YOUR PARISH IS TO COME AND JOIN THE SINGERS TO LEAD MUSIC AT THESE MASSES. Speak with the clergy if you can offer your talent in this way…and don't be shy!



FIRST SATURDAYS' DEVOTION – We Have First Saturday devotion to the Immaculate Mary at St Bernard's Church at 10am.

DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: On the 13th May 1917, Our Lady first mentioned devotion to her Immaculate Heart to the children of Fatima saying "You have seen hell, where souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." On the 10th December 1925, Our Lady appeared to Lucia detailing how devotion to her Immaculate Heart was to be practiced. Confession, Rosary, Mass and Meditation are the 4 requirements to fulfil the devotion.



Four Practices to fulfil the Five First Saturday's Devotion:

1) **Confession:** Make a good confession. the Sacrament of Penance helps us to prepare us to receive fruitfully a Communion of reparation, removing those obstacles to our love for Jesus and Mary".

2. **Communion**. You should attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of offering reparation for the offences against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

3. **Devote recitation and meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary**: in Our Lady's company: "You can do this any time on the First Saturday. If possible, a special time to do this is after Mass and receiving Holy Communion.

4. **Reparation:** All of the conditions mentioned above – in numbers 1 to 3 – should be fulfilled with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These minimum requirements for fulfilling the conditions of Our Lady's promise to obtain for us "at the hour of death the graces necessary for salvation."

OTHER NEWS

Ghostly Lantern Show - St John Fisher, North Harrow

Saturday 28th November 7.30pm in St John Fisher Parish Centre, 80 Imperial Close HA2 7LW – Ghostly Lantern Show with Kevin Turley – Come in from the Dark – an evening of the extraordinary hidden within the ordinary. Stories of those who lived, loved, struggled, failed hoped and dared again. Admission free, donations are welcome; a retiring collection will be taken.

Retrouvaille: Designed specifically for severely troubled marriages, couples on the brink of separation, or those already divorced who want to try again.

When Love needs First Aid - couples in crisis

When we experience marital stress, we need help to move from isolation toward renewed communication, consolation, and hope. https://rcdow.org.uk/news/when-love-needs-first-aid/

GOOD COUNCIL NETWORK Good Counsel Network is a life-affirming women's organisation which offers moral support, support to find medical help, legal advice and practical help to women seeking abortion. https://www.goodcounselnetwork.com/

LIFE - Life is a UK-based pregnancy support charity that provides emotional help, housing, and practical aid to people facing unexpected pregnancies or pregnancy loss. https://lifecharity.org.uk/

CAFOD schools' volunteers wanted:

Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org,uk or call 07776 493162

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT

The All Saints Catholic Academy Trust (ASCAT) is currently seeking to recruit Foundation Governors for a number of our schools Local Academy Committees. This is an exciting opportunity to play a role in a vibrant and collaborative Trust that is in the process of expansion and development. The role of Foundation Governor is incredibly rewarding and the benefits include:

- Professional Development
- Supporting the local and wider Catholic community
- Gaining insight into the Education sector
- Management and Leadership experience
- Build your professional and personal network
- Having significant impact on the schools in our Trust

For further details, please contact: governance@ascat.co.uk / www.ascatonline.co.uk

VACANCIES: WESTMINSTER DIOCESE HUMAN RESOURCES:

For further details, please visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

Job Title	Department Name	Closing date
Site Supervisor	St Albans and St Stephens	11/11/2026
Signs of Hope Manager	Caritas Hope	12/11/2026
Specialist Support Worker, Modern Slavery	Bakhita House	13/11/2026

BE AWARE OF EMAIL FRAUDSTERS: There is a rise in scam emails targeting our parishioners. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest.

Never to purchase gift cards as gifts for the parish priest, based on an email request, unless they have verified the request directly in person or through a trusted means. Please double-check any suspicious email by directly contacting the parish office. Please avoid sharing personal or financial information in response to unsolicited emails.

SOME FINANCE MATTERS:

1) DONATE BY STANDING ORDER: Would you consider donating your offering by Standing Order instead of cash? If so, there's a form in the foyer or just ask for advice from the office or the clergy. Standing Orders make it easier to keep track of your outgoings, easier for the parish to plan what our income is, and easier and more secure as we handle less cash.

2)CONTACTLESS MACHINES:
We have been experiencing problems with the contactless payment console at St Bernard's. We have raised this issue with the relevant departments and we expect to have it resolved soon. **Thank you for your patience.**

DONATION TO THE PARISH:



You can make a donation to the parish by scanning the QR code or making a card payment on the card machine at the entrance of both of our churches.