NEWS
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time **15 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: £1145.56
PARISH MASS BOOKS - YEAR B, Volume1: £1470.41
Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS: All First Holy Communion children will have Saturday sessions on 14th and 21st November 2026 from 10am to 11am at St Gabriel's Church Hall. Parents session will be on Saturday 21st November at the same time. Both parents must attend.

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.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS'FUND –Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

HOLY CONFIRMATION SESSION FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS: We will have both confirmation session for Children and parents on Monday 16th November at St Gabriel's Church Hall, 7pm to 8pm. Both parents must attend.

ST GABRIEL'S MONDAY CLUB: We are having our St Gabriel's Monday club on coming Monday 16th November 2026 at St Gabriel's Church hall from 1pm to 3pm for the elderly of the parish. Come and join us in friendship.

YOUTH MINISTRY - NEXT WEEKEND -The Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 22 November 2026 also marks the 41st World Youth Sunday, celebrating young people in the Church and St Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. This year's World Youth Sunday theme is "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). As a Catholic Community we have responsibility to accompany young people on their journey of faith while having great opportunity to learn from them how to approach our faith with the innocence of a child. Westminster Youth Ministry has a vital role in accompanying young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. In 2025, it welcomed over 5,000 young people to SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner and supported 44 diocesan youth groups through Youth Ministry Outreach. The World Youth Sunday retiring collection supports this work.

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:
Northwood Cemetery 14 November at 2pm. Alperton Cemetery, 28th November at 12 noon. Pinner New Cemetery, 28 November at 2pm.

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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 - The SVP Senior Christmas Party will be held on December 5th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to register your attendance or to volunteer. We require assistance with food preparation, decoration, and transportation services starting from 1:00 P.M onwards.

SVP CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - The SVP Christmas Raffle will take place on December 20th, immediately following the 3:00 p.m. Carol Service at St. Gabriel's Church. We are seeking prizes including vouchers, confectionery, wine, and other gift items. Please deliver any contributions to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. The SVP sincerely appreciates your continued support.

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:

James McCusker; Eva Leggoe; Josephine Bardoville; Stephen Griffin; Mariana Lumeh; Daniel Killeen; Antonia Attard; Katherine Ling; Grace Rossington; Mary Andrews; Mary Clark; Norma Lall; John Harper; Caroline Nwanmuo; Eddie Pereira; Colin Brewis; Sarah Warren; Abundio Pio Pereira; Maria de Fatima Aniceto de Oliveira.

THIS SUNDAY Reflection: VIGILANCE & INVESTING IN GRACE

"To a disciple who complained of his limitations, the Master said, "You are limited indeed. But have you noticed you can do things today that you would have thought impossible fifteen years ago? What changed?" "My talents changed."
"No. You changed." 'Isn't that the same thing?"
"No. You are what you think you are. When your thinking changed, you changed."
One Minute Wisdom—Tony de Mello

First reading (Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31): Proverbs talks about "worthy wife" as a "woman of valour" or strength. She is not praised for passive piety or hiding away from the messiness of the world. Instead, she works with willing hands, manages her household with wisdom, and, crucially, "reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy." Her strength is measured by her generosity. She shows us that investing our talents does not require grand, dramatic gestures. It happens in the quiet, daily faithfulness of our homes, workplaces, and neighbourhoods

Second reading (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6): St Paul reminds the early Christians in Thessalonica not to waste energy guessing the exact date or hour of Christ's return. People who spend all their time staring at the sky rarely get much work done on the ground. Instead, Paul tells us: "Let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." To be "children of the light" means living today as if Christ is watching, and working through our hands.

Gospel (Matthew 25:14-30): In the gospel today, the master entrusts his wealth to his servants each according to his ability. He does not demand identical results from everyone, nor does he set them up to fail. The third servant failed not because he lacked ability, but because he misjudged the master's character. He saw God as a harsh auditor waiting to pounce on mistakes, rather than a generous Father inviting him into partnership. When we view God through the lens of fear, we play it safe. We hold back our forgiveness, hoard our time, keep quiet when we should speak up for justice. let us ask the Lord to heal whatever fear makes us bury our gifts. Let us step out in trust, put our hands to work for the needy, and live so generously. Today's reading centre on a single urgent message: faithful discipleship means actively investing the gifts God entrusts to us rather than burying them out of fear.

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!



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.

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

NIGERIAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY: The Nigerian Catholic Chaplaincy of England and Wales will be having their 4th Sunday Mass on Sunday 22 November 2026, at 2:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Hayes, UB3 2AB. Refreshments after the mass.
For more information contact brother Emmanuel on 07946827155

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.

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School - 2028/2029 – Proposed Admissions Policy and Supplementary Information Form (SIF)**:** Please click on the following link to see the proposed changes to the 2028/29 Admissions Policy and SIF. FYI, the consultation period is from 2nd November until 15th December. 2028/2029 Admissions Consultation (02/11/26-15/12/26) | St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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

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.