NEWS
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **22 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: £918.84
SICK & RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTIONS: £1143.46
Thank you for your generosity and commitment.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SESSION FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS: This Saturday 21st November we will have both session for all First Holy Communion children and Parents from 10am to 11am at St Gabriel's Church Hall. Both parents must attend. Next session for children will be on Saturday 28th November.



PARISH LUNCH: This Sunday November 22nd 2026, we gather for our Parish bring-and-share lunch: to celebrate the Christ the King of Universe feast. We will have our Youth Talents' SHOW encouraging our young ones to play song, poem, drama or any talents on stage. THANK YOU.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS'FUND: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.
Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

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. This year's World Youth Sunday theme is "Take courage! I have overcome the world"

(John 16:33). 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. This Sunday we will have a retiring collection in our parish.

ST GABRIEL'S MONDAY CLUB: We are having our St Gabriel's Monday club on coming Monday 23rd November 2026 at St Gabriel's Church hall from 1pm to 3pm for the elderly of the parish. The Community Connex will join us with Alan the musical therapist. Come and join us in friendship for being together.



BLESSING OF GRAVES: *Alperton Cemetery, 28th November at 12 noon. Pinner New Cemetery, 28 November at 2pm. If you want our parish clergy to come to bless the cemeteries of your family members, please call for appointments.*

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, 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.

ADVENT SUNDAY IS 29 NOVEMBER! Calling all parents and indeed everyone—a simple way to prepare is to get your ADVENT CALENDAR today from the Repository shops! A good way to start a new Christian year and to teach the young.

ADVENT "WALK WITH ME" BOOKLET: On the Repository shops we have copies of the well known "Walk with Me" booklet of daily prayers and meditations for Advent. Great value at £1.50 per copy and a good resource for Advent.

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 1:00pm onwards.

The SVP Christmas Raffle will take place on December 20th, immediately following the 3:00pm. 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.

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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. *Please call the parish office to register your name.*
Our next baptism class will be on Sunday 29th November at St Bernard's Church Hall at 3pm.

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:
Francis Lee-Frampton; Zenia Abrams; Mary Le Guilcher; Hannah O'Hanlon; Greta McCusker; Catherine Kenny; Helen Hastings; Emily Casey; Victor Cotton; Eustace Casperesz; ; Mary Clark; Norma Lall; John Harper; Caroline Nwanmuo; Lely Miranda; Bam Charles; Cecilia Jawe; Sanclaram; Sarah Warren; Jorge Pinto; Ennet D'Souza; Jaolzio Kot.

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.*

THIS SUNDAY Reflection: VIGILANCE & INVESTING IN GRACE

A king dreamt that he saw a king in paradise and a priest in hell. He wondered how this could be then he heard a Voice say, "The king is in paradise because he respected priests. The priest is in hell because he compromised with kings."

The Prayer of the Frog vol.1—Tony de Mello

First reading (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17): The prophet Ezekiel speaks to a people scattered and bruised by corrupt leaders. Into their despair, God makes a deeply personal promise: "*I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out... I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.*" Our King is a Shepherd who himself seeks the lost, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

Second reading (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28): St Paul expands our vision from the hillsides of Israel to the edges of eternity. He reminds us that Christ's kingship is not just a metaphor for good leadership; it is a cosmic reality forged through the Resurrection. Christ has already defeated the ultimate enemy: death itself. He reigns so that, in the end, every tear is wiped away and "God may be all in all"

Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46): In the gospel today, Jesus describes the final judgment, where the Son of Man comes in glory and separates the nations as a shepherd separates sheep from goats.

We are judged not by our social status, our wealth, or even how loudly we proclaim our faith. The test of our loyalty to Christ the King is how we treat the vulnerable right in front of us. Six easy ways: "*I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.*"

Both the righteous and the unrighteous are surprised by the King's verdict. Neither group realized that every encounter with a person in need was actually an encounter with Christ himself. Our King has chosen to hide in plain sight—wearing the face of the lonely neighbour, the struggling family, the migrant, and the forgotten.

Today's reading presents us with a King who does not sit aloof on a golden throne, but who kneels in the dust to tend his people. If we feel weary and wounded; let our good Shepherd find us. Let us train our eyes to recognize Christ in needy. Through our small, concrete acts of love, let us build the kingdom of heaven on earth.

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.