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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th September 2025

PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE WEEKEND OF 27/28 SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters,

Monday, 29th September, is an important birthday. It is the birthday of our Diocese of Westminster, established on that day 175 years ago. The first Archbishop of Westminster, Nicholas Wiseman, was appointed by Pope Pius IX on 29 September 1850 and created a Cardinal the very next day. He served as our Archbishop until his death in 1865 and is now buried in our Cathedral.

So today and tomorrow we may rightly celebrate the Catholic life of this great Diocese, in the spirit of the words of St Paul we have just heard: 'Fight the good fight of the faith, take hold of the eternal life to which you were called'(1 Timothy 6:12). To mark this moment, I have asked Fr Nicholas Schofield, the Diocesan Archivist, to prepare a brief history of the Diocese, and this is readily available for you.

There are two dimensions I would like to suggest for these moments of celebration. They are, of course, centred on the grace of God and the immensity of God's goodness to us, His people. This grace works according to God's intentions, and not our own, and in ways that ebb and flow within the patterns of our own history and personalities.

Our Diocese in 1850 was not the Diocese of today. Catholic life was slowly emerging from centuries of opposition and suppression. Only gradually did we regain a recognised place in public and political life. Since then, circumstances, economic conditions, and provisions of public services such as education and health have changed beyond recognition. The violence of wars and international conflicts has taken its heavy toll.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Sat Vigil 6.15pm
7:30am, 9am,
10.30am,
12noon
6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon – Sat 9am
Mon – Thu 6pm
Fri 7pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 6pm –
6:30pm
Saturday 9:30am –
10:15am &
4:30pm – 5:15pm

PARISH ROSARY

Mon – Sat at
8:15am

THE ANGELUS

Before every
evening Mass

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Saturday 4.30-
5.30pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:30AM – 1PM (FRIDAY THE OFFICE IS CLOSED)

Parish Priest: Fr Damian-Mary Moneke, CSSp.
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CSSp

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FOR AN APPOINTMENT**

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**(BOOKINGS TAKEN BY PHONE MON, THURS,
FRI 7.00-8.30AM TUES/WED 4.00-5.00PM, OR BY EMAIL)**

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There are so many ways in which we can be proud of those who have gone before us and handed on to us this great inheritance. Our duty is to hand it on to the next generations, better tuned to contemporary circumstances, responding to today's challenges and strengthened as ever by the bounteous grace of God. For the enduring resilience and responsiveness of so many in our past, and of so many today, we give great thanks to our loving God and Father.

Then there is a second reason for our gratitude to God on this birthday of our Diocesan family. While the offer of salvation and eternal happiness given in our Blessed Lord does not change, the manner of its proclamation, the ways in which it enters our lives, and bears fruit change greatly. The gift of faith knows no boundaries of nationality, culture, identity, or race. Today, in our parishes, there are wonderful Catholics who have come from very many different countries. Our parish congregations have a variety of colours and customs that reflect the streets of our cities today. What binds us together, of course, is not our taste in food, nor in music, nor in pathways of piety or devotion. Rather, it is what lies at the heart of our faith: our intimate and shared love for Jesus, the Christ.

He is the one who, in His life, death, and resurrection, gives joy to our days, forgiveness for our darkness, and hope for eternal life when our pilgrimage here is done. The gift of this faith finds a home in the people of every land. Their traditions, rich and varied, enliven and deepen the life of the Church in our Diocese. Together we stand before our Blessed Lord, welcoming one another, being formed into one body in Him, a visible demonstration of the universality of the Church which our forebears could never have imagined.

The appointment of Cardinal Wiseman as the first Archbishop of this Diocese of Westminster came as part of what is known as the 'restoration of the hierarchy in England and Wales'. This reestablished in these lands a succession of bishops appointed by Rome. Today, we gladly thank God for the great gifts of ministry of the Archbishops who have served this Diocese. Together with the clergy, with countless religious sisters, with lay leaders, they have guided our Church through so many difficult times and challenges, often with courage and at great personal cost. We know, of course, that Archbishops come

and go. We know that God always provides, through the Church, for their succession and, even more importantly, for the fidelity of the Church through its holy people.

May God continue to bless our Diocese, the God who, in the words of St Paul, 'is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion' (1 Timothy 6:15-16). May God continue to bless our Diocese. May the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, our patron saints, our Blessed Lady, St Joseph, St Peter, St Edward the Confessor together with all the saints closely linked to us, including St John Southworth, St John Henry Newman and St Carlo Acutis, pray for us on this anniversary, encouraging us always to greater faithfulness and joy in the Lord.

May God bless you all.

Yours devotedly,

+ Vincent Nichols

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

MISSION STATEMENT

Building a united and peaceful family of Jesus Christ's disciples, where everyone is welcome, respected, have a sense of belonging, grow spiritually, feel free to participate and feel the need to contribute.



We congratulate all those who are celebrating their birthdays & wedding



anniversaries this month. We also welcome all our new parishioners.

PARISH NOTICES

MICHAELMAS: PARISH NOVENA AND FEAST OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

9 days Novena continues till Sunday 28th September, followed by feast Mass on the 29th September.

Dates and times are:

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th at 7:30pm

Feast Mass will be celebrated on the 29th September 9am & 6pm. Please join us in the Parish Centre for refreshments after the 6pm Mass.

CLEANING OF THE MARBLE IN THE CHURCH

The cleaning of the marbles in the Church (Mother Mary chapel, sanctuary and Sacred Heart) will take place on Monday 13th October immediately after morning Mass. Due to the works, the Church will be closed immediately after morning Mass and will reopen at 5pm for evening Mass.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY 2025 COFFEE MORNING

The World theme this year is "Mental health in humanitarian emergencies". It's a powerful reminder that there is no health without mental health. Let's work together to create a world where mental health is protected and accessible for everyone. So, on World Mental Health Day and beyond it, why not check in with your friends, family, peers, or colleagues? On Sunday October 5th, please do join us to Enjoy a relaxing tea/coffee break with mental health-focused games, grounding techniques and talks after **Sunday's 9am and 10:30am masses.**

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10. Or, please find **QR code** which takes you straight to CAFOD's **virtual envelope** where you can make your donation.



EVANGELII GAUDIUM – SECOND COLLECTION

We raised a total of £634.21 for the Evangelii Gaudium collection which took place last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

SPIRITANS YOUTH CONCERT

Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 10:00 – 17:30

The day will include worship, music, Eucharistic celebration, talks, food, and community. Free tickets and hoodies are available. The theme of the event is Christ is our Hope (Col 1:27). Join us at St. Mellitus Parish in Tollington Park. This event is for ages 16–35, and our parish youth will travel together as a group. Don't miss this exciting opportunity! Register now! For more information, see the newsletter, the poster at the porch, or contact Ivan, our parish youth worker.

Registration

link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/VjBTb9Ddmw>

MASS FOR THE SICK

There will be our usual Mass for the sick in person Tuesday 30th at 12noon. There will be anointing of the sick during the Mass.

Leave a legacy

Please consider including our parish in your will or leaving a legacy for the parish. For further details please email us on hounslow@rcdow.org.uk

Online Giving/ Standing Order

To make your donation online, please visit: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hounslow/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

Bank Transfer

To make a one-off donation please use the parish bank account details:

Account Name: **WRCDT Hounslow**

Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Account Number: **11095463**

Reference: **Surname and First Initial**

QR Code

Scan on the QR code below to donate



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PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist. We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish. As they share in this Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and, the joy, the peace and healing of your presence. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

TEXTS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a,4-7 – 'The revelry of those who now stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

Psalms Response – *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

1 Timothy 6:11-16 – 'Keep the commandment until the appearing of our Lord.'

Luke 16:19-31 – 'You received good things, and Lazarus bad things; now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 – 'The righteous shall live by his faith.'

Psalms Response – *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.'*

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 – 'Do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.'

Luke 17:5-10 – 'If you had faith.'

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

20th/21st Sept 2025

Loose: £4,437.07

Envelopes: £1,358.21

TOTAL: £5,795.28

Thank you very much for your generosity. May God continue to bless you as you support our parish.

NB: On average, it costs £50,000+ monthly to run our parish.

IN YOUR PRAYERS – REMEMBER

OUR SICK: Sarah Asher, Joaquim De Souza, Fr Derek McGuire, Jennita Aluan, Nizelle Soares, Peter Newton, Hubert Teles, Amy Burns, Steve, Sandra, Carson Javier Dabasia, Terry Lynch, Igor Sitarska and Don Lynch.

DECEASED: Clifton Dominic Colaco, Elcina Alpesh Makwana, Tadeusz Z Wolanski, Heather Philomena Marklew, António José Visitação da Cruz Barreto, Fr Bernard Scholes, Sybil Knox, Carlos D'Silva, Mary Maher, Emma Noronha, Michael Duncan Duff.

PARISH/PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

SYRO-MALABAR CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 05th October at 3pm

SINHALESE CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday 12th October at 4pm

GOAN CHAPLAINCY MASS

Sunday, 19th October at 4pm

MASS OF THE SICK

Last Tuesday of the month at 12noon.

ST ANTHONY NOVENAS

Tuesday in the Church at 7pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

On Wednesday at 5pm in the Church

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS &

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Every Thursday 5pm in the Church

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

First Friday of each month at 3pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every 2nd Thursday of the month after evening Mass.

FIRST FRIDAYS EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on every first Friday of the month for adoration and silent prayers after the morning Mass and end at 5pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) MEETINGS

Weekend: 2nd Saturday after the Foodbank at 12pm in the Parish Centre.

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY- MEETING DAY

1st Sunday of every month after the 12.00 noon Mass in the Parish Centre.

UCM MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the month after 9am Mass and 4th Tuesday of the month after 6pm Mass in the Parish Centre.

LIVING WORD CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER GROUP

Invites parishioners to our weekly prayer meeting/fellowship every Friday evening in the Parish Centre. Time: 7pm - 9pm. All are welcome. Email us at livingwordccr@gmail.com; contact Sam (447450355567), Graham (+447908287917) for other enquiries.