CATHOLIC PARISH OF MILLWALL

13 September 2026

NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The old has passed away, behold all things are made new.

The law comes to an end with Christ, who leads us away from the letter of the law so as to bring us to the spirit. It is fulfilled in this, that the lawgiver himself has brought it entirely to completion, transforming the letter into spirit, summing up all things in himself and living by the law of love. He has made law subject to love, and joined love to law in concord; not fusing the particular qualities of each, but in a marvellous way making light and free whatever is burdensome and servile and repressed: we are no longer to be enslaved by the elemental spirits of the world, as the apostle says, or held in the yoke of slavery to this letter of the law.

This is the summary of the benefits of Christ for us. This is the unveiling of the mystery, this the nature made new, God and man, and the deification of the human nature assumed by God. But so radiant, so glorious a visitation of God to men needed some prelude of joy to introduce to us the great gift of salvation. The present feast is such: the prelude is the birth of the Mother of God, and the concluding act is the union which is destined between the Word and human nature. A virgin is now born and suckled and moulded, and is made ready to be mother of God, the king of all for ever.

Justifiably then is the mystery of this day to be celebrated, since a double gain will be ours if we do so: we shall be led towards the truth, and we shall be led away from a life of slavery to the letter of the law. How will this be? Clearly, inasmuch as the shadow yields to the presence of the light, and grace introduces freedom in place of the letter. The present feast stands on the border between these: it joins us to the truth instead of signs and figures, and it brings in the new in place of the old.

Let the whole creation therefore sing praise and dance and unite to celebrate the glories of this day. Today let there be one common feast of those in heaven and those on earth. Let everything that is, in the world and above the world, join together in rejoicing. For today a shrine is built for the Creator of the universe. The creature is newly made ready as a divine dwelling for the Creator.

Let us glorify Christ with heart and soul on this feast of Mary, the noble Mother of God, whose virtues shed light upon the Church throughout the world.

From the sermon of St Andrew of Crete.

We hope you have had a wonderful summer. As we return to our usual parish activities, the newsletter is back! Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing important information about Baptism preparation for parents, RCIA, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation programmes. Be sure to check the newsletter regularly so you don't miss any updates.

A Prayer after Communion

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things.

We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading– Sirach 27:30-28:7	1st Reading– Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 103 (102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R. 8	Psalm 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. 18a
2nd Reading - Romans 14:7-9	2nd Reading - Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Gospel John 13:34	Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

MASS INTENTIONS

September 12th, 2026

6pm - Pro Populo

September 13th, 2026

9 am - Joseph Francis Silva RIP

Sunday Ubom RIP

11 am - For the new academic year

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church

Holy Hours on Saturday between 4.30-5.30 pm

or by appointment.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL AND INCARNATE WISDOM, THROUGH THE HANDS OF MARY

O ETERNAL and Incarnate Wisdom! O sweetest and most adorable Jesus! True God and true man, only Son of the Eternal Father, and of Mary, always virgin! I adore Thee profoundly in the bosom and splendors of Thy Father during eternity; and I adore Thee also in the virginal bosom of Mary, Thy most worthy Mother, in the time of Thine Incarnation.

I give Thee thanks for that Thou hast annihilated Thyself, taking the form of a slave in order to rescue me from the cruel slavery of the devil. I praise and glorify Thee for that Thou hast been pleased to submit Thyself to Mary, Thy holy Mother, in all things, in order to make me Thy faithful slave through her.

But, alas! Ungrateful and faithless as I have been, I have not kept the promises which I made so solemnly to Thee in my baptism; I have not fulfilled my obligations; I do not deserve to be called Thy child, nor yet Thy slave, and as there is nothing in me which does not merit Thine anger and Thy repulse, I dare not come by myself before Thy most holy and august Majesty.

It is on this account that I have recourse to the intercession of Thy most holy Mother, whom Thou hast given me for a mediatrix with Thee. It is through her that I hope to obtain of Thee contrition, the pardon of my sins, and the acquisition and preservation of wisdom.

Hail, then, O Immaculate Mary, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the Eternal Wisdom willed to be hidden and to be adored by Angels and by men! Hail, O Queen of Heaven and earth, to whose empire everything is subject that is under God. Hail, O sure refuge of sinners, whose mercy fails no one. Hear the desires which I have of the Divine Wisdom; and for that end receive the vows and offerings which in my lowliness I present to thee.

Ourselves, St Edmund's of Abingdon Isle of Dogs, the parish community and all the families.

a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in thy hands the vows of my baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity.

Receive, O benignant Virgin, this little offering of my slavery, in honor of, and in union with, that subjection which the Eternal Wisdom deigned to have to thy maternity; in homage to the power which both of you have over this little worm and miserable sinner, and in thanksgiving for the privileges with which the Holy Trinity has favoured thee. I declare that I wish henceforth, as thy true slave, to seek thy honor and to obey thee in all things.

O admirable Mother, present me to thy dear Son as His eternal slave, so that as He has redeemed me by thee, by thee He may receive me! O Mother of mercy, grant me the grace to obtain the true Wisdom of God; and for that end receive me among those whom thou lovest and teachest, whom thou leadest, nourishest and protectest as thy children and thy slaves.

O faithful Virgin, make me in all things so perfect a disciple, imitator and slave of the Incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ thy Son, that I may attain, by thine intercession and by thine example, to the fullness of His age on earth and of His glory in Heaven. Amen.

~~*I made my Consecration with the Heralds of the Gospel on*~~

Date 13th of September 2026 *Place* St Edmund of Abingdon, Isle of Dogs

Friends of the Holy Land

On 19/20 September, Chris Timmins from Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) will visit our parish to speak about the charity's work and the difference it makes to the small Christian communities in Palestine, Israel and Jordan.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses in support of this important work. Chris will also bring leaflets and newsletters providing further information about the work of Friends of the Holy Land.

For more information, please visit: www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk.

We warmly encourage parishioners to attend and learn more about how we can support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Whoever Has Ears To Hear…

Errol McGlashan, spoken word artist, actor and storyteller, brings his acclaimed one-man show *Whoever Has Ears To Hear...* to London this September, following a ten-performance run at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Performed entirely from memory, this dramatic recital presents all 16 chapters of the **Gospel of Mark**, taking audiences through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Thursday 17 September, 6.30pm
Etcetera Theatre
Above the Oxford Arms
265 Camden High Street, London NW1 7BU
(90 minutes, one night only)

Saturday 19 September, 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Mursell Hall, Stockwell
A fundraising performance in aid of the restoration of the balcony at Stockwell Baptist Church. Entry £5 (2 for 1 offer available).

For more information about the show and church bookings, visit: **uncleerrol.carrd.co**.

All are warmly invited to attend this unique and inspiring presentation of the Gospel of Mark.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £187.81 envelopes: £83.00 contactless collection last weekend: £494.5
total: £765.31

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDT CHARITY NO: 233699

Thank you for your Generosity

We have created a specified fund for utility bills, building maintenance & church floor. We encourage you to give specified donations towards one of the funds. As we need to share our general donation with the diocese, we find it difficult to meet our parish needs. Your donations towards a specified fund let us keep 100% of the money in our parish. If you give by a card, just chose: utility bills, building maintenance or church floor on the screen, if you transfer by bank: type 'utility bills', 'building maintenance' or 'church floor' in description, or you can give money in a prepared envelope that can be found on the table in the church's lobby.

If you pay taxes, please, fill out the Gift Aid form (do not hesitate to ask any question you have). Thank you.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come , O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may faithfully serve you, perfectly love you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Dear Saint Michael, I thank you for your unending protection in my life and the Immense love you have shown me. Keep me always connected to the divine currents that flow only from our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Light up my life and dispel the darkness that threatens to consume us. Today I declare that I am a child of God and I will call upon his name. I acknowledge Christ as the true sauce of all power and happiness in my life. I call upon the Holy Spirit to fill me with fire and purpose, that I may spread His love and deeds to those that I encounter. I pray that you may help me put energy into my work and appreciate that work is worship to God. May I never be in the dark but always rely on God as my protector, saviour and guide. Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us. Amen.

Saint Benedict