CATHOLIC PARISH OF MILLWALL

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NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS

You will find nothing that is not contained in the Lord's prayer

He who says, for example, 'As you have been glorified in us, so be glorified in all nations,' and, 'Let your prophets be found faithful,' what is he saying other than, 'Hallowed be thy name'?

He who says, 'Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine , that we may be saved,' what is he saying other than, 'Thy kingdom come'?

He who says, 'Direct my ways according to your word and let no iniquity master me,' what is he saying other than, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven'?

He who says, 'Give me neither poverty nor riches,' what is he saying other than, 'Give us this day our daily bread'?

He who says, 'Remember O Lord, in David's favour all the hardship he endured,' or, 'Lord, if I have done thus, if there is wickedness in my hands; if I have given back evil for evil,' what is he saying other than, 'For give us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us'?

He who says, 'Rescue me from my enemies, O God, and deliver me from those who trespass against us'?

He who says, 'Rescue me from my enemies, O God, and deliver me from those who rise up against me,' what is he saying other than, 'deliver us from evil'?

And if you run through all the words of the sacred prayers, you will find nothing, in my opinion, that is not contained in that Lord's prayer. Hence there is freedom to use one form of words or another while praying, yet still saying the same things; but there should be no freedom to say different things.

We must pray in this way for ourselves, for our own people, for strangers, and for our very enemies, without hesitation; though according to the nearness or distance of relationships different emotions will arise in the heart of the one who prays.

Then you have, I think, not only the manner of your prayer, but also what you should pray for; not from my teaching, but from his who deigned to teach us all.

The blessed life should besought, and requested of you from God. The nature of blessedness has been much discussed by many people; but why should we go to many people and much explanation? In the scripture of God it is put briefly and truly: 'Blessed is the people whose God is the Lord.' In order that we may be of that people, and attain to contemplation of him, and to everlasting life with him, 'The end of the commandment is charity from a pure heart, and good conscience and unfeigned faith.'

In the same trinity, hope is put in place of good conscience. Faith, then, and hope and charity lead to God the man who prays, the man, that is, who believes, hopes and desires, and gives heed to what he is requesting from the Lord in the Lord's prayer.

Listen attentively to the voice of my pleading, for you, O God, do not despise the prayers of the helpless.

From the letter of St Augustine to Proba

We are still accepting late applications for our **RCIA** and **Confirmation** programmes, and applications for **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion** remain open until **30 November 2026**. If you would like to apply, please contact the Parish Office **as soon as possible** at **millwall@rcdow.org.uk** to arrange an appointment. We look forward to hearing from you.

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– Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R. cf.6

2nd Reading -

1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Matthew 11:28

1st Reading– Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R. 2b

2nd Reading -

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

October 31rst, 2026

6pm - Pro Populo

November 1rst, 2026

9 am - For the Woznicki family

11 am - For the Silva family

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

Holy Hours and confession on Saturday between 4.30-5.30 pm

or by appointment.



59 Years Since the Abortion Act

This week marks the 59th anniversary of the Abortion Act receiving Royal Assent and becoming law in the United Kingdom. To mark this solemn occasion, Right To Life UK has created a memorial webpage dedicated to remembering the lives lost through abortion since 1967. The page includes videos, information, and reflections on the impact abortion has had across the country over the past six decades.

The organisation is also encouraging people to take a moment for prayer and reflection, and to share commemorative resources on social media as a sign of remembrance and support for the dignity of every human life.

For more information and to view the memorial page, visit: righttolife.org.uk/59years.

Church Floor Renovation

As you know, we are planning to renovate the church floor. The estimated cost of the project is £21,852.33 and, thanks to your continued generosity and support, we have now raised £10,379.40 , bringing us ever closer to our goal. We are also delighted to share that an anonymous donor has generously offered to match every pound donated, doubling the impact of every contribution received up to 25th December 2026. Every donation, no matter the amount, will help us improve our church for the benefit of our whole parish community. Flooring samples can be viewed in the sacristy, where voting forms are also available. We warmly encourage everyone to take a look at the options and cast their vote for their preferred colour. Completed forms can be returned to Paul or John. Thank you for your generosity, support, and participation in this important parish project.

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CHRISTIAN ART CONFERENCE

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A one-day gathering of artists, theologians and cultural leaders exploring the relationship between Beauty and Faith.

Featuring Fr Patrick van der Vorst, Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe, Professor Sheila Baroness Hollins, Sir Gabriele Finaldi, Neil MacGregor, anMari, and leading voices from across faith, culture and the arts.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £485.06 envelopes: £95 contactless collection last weekend: £695
total: £1275.06

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.

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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