CATHOLIC PARISH OF MILLWALL

22 November 2026

NEWSLETTER

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Thy kingdom come

According to the saying of our Lord and Saviour, the kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!'; because the kingdom of God is within us. The word is very near to us; it is on our lips and in our heart. It is clear from this that when a man prays that God's kingdom may come, he is praying, as he should, for the kingdom of God which is within him, that it may rise, flourish and reach its full growth. Every saint is subject to God's reign and obeys the spiritual laws of God who dwells in him as in a well governed city. The Father is present within him and Christ reigns with the Father in the soul which has become perfect, as he said: 'We will come to him and make our home with him.'

For those of us who press forward unceasingly, the kingdom of God which is within us will reach its full completion when the apostle's words are fulfilled, that Christ, with all his enemies subject to him, will deliver the kingdom to God the Father so that God may be all in all. And so, praying unremittingly in the spirit which the Word inspires in us, let us say to our Father who is in heaven; 'Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come.'

We must understand this about the kingdom of God-as there is no partnership between righteousness and iniquity, no fellowship of light with darkness, no accord of Christ with Belial, so the kingdom of sin cannot co-exist with the kingdom of God.

If we would have God reign over us, then, sin must have no reign in our mortal body. We must put to death what in earthly in us and bear the fruits of the Spirit, so that God may walk in us as in a spiritual garden and reign alone in us with his Christ, so that Christ may be seated within us at the right hand of that spiritual power for which we pray, seated until all his enemies within us are made a footstool for his feet and all the principalities and authorities and powers are destroyed in us.

This can happen is each one of us. The last enemy also death, can be destroyed, so that Christ can say in us too 'O death, where is your sting? O hades, where is your victory?' Now therefore, let what is perishable in us clothe itself in holiness and imperishability, let what is mortal put on the Father's immortality when death has been destroyed, so that God may reign over us and we may live even now amid the blessings of rebirth and resurrection.

The dominion of the world has passed to the Lord of us all, and to Christ, his anointed; he shall reign for ever and ever.

Taken from the book of Origen On Prayer

Baptism course for parents

The next baptism course for parents will take place on the Friday 27 November at 19:00hrs GMT on Zoom.

Please contact **millwall@rcdow.org.uk** if you are interested in joining.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 21rst, 2026

6pm - For Dominique De Sa RIP

November 22nd, 2026

9 am - Pro Populo

11 am - For deceased clergy of the Diocese

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.

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– Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17	1st Reading– Isaiah 63:16b-17;64:1, 3b-8
Psalm 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. R. 1	Psalm 80(79):2ac, 3b. 15-16. 18-19. R. 4
2nd Reading -	2nd Reading -
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel Matthew 25:31-46	Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Advent Get Together

THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO BUY YOUR TICKET

Please purchase your ticket on the Dona machine inside of the church and select the right option.



Sick & Retired Priests Fund

Dear Friends,

I thank you, for donating to the Sick & Retired Priests Fund last weekend. Your generosity enables our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need.

If you haven't had the chance to make a donation, there is still time. You can find envelopes on the table in the lobby of the church or you could donate online at **rcdow.org.uk/SRP-**look for the QR Code on the envelope and poster.

Alternatively, you might consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness. The fund is a priority of the Church, and it give s us the opportunity to come together and say 'Thank you, for their service to the Diocese and to us. May God bless you all, and pray for me, and, for my brother priests.

London Marathon 2027 fundraising appeal

One of our St Edmund's parishioners, Desmond Moorhouse, is taking part in the London Marathon in April next year. He has been awarded a charity place running for CAFOD and is appealing for sponsorship. You can sponsor Des online or in person, and all of the money raised will go directly to CAFOD. If you are able to donate this will give Des a huge boost on race day - especially as St Edmund's is the official cheer point for CAFOD on the marathon route. You can find his fundraising page at https://www.justgiving.com/page/desmondmoorhouse

Thank you.

World Youth Sunday 2026

The Solemnity of **Christ the King**, celebrated on Sunday 22 November 2026, also marks the **41st World Youth Sunday**, a day dedicated to celebrating and supporting young people in the life of the Church. This year's theme, *"Take courage! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33), reminds us of the hope and confidence we find in Christ.

As a Catholic community, we are called to accompany young people on their journey of faith, encouraging them to grow in their relationship with God while learning from their enthusiasm, generosity, and trust. The annual retiring collection for World Youth Sunday supports the important work of **Westminster Youth Ministry**, which reaches thousands of young people in Catholic schools and parishes, including through retreats, outreach programmes, and faith formation opportunities.

To watch a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth and learn more about World Youth Sunday 2026, please visit the Westminster Youth Ministry website.

Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas

As we look forward to the seasons of Advent and Christmas, parishioners may be interested in a new book by Rev. Dr Adrian Graffy, a priest of the Diocese of Brentwood and a well-known Scripture scholar and lecturer. Published by Darton, Longman and Todd, Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas offers accessible and insightful reflections on the Scripture readings used throughout these important seasons of the Church's year.

This valuable resource is designed to help readers deepen their understanding of God's Word, offering fresh insights into the biblical texts that guide us as we prepare for the coming of Christ and celebrate His birth. Suitable for both clergy and laity, it can be used for personal prayer, study, or group reflection.

For more information, please visit www.whatgoodnews.org.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £186.11 envelopes: £132.09 contactless collection last weekend: £1404.8
total: £1723
Sick and Retired Priests Fund : £275.10

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