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**Masses: Tues to Fri 12:30pm**  
**Evening Mass Thursdays 6pm**  
**Saturday 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025**



"If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."  
 Luke 16:31

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has written a letter to mark the **175th anniversary** of the establishment of the Diocese of Westminster and of the Restoration of the Hierarchy in England and Wales.

The Diocesan Archivist Fr Nicholas Schofield has prepared a brief history of the Diocese.

Both documents are readily available for you at the back of the church.

This Friday is **CAFOD Fast Day**. The Harvest Fast Day collection will take place next Sunday. As ever, your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

*"What pleases him is to see me love my littleness and my poverty — it's the blind hope that I have in his mercy..."* St Thérèse of Lisieux

**Music in St Charles Borromeo**

Join our WhatsApp group to find videos and music for the hymns to be sung the following Sunday. All are warmly invited to join this group and to come to a rehearsal at 10am before the 11am Mass on Sunday.

**St Charles Borromeo Parish**

Grupo de WhatsApp



**Mass Schedule**

Sat 27th September	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate Beatriz Tarragona - wellbeing
Sun 28th September	9am Burke family 11am Pro Populo
Mon 29th September	7am Audrey Theodose in thanksgiving Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Tue 30th September	12:30pm Franca Capua RIP St Jerome
Wed 1st October	12:30pm Inigo Segurola RIP St Thérèse of Lisieux
Thu 2nd October	12:30pm Bridget O'Donoghue RIP Holy Guardian Angels 6pm C. Ganfield - wellbeing.
Fri 3rd October	12:30pm Beatrice Ogunnubei

**CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH continues every Monday and Thursday**



**at 8pm in the crypt.  
Everyone is welcome!**

**Marriage support** - Does your relationship need some TLC or serious help? Next programme starts on 17th October. [www.retrouville.org.uk](http://www.retrouville.org.uk) Tel: +44 7887 296 983

# Soon after St Michael's day, 1850



*Beloved,*

During the first Provincial Synod of Westminster on July 13 1852 St John Henry Newman wrote:

*"Soon after St Michael's day, 1850, a storm arose...Every party in the body politic undergoes its influence – from the Queen upon her throne down to the little ones in the infant or day school."*

He was referring to the restoration of the right of Catholic bishops to have 'territories' (dioceses) under their supervision which is what happened after three centuries when the first Archbishop of Westminster Nicholas Wiseman was appointed by Pope Pius IX on 29 September 1850 and was created a Cardinal the very next day.

The miraculous revival of the Catholic Church met with widespread hostility. Many feared that Roman Catholics were plotting to take over England and characterised the restoration as an act of 'papal aggression'.

In time, mistrust subsided but the storm still rages today. Unlike any other institution in England, the Catholic Church stands as a sign of contradiction when she speaks up in defence of human life from conception to natural death; when she upholds the fundamental value of the family; when she cares for the poor and vulnerable and educates the youth and, more importantly, when she continues to announce to all by word and deed the Good News of our salvation in Christ.

Her history is evidence that the power of Christ is active in her. As Newman put it, *"The English Church was, and the English Church was not, and the English Church is once again."* Just as her Lord lived, her Lord died and her Lord lives 'once again' forever.

We should not be surprised still to find some hostility and mistrust. Following Christ implies dying in order to live, losing in order to find and renouncing in order to embrace a fuller life. This transformation can feel like a storm, like an 'aggression', even while Christ intends exactly the opposite.

God alone can inspire a soul to listen to the call to follow Christ. Our part is to be faithful to the Lord, even if this ruffles some feathers or brings upon us misunderstandings, rejections or mistrust.

This is what happens when the Church is revived. It is what happened 'soon after St Michael's day, 1850'.

*Fr Oscar*