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Thursday 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am

ST CHARLES BORROMEO 2025



“Charity is that with which no man is lost and without which no man is saved.” St Charles Borromeo

Remembrance Sunday

We remember the Armed Forces and their families from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. We will remember them.

Sick and Retired Priests will benefit from our second collection next weekend. They are dependent on us and our generosity for their care and for essentials like housing, rent or any health needs. Although the Diocese works with the NHS and local authorities, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund. Please take an envelope and bring it with you next week or use the bar code to donate to this cause.



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Mass Schedule

Sat 8th November	7pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 9th November	9am John O'Hare 11am Pro Populo
Mon 10th November	7am R. Harrison - wellbeing
Tue 11th November	12:30pm Mrs T. Williem - wellbeing
Wed 12th November	12:30pm Mr T Sibey - wellbeing
Thu 13th November	12:30pm Mr Walley - wellbeing 6pm Doris Pun Siu RIP
Fri 14th November	12:30pm Souls of Salva's relatives

St Charles Borromeo Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope



Join our Pilgrimage of Hope on Saturday 22 November. We shall gather to pray in our parish at 10am, visit Tyburn Convent, have a packed lunch in Hyde Park and attend the 'Pilgrims of Hope' Mass at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral. Everyone is welcome!

Simbang Gabi raffle tickets will be available after this Sunday's Masses in preparation for this year's celebration on 14th December at 2pm. Make sure to save the date.

Fr Aloyce will supply for our Masses next week while I am away with the group who listened to the Catechesis for adults this autumn. Please pray for us as we shall pray for you. *Fr Oscar*



May the same Spirit who led St Charles Borromeo to give glory to God continue to renew our parish.

Glory to God for all the baptisms, weddings, funerals, communions, confirmations, confessions, for all the priests, religious and lay people who have served at this parish and for all those who continue to practise their faith in this place. Deo gratias!

Music in St Charles Borromeo

Join our WhatsApp group to find videos and music for the hymns to be sung the following Sunday.



Unceasing Reform



Beloved,

When St Charles Borromeo arrived in Milan, the clergy of the Diocese was so corrupt that people used to say, "If you want to go to hell, become a priest."

Born in 1538 into privilege, the second son of a noble Milanese family, Charles had a good upbringing and a future of prosperity and success ahead of him. But God called him to work for the reform of the Church.

Benedict XVI writes, "In times that were darkened by numerous trials for the Christian community, with divisions and confusions of doctrine, with the clouding of the purity of the faith and of morals and with the bad example of various sacred ministries, Charles Borromeo neither limited himself to deploring nor condemning nor merely to hoping that others would change but rather set about reforming his own life which, after he had abandoned wealth and ease, he filled with prayer, penance and loving dedication to his people."

For Charles, Christ came into the world to bring new life and so he prayed for his flock to be given a new heart to produce in them "efficaciously and constantly new resolutions, new customs [and] a new way of life."

This is what St John Henry Newman meant when he said, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

Such change does not consist in following the latest fashion or the newest trend but in turning constantly to the Lord to be drawn deeper and deeper, further and further into the mystery of his love and, as a result of that, to be constantly renewed in order to conform ever more perfectly to his Will.

This is what the Second Vatican Council meant when it taught that "the Church, always in need of being purified, always follows the way of penance and renewal."

Pause. Pray. Is there anything God may want to help me to change in order to make progress in the service of God? As St Charles taught, "If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness."

By the time of his death Milan had been renewed and the name of St Charles Borromeo had become synonymous with truly efficacious and unceasing reform.

St Charles Borromeo, pray for us!

Fr Oscar