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Masses: Tuesday to Friday 12:30pm
Thursday 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2025



“Not a hair of your head will perish.”
 Luke 21:18

St Charles Borromeo Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope



Saturday 22 November 2025

10am Prayer and Catechesis
 11:30am Tyburn Convent
 12:30pm Packed lunch in Hyde Park
 2pm ‘Pilgrims of Hope Mass’ in Westminster Cathedral
Everyone is welcome!



Sick and Retired Priests will benefit from our second collection this 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 place your donation in an envelope or use the bar code to donate to this cause.



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Raffle tickets for Simbang Gabi available after this Sunday Masses in preparation for this year’s celebration on 14th December at 2pm. Everyone welcome. Make sure to save the date.

We thank Fr Aloyce for supplying for our Masses this weekend while I am away with the group who listened to the Catechesis for adults. Please pray for us as we shall pray for you. *Fr Oscar*

Mass Schedule

Sat 15th November	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 16th November	9am Raymond Theis
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	11am Pro Populo
Mon 17th November	7am Deceased members of the St Elizabeth of Hungary
Tue 18th November	12:30pm Deceased relatives of Goupal family
Wed 19th November	12:30pm Valentina’s deceased relatives
Thu 20th November	12:30pm Deceased relatives of Juanita & Emma Morta 6pm Holy Souls
Fri 21st November	12:30pm Intentions of Joseph & Noreen Forde & children
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	

Thank you very much to all those who contributed to make our celebration of the Solemnity of St Charles Borromeo such an especial occasion last weekend.

Offertory Collections for October 2025

Sunday Masses: £964.04
 Standing Orders: £2,009
 Contactless Offertory: £122
TOTAL: £3,095.04

Thank you for your contributions.

Music in St Charles Borromeo

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



Love Endures



Beloved ,

In the year 490BC the vastly outnumbered armies of Athens prepared to fight the Persian enemy coming to invade them.

A great runner called Pheidippides ran to Sparta to ask for help. Help was refused and Pheidippides ran back with the bad news. He covered a distance of over 150 miles each way.

Although outnumbered, the Athenians fought the Persians at the bay of the small town of Marathon and defeated them through their surprising tactics.

Pheidippides uninterruptedly ran the distance from Marathon to Athens-42 miles-to bring the good news to the terrified city.

Before dying of exhaustion he exclaimed his last words: "Joy, we win!"

Pheidippides endured the demanding run until the end to bring new life to Athens. Those who were living in terror could now rejoice and celebrate; they could be at peace; they could hope for the survival of their loved ones and a future promising something other than rampage, desolation and death.

"For the joy that was set before him [Christ] endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Christ endured because he saw the joy set before him; he saw his becoming a sacrifice that could take away the sins of the world and his being resurrected and exalted to Glory; he saw the Father being glorified for his faithfulness; and he saw you and me, able to share by grace in his Eternal Life and his Unending Glory, in his Holy Spirit and, through the fortitude that his Spirit brings, in the endurance of his love.

We may not have to undertake a run of many miles like Pheidippides. We may not need to endure tortures, violence and persecution or be condemned to suffer an unjust execution on a Roman cross. Whatever trial, anguish, affliction or distress we may be asked to face, we are called to trust in Christ and call on him with faith. He will not fail to pour his love into our wounds through his Holy Spirit until we understand that no hair of our heads will ever perish, that no tear or complaint will ever go unheard and that whatever comes our way we can endure because his love endures.

In this Spirit it is written: "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character, and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:3-5).

By our endurance we shall gain our lives and as long as we rely on Christ we shall endure because his love endures. In Christ we can exclaim with Pheidippides: "Joy, we win!"

Fr Oscar