Saint Luke's Pinner

A MEMBER OF THE PAC (Pinner Association of Churches)

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All our Masses are currently being streamed www.youtube.com/@RCDOW-PinnerParish

8TH NOVEMBER 2026
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Remembrance Sunday

Saturday (Vigil) 6pm *Parishioners*
Sunday 9am *Isilda Diminica RIP* **11am** *The War Dead*
Monday No Mass Church Closed
Tuesday 10am *John Keane RIP* **Wednesday 10am** *Sheila Butler SI*
Thursday 10am *Christine McGlone RIP*
Friday 10am *Gabriel & Nicky Heskin SI*

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 11-11.30am & 5-5.30pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Of course they weren't bridesmaids! According to the custom of the time the girls were attendant on the bridegroom, to greet him with their lamps as he arrived at the wedding-reception. Anyway, half of them weren't ready, let him down, and then found themselves shut out. There is a subtle difference between the parables given in Mark's and Matthew's gospels. In Mark they are all about the sudden coming of God's Kingship in history, at the time of Jesus. Jesus proclaimed that the crisis was now. In him God's reign had arrived: it was time to take drastic action. Matthew's parables take a longer-term view: there will be a final judgment at the end of time, for which we, in the Church and in the course of history, must prepare. Some will and some won't. Some will be found to be wheat, others to be weeds. When the catch of fish comes in, some fish will be thrown away, some kept. Some will be sheep and others goats. Each year, as the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church reminds us of this. And the End will be sudden and unpredictable, like a burglar on the one night I forgot to lock the door, or like a mouse-trap snapping shut, or like the unpredictable moment of birth pangs. Am I ready for the coming of Christ? What does it mean to be like the wise bridesmaids and have oil in my lamp?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

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We pray for the sick of our Parish – Italo Fiori, Sheila Butler, Aine Mulholland, Breda Tuohy, Angela Morath, Robert Broeder, Kathleen Burgum, Merces Castro, Alan Loveday, Alda Figueiredo, Martin McDonagh, Jennifer Wilson, Janet Mote, Kenny Cummings, Artemio Tony Verita, Norman Figueiredo, Clare Craigie-Williams, Siobhan O'Keeffe, Duncan Webster, Anthony Breslin, Anna Rethnasamy, Irena Kalisz, Max Noble, Chris & Maureen Glynn, Sister Sarah, Janet Udden, Patricia Bugler, Angela Achenbach, Edith & Michelle Cassel, Jamie Cassel, Joseph Frasier, Joan Warland, Rathushan Premkumar, Mary Vaughan and all who are sick and those who care for them.



The Sanctuary Candle has been offered in memory of *Dr Yin Harn Siaw*

If you would like to donate the Sanctuary Candle or the Lady Altar Candle in memory of a loved one or a special intention, please advise the Parish Office of the name and date you would like.

Children's Liturgy of the Word during **9am Mass today**.



Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion are invited to participate in a special liturgy designed just for them in the Parish Centre. During the Liturgy of the Word, they will hear the Gospel and engage in prayers and activities which allow them to reflect on the message of Jesus in a way they can understand**.** Please ensure they are accompanied by a parent or carer.

All Saints, Kenton, warmly invites you to an Inclusive Mass on Saturday 28 November 2026 at 6:30 pm, celebrated by Fr. Hector Gutierrez, followed by light refreshments.
Everyone is most welcome, particularly those with additional needs, together with their families, friends and carers.

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Sacramental Preparation 2027

Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist

Would you like to begin preparing your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist?

We look forward to working together as your child takes this important step in their journey of faith with Jesus Christ.

Parent catechesis sessions: We'll be providing additional catechesis sessions, running in the Parish Centre, at the same time as the catechesis for your child on: **23rd Jan, 6th Feb, 6th Mar, 24th Apr, 8th May & 22nd May**. If you chose to register your child for sacramental preparation **you are also committing to attend all these important sessions too**.

Applications are for children:

- in Year 3 (or above) from Sept 2026
- who are part of a practicing Catholic family
- living or worshipping regularly in St Luke's Parish

Weekly sessions (term time) begin on **Saturday 16th Jan, 9.50 – 11.30am**

Please see the QR code/online address on the noticeboard to complete your application before **Sunday 22nd November 2026.**

Are you the parent of a child in Year 2 who attends a non-Catholic primary school?

In previous years, children attending non-Catholic schools were asked to complete a year of catechesis before joining the parish preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

We have updated our approach to preparation and instead we now invite families to use the *YouCat for Kids* resource with their child during Year 2. This engaging children's catechism provides an excellent introduction to the Catholic faith and helps lay the foundations for sacramental preparation. *YouCat for Kids* can be purchased here: YOUCAT for Kids | Catholic Truth Society (www.ctsbooks.org)

Sacrament of Confirmation

Are you thinking about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next year?

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Confirmation is an important step in your journey of faith, helping you grow closer to Jesus and strengthening you to follow him.

If you are in Year 9 or above and are considering receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the first step is making Sunday Mass a regular part of your life and trying to spend some time each day in prayer. Further details of the formation pathway will be announced later this year. In the meantime, Fr Tony would love to get to know you! Please introduce yourself to him after Mass.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-inspired approach to faith formation that helps children develop a deep and personal relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Rooted in Scripture and the Liturgy, CGS nurtures the child's natural sense of wonder and encourages a lifelong love of God within a specially prepared environment known as the *atrium*. Respecting each child's stage of development, CGS offers a thoughtful and prayerful approach to growing in the Catholic faith.

Sessions are offered for children aged 3-9 yrs at **St Matthew's Church, Northwood,** on selected Sundays during term time.

Further information about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd can be found at: www.cgsuk.org and cgsusa.org To find out more about the sessions at St Matthew's, please contact Melinda Whitehead at cgsnorthwood@gmail.com

Each day, in November, Holy Mass will be offered for those on our NOVEMBER DEAD LIST by the Salesian Fathers. Please take one of the November envelopes and a 'Dead List' and return it to Church or Presbytery with your offering. May all the dead rest in peace. +

Saturday 28th November 7.30pm in St John Fisher Parish Centre, 80 Imperial Close HA2 7LW – Ghostly Lantern Show with Kevin Turley – Come in from the Dark – an evening of the extraordinary hidden within the ordinary. Stories of those who lived, loved, struggled, failed hoped and dared again. See flyer for more details of this free event; a retiring collection will be taken.

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Pinner Association of Churches Christmas Day Lunch 2026

For those who might be alone at Christmas, you can now access the PAC website, pinnerchurches.org.uk, Activities and Event, to book a place at the Christmas Day Lunch, which is being held from 12.15-15.30. The lunch is taking place in the hall of St John the Baptist Church in Church Lane and transport is available, if required. The event includes a professionally cooked lunch followed by Carols and the King's Speech. The demand always exceeds availability, so please book early to avoid disappointment. You may also call Catherine Ndungu, Guest Coordinator, on 07748171951, to book a place. For anyone interested in volunteering this year, please email: volunteers@christmaslunch.org.uk. Help is always needed and very welcome.

PAC Annual Church Service and AGM, Sunday 22 November at 4pm -the Pinner Association of Churches Annual Church Service will take place at St Luke's on Sunday 22 November at 4pm led by Fr Tony. it will be followed by light refreshments and the PAC's AGM in the Parish Centre. The venue for the service and AGM rotate between the churches in PAC (St John the Baptist's Anglican church, Pinner Baptist church, Cannon Lane and Pinner Methodist churches and St Luke's). As we are hosting this year, it will be lovely if a number of parishioners are able to attend.

Sick and Retired Priests' Fund – Next weekend

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of a mission of our Diocese. By supporting Sick and Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential cost and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

Collection will take place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November 2026.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Masses – Please join us for a cup and a chat!
Sunday 8th November – Children's Liturgy
Friday 13th November –Meeting of St Luke's Men's Group 7pm in Church
Saturday 14th November - 12 noon Mass for babies who have died during pregnancy or shortly after birth and for their parents.
Saturday 14th November - 2pm Blessing of Graves at Northwood Cemetery
Friday 20th November 7.30pm - Mass for the Dead of the last 12 months.
Friday 20th November 7.30pm - Catholic Mother's Group Meeting in Parish Centre
Sunday 22nd November after 11am Mass Blessing of the Memorial Garden
Saturday 28th November at 2pm Blessing of Graves at Pinner New Cemetery
Sunday 22nd November 4pm PAC Annual General Meeting at St. Lukes
Saturday 12th December at 10:30am - Morning of Recollection and Advent Talk in the Church

St Luke's Social Outreach Future Events

Tuesday 1st December 2-4pm St. Lukes Social Outreach Christmas Celebration

ST LUKE'S 200 CLUB PARISH LOTTERY PRIZE WINNERS -- OCTOBER 2026

£75	156		Msgr Vincent Brady
£45	189		Peter Rodger
£30	105		Anon
£20	150		Fr Antony Pellegrini
£15	100		Judith Fernandes
£15	78		John Wiseman
£15	33		Roger Sylvester
£15	185		Bridie McGillycuddy

Congratulations to this month's draw winners.

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St Luke's Christmas Food Boxes

Last year your generosity delivered dozens of food parcels for the needy of our parish and supported our local schools in their work to ensure families who need food received it in time for Christmas. Many people continue to face food poverty and as we approach Christmas this is a good time to think about and help those that are struggling. You will see the Advent Giving Calendar here and on the notice board at the back of the Church, so what do you do?



Please provide your own box and put the items written underneath the doves into the box. **Please do not include any fresh food or perishables.**

Please bring your filled box to the parish centre on:
*** Saturday 5th December before or immediately after the 6pm Mass (5:30pm onwards),**
*** Sunday 6th December before or immediately after both Masses, 9am & 11am.**

Importantly, if you or anyone you know need extra food for Christmas, please e-mail **pinner@rcdow.org.uk** in confidence, who will arrange to give you a prepared box from the Advent Giving Calendar on Monday 7th or Tuesday 8th December at a pre-arranged time. Please do not call without having arranged in advance.

Thank you so much for your help.

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