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**Mass this Sunday: Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 11th October 2026**

**Today's Readings**

*Isaiah 25:6-10a* God will provide for all people and will wipe away their tears and destroy death for ever.
*Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20* Paul writes that he knows what it is to be well fed, but also to be hungry. He reminds his readers that God will provide whatever they need.
*Matthew 22:1-14* The feast is laid out in front of all of us, and we are invited to share in it. But we are asked to be ready and willing to participate.

| **Mass This Week** | | | **Intention** |
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| Saturday 10th | 6:30pm | *Confirmation Enrolment* | Confirmation Candidates |
| Sunday 11th | 9:00am | | For Our Parishioners |
| | 10:30am | *Link Mass* | First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Candidates |
| Tuesday 13th | 6:00pm | St Edward the Confessor | Westminster Cathedral |
| Wednesday 14th | 9:15am | Weekday | Fr Barry Carpenter (RIP) |
| Thursday 15th | 9:15am | St Teresa of Jesus | Thankamma (anniversary) |
| Friday 16th | 9:15am | Weekday | Fr Duncan Adamson (RIP) |

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Frank Nangle (RIP)
The Sacrament of Reconciliation may usually be celebrated during exposition (5: 30pm Saturday) or by appointment
Please note we intend to livestream the 9am Mass this Sunday.

**Mass Offering**
This QR code will take you to our parish online donation page.

**RCIA** There will be a meeting for adults who wish to explore more about Catholic believing and belonging, but who found a daytime meeting difficult. This will be on ***Wednesday 14th October*** at 7pm, probably in the Presbytery. We would very much welcome practising Catholics to be part of this, sharing their experiences and insights.

**Volunteers** *We are actively seeking new volunteers in every area of Church life.* This includes: Musicians, Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA Catechists, Readers and many more. Please see Fr Philip if there is something you can help with.

**Secondary School Transfer** Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you are eligible for this but haven't yet arranged to see Fr Philip, please see him after any weekend mass. Please be aware that Fr Philip will be away next weekend, so if you still need to make an appointement before the deadline, doing so this weekend is to be advised.

**Parish Retreat Day** We will be traveling up the A1 to Buckden Towers for a day retreat with a Franciscan Theme ***on Saturday November 7th***. Please sign up in the Sacristy, both to say you are coming, but also to indicate if you can drive and how many passengers you could give a lift to.

**Faith Sharing Group Resource** The *We Dare to Love* booklets we ordered have arrived. Please see Fr Philip after any weekend mass to pick up your copy if you requested one.

**MISSIO Red Box Collection** To all Red Box Holders, please find a brown collection envelope on the table in the Sacristy along with the latest edition of Missio Today. Please return your envelopes to the red collection box in the Sacristy by World Mission Sunday on the 18th October. If anyone would like to become a Red Box Member, or has any questions, please contact Hannah Theobald on 07810 761686

**World Mission Sunday** Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support ***Missio***, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our worlds. To donate, please use the Missio envelopes, telephone 020 7821 9755 or visit www.missio.org.uk Please remember to Gift Aid if possible. Thank you.

**Safeguarding** All those who volunteer to work with children, young people and vulnerable adults need to have had a DBS check for the specific role they have in the Church and renew it every three years. If you think you may need a check or a renewal please see Fr Philip and/or Anthony Ogwara (roystonsg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk )

**Holy Fathers Prayer Intentions for October *For Mental Health Ministry*** Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

**Praying with the Scriptures** Workshop led by Archbishop Richard Moth Saturday 24th October, 2:00–5:00pm, - Westminster Cathedral Hall, London The Agency for Evangelisation will be hosting a workshop on the prayerful reading of Scripture, with Archbishop Richard Moth, who will lead us deeper into the practice of *Lectio Divina*. Please find booking details on the poster.

**Come & See Vocations Morning –** Sat 17th Oct, 10.30-1.30 at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove W52 DY. Could God be calling you? Come and learn more about the Priesthood and Permanent Diaconate.. Refreshments and a light lunch will be provided. To find out more and register your attendance: contact Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter vocationspromoter@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Ian Edwards Assistant Director, Permanent Diaconate ianedwards@rcdow.org.uk

**St Mary's University** is hosting a conference on AI and Human Flourishing on 26th October, following the publication of Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica humanitas*. Speakers, including Bishop Paul Hendricks, will explore AI, human dignity, ethics, business and the Church's mission. The conference is open to all. The cost is £25 (free for those connected with St Mary's University), and lunch is included. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For further details and to sign up, please follow the link below https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2026/human-flourishing-in-the-age-of-artificial-intelligence

**Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden**, October Candlelight Procession 7pm Sunday 18th October 2026. Join Archbishop Richard, Pilgrims, and the Community of Allen Hall Seminary, as we ask Our Lady's prayers for the gift of Priests for the Church, and for the Protection of London.The Shrine is situated at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX. Bakerloo Line & Overground (Mildmay Line) to Willesden Junction. Buses 18, 187, 206, 220, 226, 228, 260, 266 & 487 all pass close by.

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7th November from 9:45am to 5:00pm. The Most Reverend Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster will be the Celebrant & Preacher at 10:30am Cathedral Mass on that day. Further information is available at https://www.adaywithmary.org/

## October is the Month of the Rosary

"By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are unfolded."

Pope Paul VI

