

PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Sunday Masses
6:30pm (Sat)
9:45am Sung Mass
11:15am Family Mass
7pm

Weekday Masses
9am: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Morning Prayer: 8:45am when there is a 9am Mass
Church is closed on Thursday

Confessions
Saturday 6-6:20pm
Eucharistic Adoration
9:30-10:30am
Wednesday & Friday

Rosary: The Rosary is normally prayed in church after 9am Mass on Tuesday and Friday

1st November 2026 – All Saints

All Saints Day honours all Christian saints, especially unknown or uncanonized saints who do not have a dedicated feast day on the calendar. It is part of *Allhallowtide*, preceded by All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31 and followed by All Souls' Day on Monday, November 2. The common traditions involve attending Mass, as it is a holy day of obligation, visiting and decorating family graves with flowers and candles (if possible), and remembering loved ones.

Holy Souls lists and envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please hand your list, with your donation in the envelope, to Fr David or parish office. The lists will be displayed before the Altar during November with Masses offered for the souls of your deceased family members and friends.
Memorial Mass: There will be a memorial mass for all the deceased of the parish on Friday 13th November at 7pm.
Vigil last Friday – thank you to all who came and prayed through the night. Copies of Prayer to Our Lady at the back of the church.

COMING UP:
Teas and Coffees: Catch-up with friends and fellow-parishioners after the Sunday morning Masses.
Padre Pio Group: will meet today, 1 November, after the 7pm Mass in church.
The Life Ascending Group: will meet at 10am in the parish rooms on Tuesday 3rd November.
Thursdays Together: Thursday lunchtimes 11:30am–1:30pm in the Groves Room, Holy Trinity Church Granville Road N4 4EL. Meet your neighbours and chat over light refreshments.
Welfare Advice service – 9:30am-12:30pm Mondays and **Active Ageing Club** – 12-3pm Fridays with 'lunch club' – both run by Brent Irish Advisory Service at Hornsey Vale Community Centre.
Couples of St Peters: Young, Married and Catholic? looking for some support and companionship in your marriage; wanting to meet other young couples; Couples of St Peter's is a new parish group which meet once per month, socially, for a drink, food and just companionship. Interested see Fr David for details

Father's David's 25th Celebration: we are delighted to announce that Fr David will be celebrating 25 years of his ministry as a priest. He was ordained on 8th December 2001. In recognition of this anniversary, there will be a Mass at 7pm on Friday, 11th December, followed by a finger food reception in the church porch. Please put this date in your diary and let us know if you plan to attend by replying to Kit Greveson at kit.greveson@gmail.com or messaging Kit on 07507138582.

Magnifica Humanitas: The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm to Westminster Cathedral Hall, for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on *Magnifica Humanitas.* The talk will explore Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. For further details and tickets visit https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/

Pope Leo XIV has been named a Papal Confrater of St George's Chapel, Windsor: Archbishop Richard Moth, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has welcomed the news that Pope Leo XIV has been named a Papal Confrater of St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle. The appointment, which was made with the approval of King Charles III on Friday, 23 October, on the first anniversary of the historic State Visit to the Holy See where the King was welcomed as Royal Confrater of the Papal Basilica and Abbey of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, in Rome.

2026-2027 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS:
First Communion: The program will begin after half term on the Saturday 7th November 2026 with a meeting with parents and children in the church at 11am. ***Please be there!***
Confirmation: Young people who are in Year 9 please give Fr David their names and contact details after mass, so that he can make an initial assessment of the numbers this year. Please note that a requirement of the program is that the candidate and family attend mass each Sunday. Details of the program will be given later.
Adult Faith Formation: Coming to Mass but not a Catholic? Thinking of becoming a Catholic? Catholic but not made your confirmation? Looking to know more about your faith? Please see Fr David after mass, or email him at the parish email, to learn about the upcoming program of faith formation for this year.

Secondary School Transfer Forms: – Please see Fr David after mass for an appointment, bring along your school transfer forms, and any other forms you wish signed by him.

Soup Run: we are now serving even more guests on a Saturday evening so donations of tuna fish, sweetcorn, mayonnaise, tea bags, instant coffee and sugar are always welcome. Please leave in box in inner porch. Thank you, Kit.

The Pope's November Prayer Intention: For the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness. it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

CAFOD Volunteers: Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org,uk or call 07776 493162.

Volunteering Opportunity for Young Catholics (18–34): Caritas Westminster, in partnership with the Irish Chaplaincy and Anna Chaplaincy, is offering **free training** in prayerful accompaniment, listening, and pastoral and spiritual care. The programme includes four sessions (two online and two in person), preparing volunteers to visit older people in care homes, offering companionship and support. No previous experience or Irish background is required. A wonderful opportunity to put your faith into action and make a difference! **Please register your interest by Friday 6th November.** The programme is planned to begin later in November, and those who register will be contacted directly with further details, including training dates. **To register your interest, please visit - https://**forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mpyr8gYhSr **For more information,** please email cianofarrell@rcdow.org.uk

A Day with Mary: is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 7 November 2026 (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/

Finchley Catholic High School: are seeking to appoint a dynamic and exceptionally skilled Catholic Deputy Headteacher. Post commences April 2027. Visit https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/deputy-headteacher-barnet-2350237 for details and application form. The application form once completed is to be sent to the Headteacher, Ciran Stapleton at cstapleton@finchleycatholic.org.uk by 15 January 2027.

Diocesan Job Vacancies: - for details of current vacancies within the Diocese of Westminster either centrally or within parishes visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/.

Please pray for those who are ill: Christian Overal, Antonio Neto, Zintra Sansom, Brenda Buzec, Amy Gordon, Annette Donivar, Caroline Hilton, Karin Summers, Joan Summers, Helen Kozlowski, Don Brewis, Roman Cholij, Mary Wale, Margaret Whelan, Brendan Whelan, Claire Marchand, Mike Coombes, Gemma Francis, Richard Simon, Noah Purcell–Chandler, Nathalie Renford, Jackie Loivette, Michael Reid, Wendy Fairhurst, Ann Elizabeth Bennett, Joseph Lunn, Michael Hurley, Emilie Alcaraz, Ann Kozlowski-Hunt, Gabriel Brimacombe-Rand, Frank Farrell, Peter Leung, Anthony Mark Selvarajah, Elaine Benjamin, Emma Gordon, Elena Rabhani, Paul Renford, Jim O'Donoghue.

Rest in Peace: Norah Theresa O'Sullivan, John McGlynn and Margaret Flaherty (R.I.P). Graham Summers, parishioner, passed away on Tuesday 27th October (R.I.P). Funeral details to follow.

Safeguarding: Our parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance & the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Frances Booker:** stroudgreen@rcdow.org.uk
Diocesan Safeguarding Team: They can be contacted if you have any concerns on 0207 798 9352 or safeguarding@rcdow.org.uk