

LITURGY, CONFESSION & MASS TIMES

Sunday 16th Nov 2025	+ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	Mass 11am - Pro-populo + Robert Kinnear + Betty Kinnear RIP (Anniv)
	Mass 6.30pm - Celebrants Intention <i>Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19</i> (page 164)
Monday 17th Nov 2025	Feria
	Mass 9.30am - Holy Souls RIP + Kathleen Bradley RIP (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 18th Nov 2025	Feria
	Mass 9.30am - Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 19th Nov 2025	Feria
	Mass 9.30am - Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 20th Nov	NO MASS
Friday 21st Nov 2025	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Mass 9.30am - Holy Souls RIP (Friday abstinence)
Saturday 22nd Nov 2025	Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
	10am - Alfred O'Kerefor RIP (Anniv) + late family members RIP
	+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
	6.30pm Vigil Mass - Brendan O'Donnell + Kathleen Stokes RIP (Anniv) + Enzo Antoniazzi RIP
Sunday 23rd Nov 2025	+ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
	Mass 11am - Pro-populo + Robert Kinnear + Betty Kinnear RIP (Anniv) + Volunteers and Supporters for St Mellitus Church Bazaar
	Mass 6.30pm - Celebrants Intention <i>2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43</i> (page 167)
	<u>Church Opening Times: Mon-Wed & Fri 8.30am-5.30pm</u> <u>Sat 9.30am-11.30am, 5.30pm-7.30pm, Sun 10am-12.30pm, 5.30pm-7.30pm</u>
	<u>Confessions: Sat 10.30-11am & upon request</u> Phone: (020) 7272 3415
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	Web: www.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark
	Office Opening Times: Tuesday - Thursday 10am-3pm
	Parish Priest: Fr Moses Enehizena CSSp
	Assistant Priests: Fr Augustine I. Katuka CSSp and Fr Martin Goba CSSp
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*** Minors MUST not go to the toilets, or outside the Church during Mass times unaccompanied *** Vulnerable people MUST be accompanied in the Church ***

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Saint Mellitus

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Westminster
'An Inclusive Faith Community Where All Are Welcomed'



Served by the Spiritan fathers

Year C + THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN 16th November
ORDINARY TIME 2025

Persevere in Christ's timeless counsel

Our reading today is one part of the larger "eschatological discourse" that Jesus gives throughout Luke chapter 21. The discourse itself can feel a bit disorienting, as Jesus moves between multiple thresholds of prophecy like a series of open doors. First is the destruction of the Jerusalem temple that would have traditionally been understood as a portent of the last days, followed by a warning against false teachers and premature signs of the end of the world, then a doubling back to describe a period of persecution the early church will have to endure. In subsequent verses outside the frame of our reading, Jesus elaborates on the "times of the Gentiles"—a kind of interregnum between the fall of Jerusalem and the *parousia*, or second coming of Christ.

The wisdom on offer from Christ is eternal, crossing striations of time, like his own eschatological discourse. Our bodies, at least until the moment of their ultimate restoration, are transitory, and we must locate ourselves within this paradox if we wish to speak his truth to power. It is not by entrenching ourselves in rehearsed testimonies and prepared defenses that we secure our lives, but by remaining open to the ever-renewed power of the word, that secures itself in us and transforms us from within.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

If you need to ask for forms from the priest, return or collect forms, or to speak to the priest privately at the end of weekend Mass, please wait in the front pew of the church. The parish priest will be able to help you once he has finished bidding parishioners goodbye at the church steps.

Only authorised persons, agreed by the Parish Safeguarding Representatives and Parish Priest, may enter the sacristy room after Mass. This is for everyone's security and privacy.

- PARISH CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE -

Christmas concert 7th December - Led by the London Medical Orchestra at 6.30pm.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick and the housebound: All of our sick and housebound parishioners, all in care homes, hospitals and hospices & to all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMS: To book a Baptism for your child PLEASE speak to any of the priests after Mass. For an application form please collect from the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025/2026: Registration for 2026 applicants. If you have a child in year 3 or above and interested to take up this Sacrament, application forms can be collected from either the parish office or after mass from the Sacristy room.

Confirmation 2025/2026: Registration for 2026 applicants. The young adult must be in year 9 or above if interested to take up this sacrament. Application forms can be collected from either the parish office or after mass from the Sacristy room.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process for adults who desire to receive any of the Sacraments; 'Baptism, First Holy Communion and or Confirmation'. If interested, please speak to either of the Fathers for further information about this programme.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: If you are planning to marry here or elsewhere, at least 6 months notice is required and you MUST contact a priest to register for a preparation course. Please speak to any of the priests after Mass.

FINANCE, Giving by Standing Order: Would you consider gifting your offering by Standing Order? If so, the payment details are: HSBC Bank plc A/C Name: WRCDT Tollington Park: Sort Code: 40-05-20 & A/C No: 21264869 Gift Aid / Donating to the Parish: If you are a UK

Tax Payer and would like to support our Church with Gift Aid, details can be found via here; <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/tollingtonpark/donate/>. Thank you for ALL your support.

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Clergy and other ministers of Holy Communion are able and willing to visit those who are housebound. Please speak to any of the fathers or contact the parish office if in need.

COMBONI SISTERS APPEAL: We have now received more donations and our grand total at the moment stands at **£1,596**. We hope to continue to keep raising more donations. Thank you for all your support & generosity.

PARISH NEWS

MASS OFFERINGS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE HOLY SOULS'. PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE ENVELOPES & SHEETS BY THE ALTAR.

IN MEMORY OF FR MARTIN GOBA'S MOTHER, MRS CATHERINE GOBA - RIP FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS, YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL MASS WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, AT 6.30PM, FOLLOWED BY A GATHERING IN THE PARISH HALL.

'MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE ... AMEN'

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – COLLECTION 2025: We will hold a collection in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund after all Masses this weekend. Most priests offer their resignation as

a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and/or at the back of the church. **Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.**

St Mellitus Church Bazaar was a great success! We are thrilled to announce that our wonderful St Mellitus community raised **£1,240.20** last weekend! This will go towards our Hall Redevelopment Fund. Huge thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talents on the day, gifted amazing raffle prizes and money for expenses, donated delicious food, donated pre-loved items to sell, bought raffle tickets and came to support the bazaar. A Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for our dedicated and faithful volunteers and supporters.

SMALL ADVENT GROUP: Sisters Bernie and Elizabeth invite you to come and prepare for Advent and Christmas by sharing and discussing the messages found in the Sunday Readings. This will take place on FRIDAY MORNINGS, 10.15-11.15, PARISH ROOM on 28th November, 5th, 12th & 19th December. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

ST MELLITUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sunday 7 December at 6.30pm performed by the London Medical Orchestra and Tottenham Community

Choir. The programme will include carols, and we'll have mulled wine and mince pies in the interval. Raising funds for the Whittington hospital, as well as the parish, and the orchestra. Special half price tickets only available at church for £10. (Free for under 16s.) Online advance tickets are £15 from lmo.org.uk. Invite your friends and family. It's always a glittering evening! **HELP NEEDED FOR THE CONCERT:** On your way out today please take a bunch of concert flyers to put through your neighbours' doors. On the night lots of volunteers are needed to help serve mulled wine and mince pies during the interval. If you could help with that please tell Daniel Murray or email him: danielsmurray200@gmail.com

Chaplaincy Annual Remembrance Service: St Patrick's Chapel, Westminster Cathedral. Please join us for the Irish Chaplaincy service of remembrance. It offers and opportunity for us to come together to remember deceased friends and family in our Chaplaincy community. Please, RSVP to paul.raymond@irishchaplaincy.org.uk

Marriage Care: Join Marriage Care for a Growing Together Marriage Enrichment Day for couples at any stage of marriage whose relationship is stable or in a good place, is on Saturday 17th January, from 10 am to 5 pm in Finchley. The cost is £75 per couple, but please speak to us if this is more than you can afford to pay. For more details or to book, contact appointments@marriagecare.org.uk

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025: For the Prevention of Suicide .. It can be very distressing if you're worried about someone who feels suicidal. They may have talked about wanting to end their life. Or you may be concerned that they're thinking about it. *This month Pope Leo invites us to join the papal prayer intention, "...that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life."*