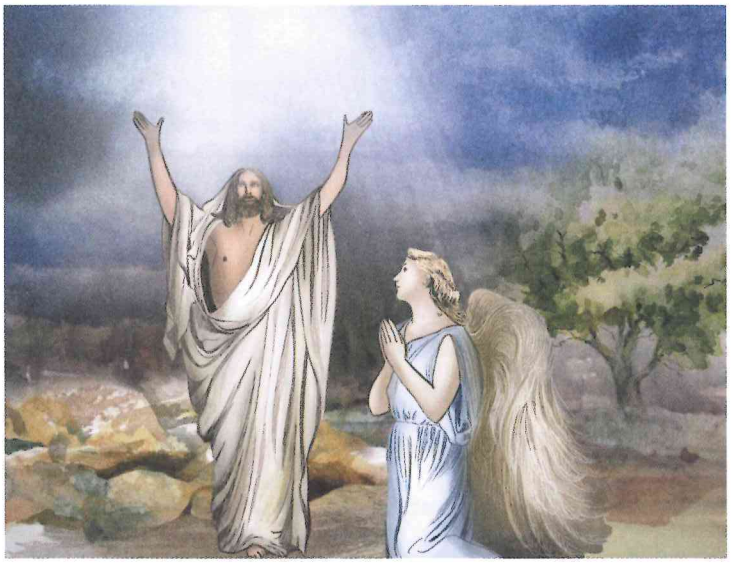


ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.
'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.' *6:12-16*
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 63(62)

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R.**

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING

(Shorter form between asterisks)
A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.' *4:13-18*
We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' *25:1-13*
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son,
we may honour it with loving devotion.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power has entered.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 7th	4.00 pm	John Finlan (Anniversary)
Sun 8th	10.30 am	Sylvia Curran (Anniversary)
Mon 9th	9.30 am	Society of Divine Vocations
Tues 10th	9.30 am	People of the Parish
Wed 11th	9.30 am	Daniel Séan Walton (Birthday)
Thurs 12th		NO MASS
Fri 13th	9.30 am	Thomas Croke (Anniversary)
Sat 14th	4.00 pm	Marie O'Mahoney RIP
Sun 15th	10.30 am	Anne & Frank Mulrennan RIP

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £417.22
SECOND COLLECTION: £172.89 (Johnson Association)

8th November 2026: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Remembrance Sunday)

FEASTS:

Monday	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday	St Leo the Great, Pope
Wednesday	St Martin of Tours
Thursday	St Josaphat
Sunday	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)
Altar Lamp – Thomas Croke RIP
Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish

RECENTLY DEAD: Peter Conway RIP. Funeral on Friday 20th November at 11.00 am – St Thomas More's.

ANNIVERSARIES: Augustine McKearney, Seamus Finnerty, Mary McGuire, Margaret Doyle, Maureen Tayler, Sylvia Curran, Agnes O'Shea, Josephine Glynn, Kathleen St Ledger, Denis Ashe, Patrick Smythe, Patrick Doherty, Bridie Keaveney, John Smyth, Kathleen Downes, Joseph Creithton, Nellie Beirne, George Watson, John Kelly, Joe Reams, Paul Horan, Michael Bettridge, Thomas Croke, Lilian Evans, Patrick Smiley, John McGettigan, Robert McInteggart, Virgin Thomas.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter, Dennis Moloney, Josephine Mary Doyle, Eddie Dunne.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray 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.
SECOND COLLECTION: Appeal by Holy Family Sisters, London **NEXT WEEKEND:** Church Maintenance.
HOLY SOULS: Please find slips at the back of the Church where you may write the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered in Masses during the month of November. Please return the slips to the basket provided. Thank you.
RCIA PROGRAMME: If you are enquiring about the Catholic faith or know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Our annual Bazaar will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026 in Holy Family School Hall. Bottles, New/Nearly New gifts are greatly appreciated. There will also be a Raffle – tickets will be available later.
KNITTED CRAFT SALE: Sister Maura will be selling knitted crafts on the weekend of 14/15th November. Proceeds to the Sanctuary.
BLESSING OF GRAVES: Sunday 8th: Widney Manor (1) at 2pm; Sunday 15th Widney Manor (2) at 2pm; Sunday 15th New Hall (Sutton Coldfield) at 2pm; Sunday 15th Witton at 2pm; Sunday 15th Erdington Abbey at 3pm; Sunday 22nd Robin Hood at 2pm.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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