

Today Sunday Enrolment Mass at 10.00am. We welcome the children & their parents into the preparation for First Holy Communion.

Cake sale after morning Mass today to fund the Children's Liturgy party. Cash only!

Prayer Workshop 2.00pm Thursday 16th November at Nazareth House. All welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 10.00am Mass. All children welcome from the age of four until they begin to prepare for First Holy Communion. Parents may accompany their children to help them settle and then parents should return to church. During the Liturgy children listen to the Gospel, reflect on its meaning and give God thanks in prayer & song. It is a child's version of the Liturgy of the Word, which adults celebrate in church.

Holy Trinity Cine Club: for children in **Year 7 to Year 9, and Year 10 to 12** on a Friday evening once a month. Quality 'surprise' movie followed by discussion and pizza. All are welcome, suggested donation of £5 towards running costs. Contact cineclubbg@gmail.com. See poster in the church porch.

Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child for **Baptism** under 5 years old please email us for an application form. You will be contacted once the form has been received. A copy of one of the Catholic parents' baptism certificate will be required. Baptisms can only take place on Saturdays at 11am.

Certificate of Catholic Practice for Application to Catholic Primary and Nursery Schools: please email the parish office to request a Priest Information Form, and further instructions.

Advent Bazaar 3rd December 11am – 2pm: Christmas cards, festive items, cakes, tea and coffee, Sr Jenefer's marmalade, book a table to run your own stall, bottle tombola (donate bottles please), suggestions invited, please contact the parish office to volunteer your help. Without help the bazaar will not be possible.



Please pray for the sick especially: Philip Chiang, Roy Merrick, Gregory Gilmartin, Phoebe Daniela, Denis Quilligan, Christina Philbin, Michael Moore, Breeda Cleary, Nicholas Tilbury, Ann McNally, Bob Smith, Kizi Kamasho, Michael McGlynn, Carol Burnett, Michel Gastrein, Noel Horgan, Sebastian Pereira, Oliver Hurrell, Billie Clinton, Fr Nigel, Aleyda Franco, James Downes, Jenny Majumdar, Susan Gent, Frances Brady, Peter Dewar, Mae Higgins, Linda Pick, Sue Pachoa, Eulalia Morales, Raymond Gibbs, Lyda Franco and Eddie Hughes. **We commend to God those who died recently:** Mary McMahan **and those with anniversaries around this time:** Felizia Ramos and Anna Delia De Morales.

Funeral of Mary McMahan: Thursday 16th November at 11.45am. May she rest in peace.

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32nd Sunday of the Year Remembrance Sunday 12th November 2023

Today's Readings p. 624-627

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Paul 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13



Office Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Times of Mass and Devotions for the week beginning Sunday 12th November 23

Saturday	9.30 am Mass
<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 12th November	8.30 am Mass
<i>32nd Sunday of Year A</i>	10.00 am Family Mass
Remembrance Sunday	11.30 am Solemn Requiem Mass followed by Confessions
	6.30 pm Mass

Monday <i>feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Adoration and Benediction until 7.00 pm
Tuesday <i>feria</i>	6.00 pm Mass followed by Rosary
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm Mass
Thursday <i>St Edmund of Abingdon</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Rosary
Friday <i>St Hugh of Lincoln</i>	9.00 am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Prayers
Saturday <i>Dedication of SS Peter&Paul</i>	9.30 am Mass 6.00 pm First Mass of Sunday followed by Confessions
Sunday 19th November <i>33rd Sunday of Year A</i>	8.30 am Mass 10.00 am Family Mass 11.30 am Solemn Mass followed by Confessions 6.30 pm Mass

Bible Reflection

What is it to be a wise virgin?

In Chapter 9 of the book of Wisdom, we read: 'For even if someone is perfect among the sons of men, yet without the wisdom that comes from you (Lord) he will be regarded as nothing.' Wisdom has been a virtue dearly loved across the history of humanity. The Greeks desired it so much that they called their journey towards it philo-sophia, love of wisdom. As well as the Greek mythology, the book of Wisdom presents this virtue to us in a personified way. 'Search for her early in the morning and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your door.' Equally, this Sunday's Gospel puts before us the presence of a person coming to knock at the door of our heart, a bridegroom that comes to meet us personally.

For us Christians, the Lord Jesus is the incarnation of Wisdom foretold from times past. This virtue is no longer an obscure or secret knowledge available only for an intellectual elite, Wisdom is a person we are invited to relate with and that makes himself available to those who truly search for him. In Jesus' own words: 'I thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and reveal them to little children.'

Father Juan

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. There will be regular Requiem Masses. You are invited to take a form from the back of church on which to write the names of your own beloved deceased for whom prayers are requested. Return them through the

presbytery letterbox in an envelope also available at the back of church, along with an offering if you are able to. The lists are being assembled in a book, which will remain near the main altar throughout the month of November.

Thank you for your response to the Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests Fund in the Diocese of Westminster last weekend. £853 has been raised so far. It's still not too late to receive any further donations. Special envelopes are at the back of the church

Women's-Only Weekly Glass Door Night Shelter here at Holy Trinity during the winter months started last week. We thank our volunteers and our Volunteer Coordinator Heather Alston. She can be contacted on hja@rawspace.co.uk or 07966233581

Looking Ahead – Annual Three Days of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 23rd, 24th, 25th November, 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord', leading up to the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Christian Year. You can sign a rota in the porch to offer a time you will pray in church. A special information leaflet is now available. Parish groups, ministries and programmes, and our schools, are also asked to take part. It will conclude on Saturday 25th November, with Benediction at 5.30 pm, and Sung Mass at 6.00 pm, celebrated by Archbishop Kevin McDonald (Emeritus of Southwark,) followed by a Party in the Parish Centre with Bring and Share Supper. Please sign the list in the porch to show what you can bring.

Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation in the Holy Land through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Holy Land, may be offered at the icon in the entry to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, (far left at front of church.) Friends of the Holy Land are able to get any donations through very quickly to provide help for those in desperate need of food, water, medicines. Sort code: 60-05-41 Account: 24591211

Westminster Diocese Youth Ministry: The closing date for applications to the Upper Room Leadership Programme has been extended to 16th November! This 8 month programme, starting in December, is open to young people 18-23, who are interested in growing in discipleship, spiritual formation, and practical training, culminating in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's an opportunity to journey with 20 other young Catholics in developing your unique vocation, gifts and identity in community. Visit <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/>

Catholic Children's Society Christmas Gift Appeal

We are supporting the CCS Gift Appeal by collecting new gifts for looked after children, children living in hostels or other temporary accommodation, child carers, refugee children, and families in financial hardship. If you would like to help, you can bring a gift, unwrapped, labelled boy/girl and the age range to the parish office before 6th December. These presents are more than just material goods, they bring so much happiness and hope to the families the Society works with. See poster in the porch for more information.

