

**Masses this week, 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.– 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2025**

*30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*



<b>Saturday</b> <b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Claudio &amp; Melli – Wedding Thanksgiving</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>8.30 am</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Emilien Godard RIP (Young soul)</i>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass:</b>	<i>Fr. Robert Ellis RIP</i>
<b>Monday</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>St. Vincent, Sabina, &amp; Christeta – Martyrs</b> <i>Teresa Malik RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	<b>28<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>Saints. Simon and Jude Apostles</b> <i>Rudolf Solomon – for recovery</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>02.00 pm</b>	<b>29<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>Blessed Michael Rua</b> <i>Izabela Tolowinska RIP</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	<b>30<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>St. Theodore Abbot</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>10.00 am</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>St. Wolfgang Bishop &amp; Reformer</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>06.00 pm</b>	<b>01<sup>st</sup> Nov</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> <i>Phyllis Kearns</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>8.30 am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b> <b>Mass:</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time C – All Saints Day</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass:</b>	

**German Mass:** Sunday at 11.45 am. [gemeindereferentin@dkg-london.org](mailto:gemeindereferentin@dkg-london.org)  
**Exposition:** Monday-Friday 8.50-9.50am  
**Confessions:** Mon-Fri after 10am Mass / Saturday 5.15-5.45pm before 6pm Mass  
**Parish surgery:** Mondays 5-6pm



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<https://youtube.com/live/0lpN8DUUHWU>

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**Collection 19<sup>th</sup> Oct:** £199.30 (of which Gift Aid £20).  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Missio):** £128.  
**Mass Attendance 19<sup>th</sup> Oct** (incl online): Sat 6pm: 42 | Sun 8.30am: 26 | Sun 10am: 62 |  
 Total: 130 (incl 32 children).  
**Mass Attendance Last Week** (incl online): Mon: 13 | Tues: 16 | Weds: 14 | Thurs: 14 | Fri  
 7pm (Fr. Antony's Induction Mass): 152 |

**LET'S BEAUTIFY OUR LIFE WITH JESUS TOGETHER!**



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**Year of Jubilee 2025: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT - Newsletter**



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Dear Friends in Christ,

**Piercing the Heavens: A Reflection on Humble Prayer**

In a striking image from the Book of Sirach, we read: *“The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds to reach the unseen throne of God.”* This vivid metaphor reminds us that the most powerful prayers are not those adorned with eloquence or prestige, but those born from hearts that recognize their deep dependence on God. Though God shows no partiality and hears the prayers of all, Scripture consistently reveals His special concern for the vulnerable — the oppressed, the orphaned, the widowed, and those who stand with empty hands and open hearts. Their cries rise with a purity that moves the divine. Psalm 34 echoes this truth: *“The Lord hears the cry of the poor.”*



Jesus offers a profound lesson in spiritual posture. The Pharisee, confident in his righteousness, recites a prayer of self-congratulation — thanking God not for mercy, but for his own moral superiority. In contrast, the tax collector stands at a distance, burdened by his failings, and utters a simple plea: *“O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”* His humility opens the gates of grace.

True prayer is not a performance, but a surrender. It is the quiet offering of a contrite heart, the silent service of love, and the recognition that we are all in need of mercy. In this posture, our prayers do indeed pierce the clouds

With every blessing, Fr. Arulraj Antony

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**Supporting our Mission:**

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## Parish Announcements – October Highlights

### Join Our Christmas Box Appeal – Last date on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

As we prepare for the joyous season of Christmas, we invite you to participate in our annual **Christmas Box Appeal**. This wonderful gesture of solidarity is an opportunity for our parish community to share the joy of the season with our brothers and sisters in need. We encourage you to contribute to this important cause and help us bring warmth and happiness to those who need it most.

**Ordinariate Mass and Talk – 28th October 7pm followed by refreshments.** We are delighted to invite you to an enriching evening hosted by Fr. Peter Andrews and his dedicated team, focusing on the global mission of *Missio*. This special session will feature guest speaker **Jo Kitterick** from **CAFOD**, who will share insights on *Hope in Action* during this Jubilee Year. This is a valuable opportunity to learn how your generous contributions are making a difference around the world. Your questions and reflections are most welcome. Join us for an evening of inspiration, transparency, and global solidarity.

**All Souls Day – Saturday 6pm, 1st November:** We warmly invite you to our **Evening Mass of Remembrance**, a sacred time to honour and pray for loved ones who have journeyed to their eternal rest. You are welcome to bring a photo and light a candle in memory of family members, friends, or anyone dear to your heart. Let us gather in reverence and hope, united in prayer and remembrance.

**All Saints Day – Sunday, 2nd November:** Prepare to witness a heavenly celebration as our parish transforms into a tapestry of saints! Our **Saints Parade** promises to be a joyful tribute to the holy men and women who inspire our faith. Children and families are encouraged to participate—costumes are available in the sacristy. For assistance, please contact **Ms. Hue**. The children, dressed as their chosen saints, will participate in a special procession during the 10:00 am Mass, filling our church with a vibrant "cloud of witnesses." In addition, we invite all parishioners to bring their cherished statues or icons of saints from their homes to be specially blessed during this Mass. Let's make our church a glimpse of Heaven on Earth!

### Remembrance and Reconciliation Mass – 8th & 9th November

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in a solemn and heartfelt tribute to those who have served — and continue to serve — in the armed forces. This special Mass is dedicated to honouring the memory of loved ones who have passed, as well as those currently in active service.

As we gather in prayer and reflection, we especially remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. Their courage and devotion remain at the heart of our community's gratitude. To enrich our altar display during the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, 8th November, we kindly ask parishioners to bring photographs of their relatives or friends who have served. A brief biography accompanying each photograph would be deeply appreciated, helping us to honour their stories with dignity and reverence. Let us come together in remembrance, reconciliation, and prayer.

**Christmas Sale at the Parish Hall** The festive season is fast approaching, and we're here to help you prepare with ease and joy! Join us for our **Christmas Sale** at the Parish Hall, held on **Sundays after Mass**. You'll find a delightful selection of **cards, candles, and seasonal gifts** to brighten your celebrations.

#### Sale Dates:

- **November:** 16th & 30th
- **December:** 14th & 21st

Come along, browse, and enjoy the festive spirit with us!

**First Holy Communion Applications – Deadline Approaching** A gentle reminder that the closing date for **First Holy Communion (FHC) applications** is **Sunday, 2nd November 2025**. Application forms are available both **online** and at the **church porch**. We encourage all eligible families to submit their forms promptly to ensure participation in this important sacrament.

#### Save the Date:

26.10.2025 Sun 10 am	Mass for Young Families
28.10.2025 Tue 7 pm	Ordinariate Mass & Special Talk on CAFOD
01.11.2025 Sat 6pm	All Souls Day: Mass for the departed Souls of last Nov to this Oct.
02.11.2025 Sun 10 am	All Saints day – <b>Saints Parade</b> by Children
09.11.2025 Sun 10 am	Remembrance & Reconciliation Mass
22.11.2025 Sat 6pm	Feast of Christ the King – Youth Mass Table Tennis and Pizza with Popcorn

**Pray for sick & housebound:** Julia Van der Bosch, Fr Raymund Brennan, Pat Dawson, Emmanuel Solomon, Jesse Osborn, Princess Josephine Loewenstein, Dr. Jean O'Callaghan, Gladys, Victor Massey and Edward Joss.

**Pray for those who have recently died:** James Poole, John Nolan and Adrian Attard.