



St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 31 MAY 2026 - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times

Sundays: 9 am (English)

11 am (Sung Latin)

Monday-Friday: 1 pm

'God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.'



The Most Holy Trinity (Year A)

Our new Archbishop, Richard, has always trusted his clergy to preach on Trinity Sunday, in contrast to less enlightened times when bishops would routinely issue a pastoral letter to be read at all Masses, so that priests are delivered from the risk of straying into heresy in their attempt to expound on the mystery of the Holy Trinity. I hope to avoid heretical pronouncements myself this Sunday – the less said, the better! This central teaching of our faith must be received with wisdom by the People of God and not accepted only after intelligent scrutiny. Herein lies the age old distinction between wisdom and intelligence. Pope Leo has just published his Encyclical on Artificial intelligence – the headline one-liner being that “it needs to be disarmed”. I shall take the weighty document with me on my annual retreat next month and see what else he says. Will we ever have to grapple with the invention of “Artificial Wisdom”? I think not, because wisdom is that uniquely human ability to see what is wholesome and life giving. As St. Paul says to the Corinthians, that in the crucifixion we see the “power and wisdom of God”. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit and where it is present, its very nature and origin makes it genuine. “Artificial Wisdom”, therefore, is simply an oxymoron!

Fr. Anthony Furlong IC

Etheldreda, Princess, Abbess, Saint

Etheldreda's World - Princess, Abbess, Saint. Dr Charles Moseley from Oxford University, wrote this book to mark 1,350 years since St Etheldreda founded a monastery on the site of what is now Ely cathedral in 673 AD. What was it like to be a Princess (c. 636-679 AD) an Abbess in a land where the old gods were still honoured by many? What power did women in her position wield? What did it mean to be revered as a Saint? This excellent book is available from the Presbytery. **Price 12.99.**

Today's Readings

Exodus 34: 4–6, 8-9; [9 am Mass only:
Daniel 3: 52–56. **Response: "To be praised and highly exalted for ever!"**];
2 Corinthians 13: 11–13; John 3: 16–18.

Sunday's Music (11am)

Widor Messe
Dupré Laudate Dominum
Dupré Ave verum
Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvam fac
Organ Voluntary: Widor Marche Pontificale (Symphonie I)

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Thought for the week

We are all invited to the holy banquet, and we are all called to partake of the Body of the Lord. Christians ought to be full of gratitude for the goodness of the Creator, who has called them to Himself with such generosity. They ought to feel their nothingness, their unworthiness, and approach at the same time this holy banquet with confidence, joy, humility, and praising God with the words of the Blessed Virgin, “He deigned to look upon the lowliness of His servant”.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us



Let us remember in our prayers:

Marie Lopez and Marius Petruse married here recently.
Alice McDevitt to be baptized today.
Those who are sick, especially John Manning, Olive Maughan, John Young and Penelope Bolbot.

New Video Featuring St Etheldreda's

Fr Lawrence Lew OP came to us a few months ago to do some filming; exploring the nave, stained glass, saints, angels and sacred imagery of our church. This top quality video is now available on Youtube, please follow this link or scan the QR code: https://youtu.be/Vsf_zmcSEAI



Communion Under Both Kinds

The next opportunity to receive from the chalice as well as the sacred Host at the 11 o'clock Masses will be next Sunday and 5 July. The frequency will increase as and when we can prepare more Eucharistic Ministers.

Voice Training for Readers

There will be a meeting of readers who would like to improve their delivery on Tuesday 7 July at 6pm in the church. The next rota begins in July and now is the time for people who would like to join the 9 am and 11 am groups to give their names to Fr Anthony.

Sponsoring the Choir

For those parishioners attending the 11am Mass, please consider sponsoring the choir by taking a Choir Sponsorship Form from the cloister table, fill in your details and drop it though the Presbytery letter-box. A monthly or annual standing order would be the optimal way of your contributing to this scheme.

The Feast of St Etheldreda

Will be celebrated this year on 5 July. 'Bring and share' lunch after the 11 am Mass. A chart is displayed on the cloister table for you to list what goodies you plan to bring. We are also looking for volunteers to help us to organise the catering, please speak to Fr Anthony or email the parish office: enquiries@stetheldreda.com.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be next Sunday (7 June) in the crypt following the 11am Mass. All Welcome.

Tyburn Talk

Beyond Tyburn: the untold story of the London martyrs. Learn about the London martyrs we seldom hear about & the hidden secrets of London places we pass by every day at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ. Weds 17th June, 6:00pm. Light refreshments provided. RSVP cenacletotheholyspirit@yahoo.com. Talk is free, but donations for the convent welcome.

Mass for New Catholics

Those received into the church this Easter are welcome to come along to the Cathedral of Westminster on Saturday 20 June for a celebration Mass at 6 pm together with family, friends and parishioners. Archbishop Richard will be the celebrant and there is a presentation in Vaughan House (Francis street, SW1P 1QN) on 'Stepping out as a Catholic' from 4 pm to 5.45 pm. To book a place at the talk, please phone Warren on 0207 798 9152 by 16 June (no reservation needed for the Mass)

Collections

9 am: Plate **£119.30**; Contactless: **£57.50** plus \$40 US dollars.
11 am: Plate **£272.02**; Contactless: **£45.00**
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to **£578.08**. Thank you.



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Mass Intentions

Sun 31st May
The Most Holy Trinity
9.00 am
Anne Kelly RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 1st June
St Justin
1.00 pm
John Young GE

Tue 2nd June
Feria
1.00 pm
John Young GE

Wed 3rd June
St Charles Lwanga
1.00 pm
Gladis Natalia Spizer RIP

Thu 4th June
Feria
1.00 pm
Tomas, Helen and James McAuliffe RIP

Frid 5th June
St Boniface
1:00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

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