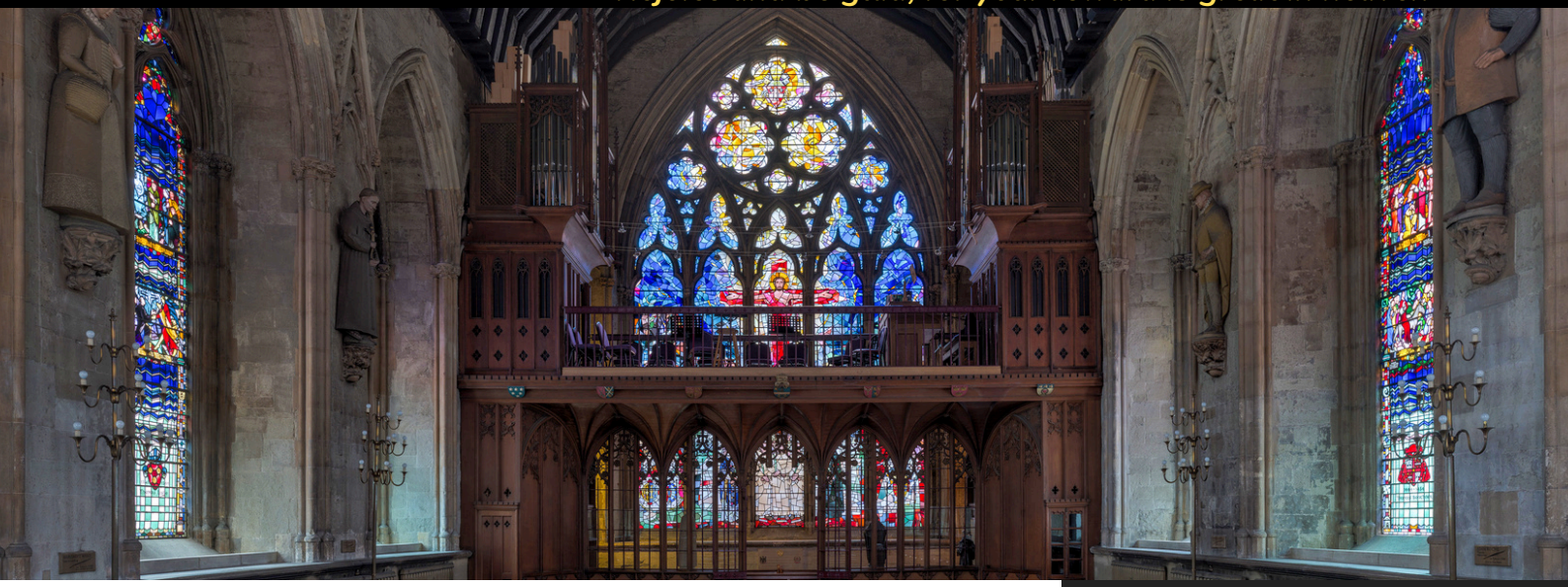
St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 1 NOVEMBER 2026 - ALL SAINTS

NEWSLETTER

Mass Times
Sundays: 9 am (English)
11 am (Sung Latin)
Monday-Friday: 1 pm

'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'



Solemnity of All Saints (Year A)

The individual who exemplifies the spirit of today's celebration is "St. So and So". You'll find him in the Jerusalem Bible in Mt. 26:18. In our new translation, it is rendered "a certain man" and refers to the owner of the upper room in Jerusalem where the Last Supper was to be held. It's obvious in every translation that by the time any of the Gospels were written, nobody could remember the name of the person who provided that dining room. The very anonymity of this figure makes today his feast day along with the multitudes over the last two thousand years who have responded to the call of Christ. "So and So" was known by Jesus as somebody who would say yes when asked to help. This summarises what constitutes sainthood – the willingness to respond to Christ when his call to humble service is heard. Among those who have been faithful disciples would be our own loved ones who have passed on the Faith, together with teachers and preachers who have kept the Word of God alive over the turbulent history of the Church. From their place in Heaven, this crowd of witnesses continues to cheer us on as we continue our earthly pilgrimage. Today we celebrate the fruitfulness of Christ's ministry. The number of the redeemed is impossible to count!

Fr Anthony Furlong IC

Sunday's Music (11am)

Victoria Missa O Quam Gloriosum
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Viadana Exultate justi
Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvum fac
Organ Voluntary: Monteverdi Toccata

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Today's Readings

Revelation 7: 2–4, 9–14; **[9 am Mass only:** Psalm 23. **Response: "Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord."]**; 1 John 3: 1–3; Matthew 5: 1–12.

Organ Restoration

With approximately £20,000 raised so far, we are confident that we can begin the organ restoration in two phases, in March 2027 and April 2028.
Phase one is estimated to be £32,000, while phase two is expected to cost around £14,000.
Following consultation with the Parish, it has been agreed that, upon completion of the works, a commemorative plaque expressing our gratitude to donors who contribute £2,000 or more will be placed at the back of the church.
Contributions can be posted through the presbytery letterbox or made via the contactless machines by selecting "Organ Restoration". Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Thought for the week

The life of the Saints, that is, of great lovers, is interwoven with acts of adoration and contemplation which maintain them continually above all other created things. At the same time, all the powers of nature weigh these lovers down and tend to draw them away from the sublime height. They are like people torn apart by two powers, as opposite as pleasure and pain, and stronger than themselves: on the one hand, the power of supreme love which lifts them up and, on the other, the power of all those attractions, sufferings and even necessities of nature which throws them down to earth.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us

Let us remember in our prayers:

For those who are sick, especially:
Sam Stupavsky and Sheilagh Cooper.

November Dead Lists

From Monday 2 November - All Souls' Day, we begin our month of prayer for those who have died, remembering our friends and ancestors, but also those who may not have anyone left here to pray for the repose of their souls. Please use the envelopes at the back of church to insert the list of those you would wish to remember this month and post envelopes through the presbytery letterbox. **IF** you would like a Mass celebrated specifically for those on your list, please include an offering. These Masses will be celebrated by our Rosminians priests in East Africa.

Mary's Meals

Would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. After the summer break especially if some of you have travelled abroad, we would like you to put all your foreign coins/notes aside; we will be collecting all your foreign currency until this Friday (6th) with special Mary's Meals envelopes available on the cloister table. Please put the filled envelopes through the letterbox of the door marked 'Presbyetery' as you enter the cloister. Currently the charity feeds over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign currency you can help feed the next hungry child. *They will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender .

Parish Carol Service

Will take place on Wednesday 16 December at 6:30 pm.

Collections

9 am: Plate £182.80; Contactless: £70.00
11 am: Plate £208.15; Contactless: £110.00
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to £544.90. Thank you for your generosity.

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Coffee Morning

Call into the Crypt for coffee and tea after the 11 am Mass today, as on every first Sunday of the month. It will be an opportunity, among other things, for visitors and newcomers to the parish to introduce themselves, and for us to make them feel at home.

Magnifica Humanitas

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are inviting everyone on Wednesday 4 November at 6.30pm to Westminster Cathedral Hall, for a talk by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on Magnifica Humanitas. The talk will explore Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and what the rapid development of AI means for our understanding of humanity, morality and faith. As AI increasingly shapes our studies, working lives and relationships, this promises to be a fascinating and timely discussion. Drawing on Pope Leo's teaching, Fr Hugh will consider what makes human intelligence unique, why our God-given dignity cannot be reduced to data and algorithms, and the dangers of allowing technology to take the place of human judgement, authentic relationships or spiritual fulfilment. For further details and tickets visit https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events/

Significant Wedding Anniversaries

Couples marking Silver, Ruby or Golden Wedding Anniversaries are most welcome to receive blessings or renew their wedding vows as part of our Sunday celebrations. To book, please email us: enquiries@stetheldreda.com

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 by following this link: https://givealittle.co/c/choir Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below.

Mass Intentions

Sun 1st November
All Saints
9.00 am
Kathleen Kelly RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 2nd November
All Souls
1.00 pm
All The Faithful Departed

Tue 3rd November
Feria
1.00 pm
All Deceased Members of the Rebello Family

Wed 4th November
St Charles Borromeo
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Thu 5th November
Feria
1.00 pm
St Francis Leprosy Guild

Frid 6th November
Feria
1:00 pm
Daniel John Crowley GE

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