St Etheldreda's

WEEK BEGINNING 8 NOVEMBER 2026 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NEWSLETTER

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

'For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God'



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Remembrance Sunday (Year A)

Lest we forget, the 11am Mass will commence with the two minute silence and the prayers of the Mass will be those of the requiem for the dead of war. As well as unspeakable violence, the world wars provoked extraordinary heroism in individuals. In 2022, the cause of the beatification of Fr. Willie Doyle SJ was opened in his home diocese of Meath, Ireland. All the documentation was sent to Rome last month by the local bishop which brings his cause a step closer. Fr. Willie showed outstanding devotion to his troops by his constant presence at the front line, administering the Sacraments and anointing the dying regardless of nationality. He was killed at the battle of Passchendaele in 1917. The connection with Ely Place is that he was educated by the Rosminians at Ratcliffe College. A brief biography and prayer cards are available today on the table in the cloister.
For a fuller account of this saintly man's life go to:www.williedoyle.org

Fr Anthony Furlong IC

Two minutes' silence

Today's 11 am Mass is preceded by two minutes' silence for Remembrance Sunday.

Today's Readings

9 am Mass: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12. Psalm 46(45). Response: "The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place, the abode of the Most High." 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17. John 2: 13–22.
11 am Mass: 2 Maccabees 12:43-15. Philippians 3:20-21. Luke 7:11-17.

Sunday's Music (11am)

Cardoso Missa pro defunctis
Credo III, Salve Regina, Domine salvum fac, National Anthem.
Organ Voluntary: Handel Dead March (Saul)

Music Director: Robert Patterson

Let us remember in our prayers:

For those who are sick, especially:
Sam Stupavsky and Sheilagh Cooper.
For those recently married here:
Freda Doe-Johnny and Jewel Flood.

Thought for the week

The hope we have that our dead in the Lord have already obtained the reward for their good works, or that they have at least secured for ever their own salvation, is such a powerful belief that it should not allow us to weep over them, who, although no longer visible to our eyes, are not dead but have a greater and immortal life. Prayers said for the souls of good people are never wasted, since if they cannot be applied to them, they will be applied to other suffering souls in Purgatory.

Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Please Support Us

November Dead Lists

We observe this 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.

Rosminian Bicentennial

November 2026 – 16 months to February 2028 – the 200th anniversary of the Foundation of the Rosminians. This is the fifth of twenty monthly meditations counting down to a National Mass of Thanksgiving in Westminster Cathedral marking 200 years since Blessed Antonio Rosmini established the Institute of Charity on Monte Calvario di Domodossola.
Theme: In the School of the Cross
Focus: The Cross as Wisdom, Purification and Strength.
Scripture Verse: "We preach Christ crucified … The power of God and the wisdom of God". (1 Cor. 1:23,24)
Prayer Method: Just like the "Jesus Prayer" (familiar to many of you), find a quiet place and for five or ten minutes (or longer, if you can), as you breathe in, pray the first part of the verse. As you breathe out, the second part. This is a form of "lectio divina" which gives the words of scripture an opportunity to find a home in you.

Mary's Meals

If you have taken an envelope, please return it by tomorrow (Monday) as all the coins will be collected this week and we will let you know how much was raised in a few weeks time.

Collections

9 am: Plate £40.55; Contactless: £23.00
11 am: Plate £178.40; Contactless: £130.00
Donations made to the parish by standing order, calculated weekly, amount to £544.90. Thank you for your generosity.

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A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.
Amen.

Rosminian Ascribed Group

The group next meets on Tuesday 17th November at 6 pm in the presbytery. The role of the Ascribed is explained in the information sheet available on the cloister table. Anyone interested in joining is very welcome to come along.

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.

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 8th November
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Remembrance Sunday
9.00 am
Hannah D'Arcy RIP
11.00 am
For the people of the parish

Mon 9th November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
1.00 pm
John Baptista Fernandes RIP

Tue 10th November
St Leo the Great
1.00 pm
Elizabeth Hennessy & Family

Wed 11th November
St Martin of Tours
1.00 pm
Lionel Pelloquin & Family GE

Thu 12th November
St Josaphat
1.00 pm
Holy Souls

Frid 13th November
Feria
1:00 pm
James and Margaret Neoh RIP

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