



The Parish of St Alphage, Burnt Oak
*A Parish of the Society of St Wilfred and St Hilda within the Diocese of London
and under the episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham*

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

SOLEMN MASS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

THE WEEK AHEAD

Day:

Mass Intention:

Sunday 2nd Nov ALL SAINTS'	08:00 Low Mass 11:00 SOLEMN MASS	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 3rd Nov ALL SOULS'	<u>11:00</u> Low Mass of Requiem <u>19:00</u> SOLEMN MASS OF REQUIEM	<i>The Faithful Departed</i> <i>The Faithful Departed</i>
Tuesday 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	18:00 Low Mass 18:30 Bible Study (Vicarage)	<i>Seminarians</i>
Wednesday 5th <i>Feria</i>	10:00 Low Mass	<i>Local Nursing Homes</i>
Saturday 8th Nov <i>Feria</i>	09:30 Holy Rosary 10:00 Low Mass	<i>Our MP and</i> <i>Local Councillors</i>
Sunday 9th Nov ORDINARY TIME 32 & REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	08:00 Low Mass of Sunday 32 <u>10:05</u> SOLEMN MASS OF REQUIEM WITH ACT OF REMEMBRANCE	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>The War Dead</i>

PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP SILENCE IN CHURCH FROM 10:55

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN *All stand when the bell rings.*

1 For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest.
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

2 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

4 O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Priest introduces the Mass.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Lord God heav'nly king almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Glory to God...*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, You are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer. *Glory to God...*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Glory to God, ...*

COLLECT:

Let us pray.

At the end: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (7:2-4, 9-14)– *please sit.*

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



SECOND READING (3:1-13)

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING (5:1-12a). Please stand.

Alleluia... Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia...

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON Fr Luke Demetri SSC | *Parish Priest*

NICENE CREED (*Stand*)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father,
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

*Bow: and by the Holy Spirit
 was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
 and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL *Remain standing*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

At the pray for the dead: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine upon them.

Invoking Mary's prayers: **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women and blessed is
the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother
of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour
of our death. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN *All remain standing -*

during the hymn a collection is taken to defray the costs of running the parish.

**1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ the royal Master
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, his banners go!**

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

**2 At the sign of triumph
Satan's legions flee;
On then, Christian soldiers,
On to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
Loud your anthems raise. [Refrain]**

**3 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. [Refrain]**

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your phone to scan the
QR code which will
enable you to use
contactless to give.
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**4 Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. [Refrain]**

**5 Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honour
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. [Refrain]**

INVITATION TO PRAYER *All remain standing.*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints, be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Priest continues with the Preface until:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel, if able, for the consecration. Half way through, we say:

The Mystery of Faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until: ...for ever and ever. **Amen.***

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Stand*)

At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you:
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The sign of peace is exchanged.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*Kneel*)

The people look up in adoration at the host.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The COMMUNION ANTIPHON is said by the priest:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Holy Communion is now distributed.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

1 Who are these, like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluya, hark! they sing,
Praising loud their heavenly King.

2 Who are these of dazzling brightness,
These in God's own truth arrayed,
Clad in robes of purest whiteness,
Robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand--
Whence comes all this glorious band?

3 These are they who have contended
For their Saviour's honour long,
Wrestling on till life was ended,
Following not the sinful throng;
These, who well the fight sustained,
Triumph through the Lamb have gained.

4 These are they whose hearts were riven,
Sore with woe and anguish tried,
Who in prayer full oft have striven
With the God they glorified;
Now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

5 These like priests have watched and waited,
Offering up to Christ their will,
Soul and body consecrated,
Day and night to serve him still:
Now, in God's most holy place
Blest they stand before his face.

CONCLUDING RITES

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*please stand*)

Let us pray...Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The NOTICES are given.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, the glory and joy of the Saints, who has caused you to be strengthened by means of their outstanding prayers, bless you with unending blessings. **Amen.**

Freed through their intercession from present ills and formed by the example of their holy way of life, may you be ever devoted to serving God and your neighbour. **Amen.**

So that, together with all, you may possess the joys of the homeland, where Holy Church rejoices that her children are admitted in perpetual peace to the company of the citizens of heaven. **Amen**

And may the blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended. **Thanks be to God.**

MARIAN DEVOTION

The Angelus is sung at the statue of Our Lady.

The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother, of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion may we be brought to the glory of his resurrection. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN (PLEASE NOTE THE END OF THE FIRST VERSE*)

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,

**Feed me now and evermore.*

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

**Hymn books have begun recently
to change the words to "Feed me til
I want no more" but theologically
this is nonsense, how can we ever
want no more?*

PRAYERS

SICK OR THOSE IN NEED: Jean Tester, Karey Demetri, Justina Ocran, Grace Acheampong, Alan Sanders, Catherine Sheenan, Dino Horattides, Michelle Barker, John Hemmings, Leslie Dawson, Elizabeth Chambers.

DEPARTED: Recent: Michael Weston. **Anniversaries:** *Sun:* Lucy Gunning, Gladys Gleaves, *Wed:* William Penton, *Fri:* Sister Caroline Weston CSA, Thelma Brooks, Ivor Brooks.

NOTICES

- A **warm welcome** to you all to St Alphage - do stay for refreshments after.
- **All Souls' Day TOMORROW:** There will be two Masses for All Souls (11am Said Mass, 7pm Sung Mass). There is a list at the back for you to add the names of departed loved ones. Make it **LEGIBLE** (or I won't be able to read the name out) and please check to ensure you haven't **DUPLICATED**. Please ensure you are at Mass to pray for them too!
- **Remembrance Sunday** is next week. The 11am Mass will be a requiem Mass for the war dead and will begin at **10:55** to allow the act of remembrance to be around 11am.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - HELP NEEDED

Date: 29th November 2025 (11am - 2pm)

How you can help:

- There will be a quick meeting after Mass today about the Christmas Fair.
- There are some posters to put up in your neighbourhood / local shops.
- A sign up sheet is at the back of Church for running stalls.
- Setting up in the hall: Friday 28th November from 12:30
- Clear-up: from 2pm on the day (Sat 29th)
- Donations needed (toys, raffle prizes, tombola prizes, bric-a-brac).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 3rd November - All Souls' Day (11am Said Mass, 7pm Sung Mass)

Saturday 29th November - Winter Fair

Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday

(Advent and Christmas programme out soon)

Sunday 7th December - Collation of Fr Luke as Vicar (**11am Mass**)

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Safeguarding Officer:

We take the **safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults seriously. Our Parish Safeguarding Office is **Linda Jones-Dawson** who for safeguarding purposes can be contacted by the following means:

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Alternatively, you may contact Fr Luke if you need to.

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