The Catholic Parishes of

Corpus Christi, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield

and

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road, Old Fallings, Wolverhampton

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The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 8th November, 2026

Remembrance Sunday

Times of Holy Mass and Other Services

Sunday	**The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
	Remembrance Sunday	
5.30 p.m. *(Sat.)*	*(Our Lady's)*	Intentions of Fr. Kelly
9.00 a.m.	*(Corpus Christi)*	Samuel and Mary Philips
10.30 a.m.	*(Our Lady's)*	Those who have died in times of conflic
Monday	**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**	
9.30 a.m.	*(Corpus Christi)*	
Tuesday	*St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church*	
9.30 a.m.	*(Our Lady's)*	Intentions of Fr. Dawid Piskorz OSPPE
Wednesday	*St. Martin of Tours, Bishop*	
No public celebration of Holy Mass today		
Thursday	*St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr*	
6.45 a.m.	*(Our Lady's)*	
Friday	*Feria*	
9.30 a.m.	*(Corpus Christi)*	
6.30 p.m. *(Latin)*	*(Our Lady's)*	Holy Souls
Saturday	*Feria*	
9.30 a.m.	*(Our Lady's)*	
Sunday	**The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
5.30 p.m. *(Sat.)*	*(Our Lady's)*	Ints of Marie Flanagan (B'day intention)
9.00 a.m.	*(Corpus Christi)*	Jan Zielkinski
10.30 a.m.	*(Our Lady's)*	People of the Parish

Confessions
Friday 5.30 p.m. *(Our Lady's).*
Saturday 10 a.m. *(Our Lady's)*
Sunday morning before Mass *(Corpus Christi)*

Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Tuesday during 9.30 a.m. Holy Mass

Adoration of the Most Blessed sacrament
Friday. 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. *(Our Lady's)*
Friday 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. *(Corpus Christi)*
Saturday 4.45 – 5.25 p.m. *(Our Lady's)*

Music Practices, Our Lady's:
Wednesday 7.30 p.m., Schola for Friday evenings.
Thursday 8 p.m., for Sunday 10.30 a.m. Mass

Mass for Deceased Parishioners of the past year:
7 p.m., Thursday 19th November at Our Lady's

Hospital Chaplaincy:
🖱 rwh-tr.Chaplaincy@nhs.net
☎ 695098 (emergency ☎ 307999

Safeguarding Notice: Any child who needs to use the lavatory during Holy Mass must be accompanied by a responsible adult; this applies also in the vicinity of votive candle stands and in the car parks.

November Blessing of Graves
Saturday 14th November
12 Noon Penn Cemetery
2 p.m. Bushbury Cemetery



"As we enter Heaven, we will see them, so many of them, coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say 'a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory.'" – **Blessed. Fulton Sheen**

November Masses for the Holy Souls
Envelopes are available for November for the Holy Souls; please write the names of your loved ones on a piece of paper and place in the envelope together with your offering, and the envelopes will be placed near the Altar; offerings included will be put towards Masses for the Holy Souls through November. (Offerings for Holy Souls Masses may also be donated by card or online).



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:
Tuesday, 8 p.m. in Our Lady's Church: ***"The Life of Christ"***
Please keep those who have expressed a desire to join the Catholic Church in your prayers.

Registered Charity, no. 234216

Readings at Mass (The Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 87: 3)

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading (Wisdom 6:12-16)

'Wisdom is found by those who seek her.'

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for he will find her sitting at his gates.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and he who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ℟2b)

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

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

'Through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 24:42a, 44)

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel (Matthew 25:1-13)

'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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Drawing towards the end the liturgical cycle of readings (prior to the new liturgical cycle which begins on the First Sunday in Advent), today – and the following two Sundays – we have parables that focus on the "end times" and thus relate to what are known as the Four Last Things (death, judgement, Heaven and hell). These parables all come from chapter 25 of St. Matthew's Gospel, and therefore after Jesus entered Jerusalem; indeed, the account of the Last Supper is in the following chapter. Thus as Jesus is facing His own death on the cross imminently, so He gives these parables which speak clearly about our own preparedness for the time that we will be called from this world. Neatly, these readings come in November, the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



Seeking to encourage the Church in Thessalonika in what is possibly the first book of the New Testament to be written, St. Paul writes to those early Christians about those who had already died: perhaps it was the case that those early Christians had anticipated that the Lord's return would be so soon that they hadn't given consideration to the hope of resurrection for those who died before the Lord's return. Thus St. Paul writes to those living to express that the hope of resurrection and the life of Heaven applies to those who have already died as well as those who live in the hope of Heaven in this world. Of course, nearly two millennia have now passed, and therefore our understanding is somewhat different from that of those early Christians. The message of St. Paul remains true, however: we, together with our brothers and sisters in faith of past generations, must place our faith and trust in Jesus crucified and risen, and live our lives looking forward to the call of God to come to His kingdom. As the Church, we already live within the Church, respond to the proclamation of the Gospel and receive the graces of the Sacraments and so are united with the Church in Heaven as we look to taking our places in the Communion of Saints.

The Gospel parable today serves as a stark warning to us about the faith that that we must profess and by which we must live day by day in this world. The familiar context of the wedding feast is the backdrop for this parable, and Our Lord contrasts five foolish bridesmaids with five who were wise. We are told that the bridegroom was [significantly] delayed, and so the bridesmaids *"became drowsy and slept"*. In the scriptures, there are three different images associated with being asleep:

- in a very positive way, sleep is an image of silence and stillness in which God reveals His purposes to those who are docile to His will; in this context, we think of St. Joseph, husband of Our Lady, who received messages from angels while asleep and acted upon them.
- Another image for sleep is that of death, and we have an example of this in today's Second Reading: *"We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope."*
- The third image is that of a spiritual apathy and unawareness of the things of God, and this applies to this reading today, as also to those three Apostles who could not stay awake with Our Lord when they entered the Garden of Gethsemane prior to His arrent.

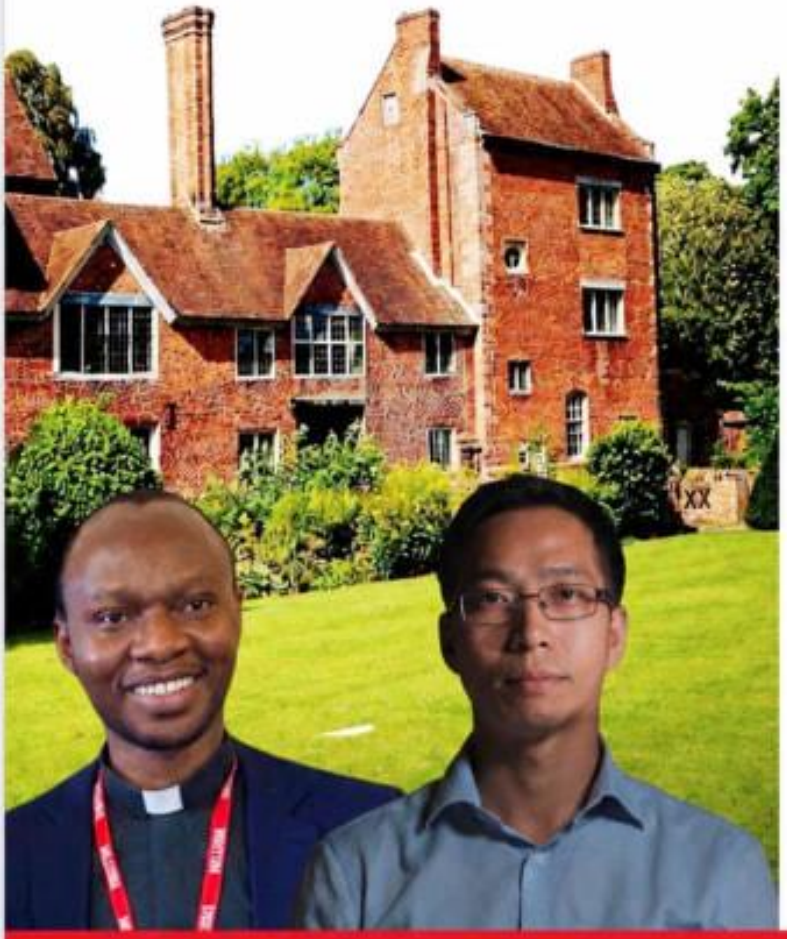
It is this third image which applies to the bridesmaids falling asleep They represent those who are spiritually unaware and apathetic to the call of God in this life so that when they are called to the wedding feast (the image of Heaven) they are simply not ready.

St. Paul writes to the Church in Thessalonika to encourage them in their understanding of their faith and the hope of resurrection. As we should heed that call of St. Paul today, so Our Lord reminds us that we must remain alert to the call of faith in our daily lives, seeking always to grow in our faith. There is a prayer at the end of funerals in which we pray that we may be faithful day by day, *"that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death."* A life of faith relates not to a distant reality in many years time (we hope), but is lived out daily in our prayers, in hearing and reading the Sacred Scriptures, in the encounter with Our Lord in the Sacraments and in all our charitable actions.

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Margaret Greene (Our Lady's sg.ourladys.wolves@rcaob.org.uk) and Mary Boxold (Corpus Christi – sg.corupuschristi.wolves@rcaob.org.uk); alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern

Aid to the Church in Need

#REDWEDNESDAY®



HARVINGTON HALL

Harvington Hall Lane, Kidderminster DY10 4LR

Saturday 14 November 2026

10.30am - 5pm

£25.00pp

Bring your own Lunch

Hot drinks and snacks provided

Benediction led by
Deacon Tim Anthony
Holy Mass celebrated by
Bishop Timothy Menezes
before he moves to Brentwood
Music at Mass led by the students of Warwick University

Reserve your space

by emailing Fran Hazel on fran.hazel@acnuk.org.uk

Religious Freedom and Me

Hear the amazing witness testimonies of:

Timothy Cho on growing up and escaping from North Korea

Fr Stephen Ojapah from Sokoto diocese in Nigeria on his kidnap and 33 days held captive by Boko Haram

Enjoy a private tour of Harvington Hall and hear stories of **heroism** from the Recusant Era - their past is our present. Hope is our future.

14 NOVEMBER 2026

10.30 AM - 5 PM

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church and a registered charity in England and Wales (1097984) and in Scotland (SC040748).

PONTIFICAL FOUNDATION

What is Red Wednesday?

Red Wednesday will be celebrated on 19th November this year; this is an annual initiative from Aid to the Church in Need that aims to highlight the daily suffering, oppression, violence, torture, and death endured by the Christian community the world over. The colour red is the colour of blood, and we are reminded of those words of the second-century Christian apologist Tertuallian, "*the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church*".

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, a Catholic charity founded to help Christians in need where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need through support, charitable work and generating awareness. Aid to the Church in Need's work includes supporting the Church emerging from marginalisation and persecution in former communist countries (such as supporting seminaries and seminarians) an in countries where Christians live in daily fear, such as northern Nigeria, Burkino Faso, Syria, Lebanon and Pakistan.

To find out more about the work of Aid to the Church in Need, you can visit their website. Through the website, you can donate to the work of Aid to the Church in Need. By purchasing from the online shop, you can also support the work and spread aware ness of this charity, not least through their beautiful and well-priced Christmas cards.

RedWednesday event at Harvington Hall

Saturday 14th November 10.30 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Invitation from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Spaces are still available for next month's day event at Harvington Hall.

'*Religious Freedom and Me*' - hear witness testimonies from two men on their personal experiences.

Enjoy a private tour of Harvington Hall.

Benediction, and Mass celebrated by Bishop Menezes.

Please email Fran Hazel on fran.hazel@acnuk.org.uk to reserve your place.

Safeguarding Representatives

Mary Boxold.

Filming and photographs during Holy Mass

Following guidance from the Diocese filming and photographs are not generally permitted during Mass. You are welcome to take photographs/film after the Mass has finished as long as the persons included have given their permission.

Episcopal Vicar

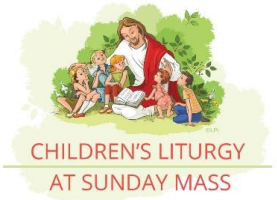
Following the departure of Bishop Timothy Menezes to the Diocese of Brentwood, The Archbishop has appointed Mgr. Mark Crisp to be Episcopal Vicar for Staffordshire, Wolverhampton and the Black Country. He remains as Parish Priest of St. Carlo Acutis with Ss Mary's and John's, a role in which he is supported by two curates, a deacon, two parish sisters, supported by lay administration.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week:

Marion Colville, Bridget Maher, Eugene Maguire, Bill Healy, Patrick Kelleher, Dorothy Maclachlan, Wilhelm Osadnik, Molly Scrivens, Joe Sweeney, Brian Phillips, Samuel Phillips, Ellen Watkins, Elizabeth Weglarzy, Michael O'Donovan, John Slater, Tom Hambleton, John Hart, Mary Davies, Betty Smallman, David Stacey, Catherine O'Brien, Esme Brown, Arthur Travers, Patrick O'Kelly, Michael Donovan, Henry Houldsworth, Bernadette Taggart, John Davies, Margaret Gwilliam, James O'Shea.

Please pray for the Sick: Please pray for John Paton, baby Christine Appiagyei, Ken Russon, Paul Steadman, Brenda Whitmore, Kathleen Hannifin, Elaine Poole, Robert Holland, Frances Paton, Joanne Harbour, Julia Siha, Violet Langston, and Margaret Belcher.

Children's Liturgy of the Word at Our Lady's



There is a Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.30 a.m. Mass at Our Lady's. ***This is provided for children aged 4 – 9 years***. The purpose of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is to present the Sunday Gospel to young children at an age-appropriate level.

Children who have received their First Holy Communion should not go to Children's Liturgy: they should remain in Church and participate in the whole of the Mass.

Parish Finances, Offertories and Gift Aid

For Offertory Collections (which support the general running of parishes and the regular costs incurred) you can contribute in the following ways:

1. By credit or debit card:

We have card readers at the back of our churches: simply follow the instructions. Sometimes you will be required to insert you card and type in your PIN.

You may contribute by credit/debit card in church, or online:

- For general collections/donations to Our Lady's here.
- For general collections/donations to Corpus Christi here.
- For Mass Offerings here (Please email/write details).

2. By Standing Order:

The easiest way is to set this up directly, using the app on your smartphone or by internet banking. ***Bank details:***

Corpus Christi:	Sort code:	55-70-46
	Account no.	00215651
Our Lady's:	Sort Code:	56-00-69
	Account no.	00158232

3. Cash and Card Offerings. 01/11/2026

Offertory Collections	Our Lady's	C. Christi
First Collection (Gift Aid)	£0.00	£20.00
First Collection (non-gift aid)	£177.20	£ 80.77
First Collection (card)	£149.00	£89.00
Second Collection (Johnson Assoc.)	£82.50	£60.83



Vocations Director: Fr. Craig Szmidt



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Fr. Craig joined the Vocations Office in July 2021, having previously been a parish priest in Wolverhampton and Birmingham. Since 2026, he has been Dean of St. Chad's Cathedral.

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Discernment of Vocation - Listening to God's voice

It is not easy to hear the voice of God, but not to worry! The Holy Spirit helps us to listen to God's voice. The Holy Spirit transforms us completely to be a new person. We see that this is exactly what happened when the disciples received the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire on the day of Pentecost. They were afraid and in hiding. However, they were praying about what to do. Then, the Holy Spirit came to dwell in them and as a result, the apostles were completely transformed, filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and they went out to proclaim boldly the Good News; they were able to respond with a 'yes' to God's call. As they received the Holy Spirit, they were able to fulfil the great mission they had been called to. Therefore, the Holy Spirit plays a prominent role in guiding and directing us as we discern our vocation in life.

Some effective ways of listening to God's voice

- Attending Holy Mass,
- Spending time in Adoration,
- Reading the Bible,
- Reciting the rosary,
- Leading a prayerful life,
- Regularly receiving the Sacraments,
- Studying the lives of saints,
- Asking others to pray for you,
- Fasting,
- Almsgiving.