



Eleventh Sunday of the Year - Yr A

13th/14th June 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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| Sat 13 9.30am 6pm | Saverimuttu Family Confirmation Thanksgiving | T'GIVING T'GIVING |
| Sun 14 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm | Manuel Pais Da Cunha (40 days) Perpetua Socorro Fernandes – B'day Billy Fleming John McGillicuddy | RIP T'GIVING RIP RIP |
| Mon 15 9.30am | Emilia Fernandes | T'GIVING |
| Tue 16 9.30am 7pm | Lorna Rodrigues Geraldine Lavery | T'GIVING RIP |
| Wed 17 9.30am | Anacleto Melchor | RIP (A) |
| Thur 18 9.30am | Keziah De Araujo – (B'day) | T'GIVING |
| Fri 19 9.30am 7pm | Pat Stokes Mrs Paguyo | RIP T'GIVING |
| Sat 20 9.30am 6pm | Raveendra Fernandes Domingos Santana Fernandes | RIP RIP (4 th A) |
| Sun 21 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm | Teresa Macken Milfred & Quizanin Trevor Mackrodt Naigaga Family | RIP T'GIVING RIP (A) T'GIVING |

Sanctuary Lamp is lit for the intentions of all Sister of Mercy

OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY

Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am
Confessions: Saturday 4pm-5pm; Morning Prayer: Mon-Fri 9.10am
Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am; St Anthony Devotion: Tues 10am
Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am
Sacred Heart Devotion First Friday 10am
Charismatic Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3rd & 4th Saturday 7pm
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm
Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sun 2.30pm
Filipino Mass: 4th Sat 2.30pm
Nigerian Mass: 4th Sun 2.30pm

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

**Mon, Wed, Thurs: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed**

Dear Friends,

The FIFA World Cup 2026 is underway! Across the globe, hearts and minds have united in anticipation of this great sporting occasion, with every team dreaming of lifting the iconic 37cm, 18-carat gold trophy.

One encouraging sight has been the number of players who make the Sign of the Cross as they step onto the pitch or after scoring a goal. In these moments, there is a rightful turning towards God, echoing the words of the Psalmist: “Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth... come before him, singing for joy.” Now, in terms of the theology of sport, one can be mindful of virtue at this time, not least the virtues which can be strengthened, grown and encouraged in sport—temperance and self-control, prudence, especially within the pressure of a match, in addition to humility in success, grace in defeat, perseverance, solidarity. These are just some of the virtues that can be cultivated through healthy competition. Above all, however, sport should always promote and uphold human dignity. Whether on the pitch or off it, we must celebrate integrity, respect one another, and show a firm ‘red card’ to racism, violence, and every form of discrimination.

Last weekend, our newly established Young Adults Group took part in the diocesan football tournament, the John Paul II Cup. It was the first time our parish had entered the competition, and I am delighted to report that not only did they play with exemplary virtue, but they also finished third overall. Congratulations and well done to everyone involved!

If you are aged between 18 and 35, I warmly encourage you to join this wonderful Young Adults Group. They gather every Friday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre for formation, friendship, fun, fraternity, and, of course, food. You would be most welcome.

Have a blessed week

Fr Mike

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Richard of Chichester – 1197-1253

Feast Day: 16th June Bishop

"May we know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, day by day."

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

**Today: 11th Sunday of the Year Vol 2 p.91
Morning Prayer Week 2**

Next week: 12th Sunday of the Year Vol 2 p.93

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CATECHESIS CORNER

The third Commandment found in Exodus 20:2-17 states, "Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day." Now let us talk about HOW Catholics are expected to keep the Lord's Day holy.

I am specific about CATHOLICS because other denominations may have theirs, but this is Catholic teaching drawn from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Canon Law.

The first thing every Catholic must understand is this: Sunday is not primarily for business. Sunday is not primarily for football. Sunday is not primarily for parties. Sunday is not primarily for shopping. For Catholics, Sunday revolves around THE EUCHARIST. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life." (CCC 2177) And the Church did not suggest Mass attendance as advice. The Church made it an obligation. Canon Law says: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." (Canon 1247). Not "encouraged." Not "if convenient." OBLIGED. Why? Because the Holy Mass is not just like any other prayer gathering. At Mass, the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary is made present sacramentally. At Mass, heaven touches earth. At Mass, Catholics receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Sunday Mass is not optional. It is the centre of everything and the highest form of prayer in the Church. Any other Christian gathering after the mass should be seen as simply an additional pious gathering, and it must be aimed at fostering and promoting deep understanding and love for the Holy Mass and never as a replacement or relegation of the Mass or making the Mass secondary. However, there are exceptions like sickness, caring for the sick, impossibility, unavoidable duty. Outside these exceptions, Church's teaching is clear: "Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin." (CCC 2181). It is important to also state that arriving late for Mass, leaving before the final blessing, skipping Masses because we had visitors, or simply we "did not feel like going" is a sin which needs to be confessed. Sunday is also meant to be a day of rest. Not slavery to work. God rested on the seventh day not because He was tired, but to teach man that life is more than labour. Spend time with family. Visit loved ones. Rest. Pray. Read. Do works of charity. The Lord's Day should restore both the soul and the body. For Catholics, the Lord's Day is holy because of the resurrection of Christ. And the highest way to honour that day is through participation in the Holy Eucharist.

BISHOP OLIVER DOEME It is a privilege to welcome to the parish Bishop Oliver, a friend of Father Andrew, who will be staying with us for most of this coming week. Bishop Oliver is the bishop of the diocese of Maiduguri, Nigeria. A number of years ago, he was blessed with a vision from the Lord Jesus telling him to pray the rosary for peace in Northern Nigeria. We look forward very much to hearing from Bishop Oliver and I know we shall all make him very welcome.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING For all volunteers who are required to complete safeguarding training, please can I ask you to do so ASAP and email the parish office when completed, also giving the name of the volunteering role you undertake. More information on the notice boards in the porch.

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY Talk and Mass for New Catholics will take place this year at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 20th June, from 4pm, with Mass at 6pm.** If you would like to attend, please register via catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION Thank you to so many of you for offering us your encouraging feedback regarding our recent parish drive to revisit and reinforce the reverent, careful and approved ways of receiving Holy Communion. There really was a powerful, visible difference in how we each received Holy Communion last weekend. *Thank You!* More details on this topic are available on the notice boards in the porch. Remember, please consume the Blessed Sacrament in front of the minister rather than walking away or stepping aside. Aid Memoirs of the homily points from last weekend are available in the porch, in various languages, representing our wonderful parish culture.

HOT WEATHER AND DRESS CODE Please do take care in this hot weather to remain well hydrated and as cool as possible, and please remember the importance of maintaining modesty and reverence in what we wear. People often ask us what modest dress means and a general consensus is that what we wear should cover the shoulders and knees, while keeping comfortable in the heat with breathable and lightweight fabrics. I often say: How would you dress if you met a King or Queen? Every time we are at Mass we are meeting our Saviour King, and how we dress for this occasion is a gift to that encounter. Please also note that it is tradition and respect for men to remove hats and headdress when entering a Church. Even the Bishop removes his headdress for the Eucharistic Prayer.

UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME The Upper Room Leadership Programme will take participants on a journey of profound discovery and formation, both practical and spiritual. Its aim is simple: to form young Catholic leaders and to give them the tools necessary to lead young people in their parishes. It has been a positive experience last year for one of our parishioners who has completed the programme, so, if you are interested, please see the church notice board or use this link <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/upper-room-leadership-programme/>

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION – The Parish Community of Corpus Christi, Tring joyfully invites you to celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving for the 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev. Father John Byrne. **Date: 28th June 2026 Time: 10.30am Location: 51 Langdon Street, Tring, HERTS HP23 6BA** **BBQ** to follow in the Parish grounds and Hall. Please note there is no parking at the church but try nearby roads.

TABERNACLE As part of our Planned Giving Drive initiative, with all we hope to achieve in the church over the next few months to years – new lighting and sound systems, redecorating, etc. – we have had to buy a new tabernacle. I am excited to write this because our current tabernacle is now too small for the size of our parish, with the growing numbers we are seeing coming to Mass week-on-week. The new tabernacle is a very beautiful, second-hand tabernacle, that fits the design of our church very well, with its dome shape, and I shall put a photograph of the new tabernacle on the notice boards in the church from next weekend. We hope it might be in situ for September. If anyone wishes to see it in person, please let me know.

REST IN PEACE - We pray for the repose of the soul of Teresa Louise Macken. Her Requiem is here on Friday 26th May at 12.30pm. May she rest in eternal peace.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

6th-7th June Loose: £1,545.93, Envelopes: £217.23
Total: £1,763.16

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