

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

31st August 2025

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18)

A reading from the Book Ecclesiasticus.
The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Psalm (Psalm 112)



Response: Blest are those who fear the Lord.

Blest are those who fear the Lord,
and have great delight in his commandments.
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
a generation of the faithful will be blest. **/R**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures for ever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous. **/R**

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
they will look in triumph on their foes.
They have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures for ever. **/R**

Second Reading (Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading (Luke 14:1,7-14)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may

come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins
and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers:

Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Terry Folan, Sheila Hoppenbrouwers, Eamon Irvine, Fr Michael Shier, Carol Martin, Philomena Sorrenti, Maggie Stevenson, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams, Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich, Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Joanne Dack, Jaqueline Ives, Joan Rivellini, Tommy Naylor, Shirley

Among the departed:

Helen Fletcher, Barbara Leater, Andrew Miller, Vlasta Curejove

Anniversaries of Death:

Robert Gofton-Salmond (Pr), James Cox, Walter Thompson, Cecil Norman Hosken, Guy Seymour Back (Pr), Susana A'Costa, Emily Pope, Albert Jardine

In our parish:

We pray for Helmet Row and LSO St Luke's

In the wider world: We pray for the Middle East and a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

Wednesday Open church 10am to 1pm
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Sung Mass

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

Can you help?

Would you be able to help with church cleaning or with welcoming and refreshments on Sunday mornings? We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs. Please speak to Sherry if you'd like to help set up or clear away on Sunday or Maureen if you would like to help with church cleaning.

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory** which works with the homeless and the very poor in our part of London. Please give what you can.

St. Clement's Church is very grateful for all donations to our work. To donate now please scan the QR code below. You can use debit or credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Many thanks!

