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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th June 2026

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for June: For the values of sports Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Sun 14th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	P Feury R.I.P.; P D'Souza Int Rosetta, Maria, Paolo, Andrea M Tiernan; J Murphy; S Dias E Creith Int	
Mon 15th	Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; F Trindade;	
Tues 16th	Feria	J & C Keogh R.I.P.	
Wed 17th	Feria	J Thompson R.I.P.	
Thurs 18th	Feria	P Nagle R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m.
Fri 19th	Feria	B Cantillon R.I.P.	
Sat 20th	St Alban	V Nwadincka Obih; J Pires Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Jesus' all-consuming compassion should profoundly console us. God does not love us out of mere divine obligation; His love is deeply personal, intimate, and relentless. He is not distant or impersonal, aloof in His perfection. In Christ, God's mercy is made visible—His human heart is stirred to action, doing everything He can to draw us closer to Himself. This is why His compassion is such a source of reassurance: He is not a distant or angry God, standing far off to condemn. Rather, He is the God who, in Christ, allows Himself to be consumed with mercy, driven by compassion, and moved to act for the salvation of each one of us.

That same profound mercy continues to flow from the Sacred Heart today. In Heaven, Christ's human heart remains inseparably united to His divinity, pouring forth the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit upon the world. His compassion is made present to us through His Church, especially in the Sacraments and in the lives of saintly men and women. This same compassion must become the driving force behind all we do for the Kingdom. We are called to be His living instruments of mercy, reflecting His Sacred Heart in our actions, words, and love for others—so that each of us might be reassured of God's unfailing love.

We see in today's Gospel that Jesus' compassion moved Him to send out twelve of His disciples as His Apostles, entrusting them with His divine authority to proclaim the Kingdom of God, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons. They were to be His chosen instruments of mercy, reaching out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel—those in dire need of God's truth and healing grace.

Today, Jesus sends each of us forth in a unique way to be a beacon of light and mercy to others. He first calls us to love those closest to us—our family and friends—not in an ordinary way, but in a radical self-giving that mirrors His own love. We must allow our whole beings to be moved with divine compassion

Fr Albert will be available on Monday.

- Baptisms next Sunday after the 11 a.m. Mass. Preparation session for parents on Wednesday, 17th after the evening Mass.

- **2 Bed flat required** in local area. If you can help please contact 07564140079.

- **Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 12th July** for the housebound and senior parishioners. Volunteer drivers needed to transport people to and from the hall. If you can help please let us know. 07484680296

- **Friday, 26th June at 7 p.m., Mass for Volunteers** and anyone **who** ministers in the Parish – cleaners, catechists, drivers, choir. Eucharistic ministers, readers, safeguarding, Finance committee, Children's Liturgy, SVP, collectors, counters, gardener and Knights of St Columba. Light refreshments in hall afterwards.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
Body of Christ, save us.
Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
O Good Jesus, hear us.
Within Thy wounds hide us.
Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend us.
In the hour of our death call us.
And bid us come unto Thee,
That with all Thy saints,
we may praise thee
Forever and ever. Amen

Parish Finance: Last Week's Collection:

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- **Parish Safeguarding Representative:** Katherine Hamilton email wembley2sg@safeguard-rcdow.org.uk

Confirmation 2026:

- Congratulations to the 26 candidates who were confirmed on Saturday. *Nolan, Sophia, Flannan, Brises, Moses, Annaceline, Michelle, Chloe, Henry, Rochelle, Francisco, Britney, Maja, Antonio, Megan, Shanel, Maya, Presley, Ethan, Rennae, Janyl, Eden, Kare, Winston, Isabella and JP.* Please remember them and their families.

- **Date for your Diary:** Knights of St Columba are holding a Jallof Rice evening on Saturday, 27th June at 7 p.m. Tickets £30 available this weekend. All proceeds for the hall refurbishment.

- **The Bethlehem Nativity Group**, a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us once again this weekend to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord").

- **A Day for Parish Catechists and Youth Leaders** on Saturday, 27th June at Welwyn Garden City 10-4 p.m. See Posters. If you would like to attend please, let Mary know this week. Booking is essential.