



Ordinariate and Parish Church

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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th October 2023



In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are to love God and our neighbour. God is love and he made us in his own image. We love him with all our heart, soul and mind, because through his grace the pattern of our life-style is changed. We love our neighbour knowing that God lives in them also. We must help them in every way to show the quality of our love.

The month of the Rosary ends this week. Thank you to those who led and learnt this wonderful devotion to Our Lady.

The Rosary will be recited for the last time today, before the Solemn Mass from 10.40. The Rosary Group continues to meet each Friday 19.00 in Church. *All welcome.*

Caritas invite support for those affected by war, flooding and earthquake at this time.

The Synod in Rome continues through October. The Holy Father asks us to keep him and all those taking part in our prayers.

John Murphy, sadly died last week. He was caretaker of our school for many years and a loyal and loving son of the Church. Our love and prayers to Mary his wife, his family and especially Joseph. *Lord have mercy on him.*

All Saints Day is Wednesday this week. A day of obligation and a Solemnity. Mass at 13.05 & 18.30

All Souls Day is on Thursday this week. Mass at 08.00 13.05 & 18.30 Bring the names of your loved one, which will remain on the Altar throughout November. Offerings and names can be made on-line or using the envelopes. preciousblood.org.uk/holysouls

Open Church, come and pray! The Church is open each day after Mass until late (normally 19.00). Visit the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Good Counsel Annual Ball is on 18th November from 18.00 at the Royal Garden Hotel. The Young Adults Group have booked a table. Tickets include a 5-star three-course dinner with live music. It's a great event. If you would like to go see Andrew or Brian.

Children at Mass are a great blessing, sometimes called 'the Church of the future', but they are the Church of today! If they become restless parents get anxious, so we have installed speakers in the porch and the Long Room, so you can escape and still listen.

Catholic Christmas Cards are available at the back of Church. Sounds tautological, but that's how it is in a secular world! There's no 'fees' in Church so make an offering.

The Sacred Silence at Mass is an opportunity for God to get a Word in our over noised lives. They are after the homily and after Holy Communion. Let God speak in the silence as he feeds us with his Word and Sacrament.

Keeping the Eucharistic Fast. In the good-old-day the fast was from midnight; now it's just an hour. It's the simplest way of preparing to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to not eat or drink anything one hour before receiving Holy Communion.

And don't forget clocks go back an hour this weekend.

The Solemnity of All Saints

The Church celebrates her dignity as "Mother of the Saints, an image of the Eternal City" and displays her beauty as the immaculate Bride of Christ, source and model of all holiness. She certainly does not lack contentious or even rebellious children, but it is in the Saints that she recognises her characteristic features and precisely in them savours her deepest joy.

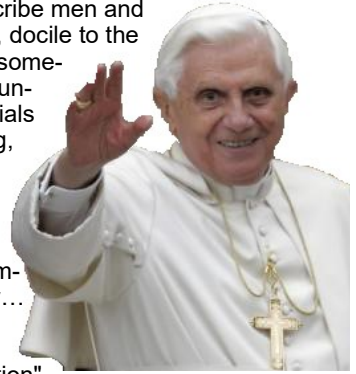
But "why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this Solemnity, mean anything to the Saints?". A famous homily of St Bernard for All Saints' Day begins with this question. It could equally well be asked today. And the response the Saint offers us is also timely: "The Saints", he says, "have no need of honour from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs.... But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning" This, then, is the meaning of today's Solemnity: looking at the shining example of the Saints to reawaken within us the great longing to be like them; happy to live near God, in his light, in the great family of God's friends. Being a Saint means living close to God, to live in his family. And this is the vocation of us all, vigorously reaffirmed by the Second Vatican Council and solemnly proposed today for our attention.

But how can we become holy, friends of God? We can first give a negative answer to this question: to be a Saint requires neither extraordinary actions or works nor the possession of exceptional charisms. Then comes the positive reply: it is necessary first of all to listen to Jesus and then to follow him without losing heart when faced by difficulties. "If anyone serves me", he warns us, "he must follow me; and where I am, there shall my servant be also; if any one serves me, the Father will honour him"

Like the grain of wheat buried in the earth, those who trust him and love him sincerely accept dying to themselves. Indeed, he knows that whoever seeks to keep his life for himself loses it, and whoever gives himself, loses himself, and in this very way finds life

The Church's experience shows that every form of holiness, even if it follows different paths, always passes through the Way of the Cross, the way of self-denial. The Saints' biog-

raphies describe men and women who, docile to the divine plan, sometimes faced unspeakable trials and suffering, persecution and martyrdom. They persevered in their commitment: "they... have come out of the great tribulation", one reads in Revelation, "they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb". Their names are written in the book of life and Heaven is their eternal dwelling-place.



The example of the Saints encourages us to follow in their same footsteps and to experience the joy of those who trust in God, for the one true cause of sorrow and unhappiness for men and women is to live far from him.

Holiness demands a constant effort, but it is possible for everyone because, rather than a human effort, it is first and foremost a gift of God, thrice Holy

Dear brothers and sisters, the Eucharistic celebration encourages and nourishes holiness. Christ makes himself present in the most exalted way, Christ the true Vine to whom the faithful on earth and the Saints in Heaven are united like branches.

Thus, the communion of the pilgrim Church in the world with the Church triumphant in glory will increase.

Let us invoke them so that they may help us to imitate them and strive to respond generously, as they did, to the divine call.

In particular, let us invoke Mary, Mother of the Lord and mirror of all holiness. May she, the All Holy, make us faithful disciples of her Son Jesus Christ! Amen.

BXVI - St Peter's, All Saints Day 2006

ChurchSuite

October Census

During October we are asked to take a census, It's also an opportunity to make sure our information is correct.

In *ChurchSuite*, you can

- Register on-line
- Check your details
- Change your own details
- Choose who sees what
- Sign up for events
- Join rotas

preciousblood.org.uk/signup

Everyone received an invitation for on-going consent and/or a invitation to check your details.

If you do not receive a email, check your junk, or sign-up again.



Names-on-the-Altar-during-November

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Offering:—£ _____

cash-enclosed

given by card

made on line

Lord, for your faithful life is changed, not ended

Please treat all gifts of money that I have made in the past 8 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay more Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference to HMRC. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the church from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

Name: _____

Post Code: _____

Date: _____

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The Month of Holy Souls

Mass at MPB on Fridays during November will be offered for the names in the casket on the Altar. Please put names in, or on, the special envelopes which are at the back of Church. They should include an 'offering'. The Diocese suggest £10, but you might want to offer more.

During November you are encouraged to visit the cemeteries and graves of loved one to gain for them an indulgence.

On All Souls' Day, a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls, may be gained once in any church either, on the preceding or following Sunday or on All Saints Day, on the condition: a visit to a church, pray the Our Father and the Creed, make a Sacramental Confession, and receive Holy Communion, and pray the Holy Father's intention (on the back of this sheet). A visit to a cemetery 1st to 8th November and pray for the faithful departed, may also obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls (and at other times a partial indulgence).



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	FrC's private intention Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 30th <i>feria</i>		
<i>Tue</i> 31st <i>feria</i>	13.05	DG for EEG
<i>Wed</i> 1st ALL SAINTS	13.05 18.30†	DG for YFCG's birthday Sally Arnold ✕ <i>recently</i>
<i>Thurs</i> 2nd All Souls	08.00 13.05 18.30†	Parishioners killed in Great War Rev Fr George Leidig ✕ <i>foundation</i> Those named on the altar ✕
<i>Fri</i> 3rd (<i>St Martin de Porres</i>)	13.05	James Moan <i>foundation</i>
<i>Sat</i> 4th <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10.00†	In thanksgiving to OLW for a job
Next Sunday 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Monica Thompson ✕ Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 1Thes 2:7-9,13 Matthew 23:1-12

Rosary Group each Friday in Church at 19.00

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.30-12.55

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0333 050 9296

Holy Father's Intention for November 2023: *For the Pope.* We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn Timothy Ezat

Peace: In Ukraine, in the Holy Land

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Chi Chi, Anne Marie, Rita, Chris, Fr Bruce, Richard, Hermon, Justina, Paul, Kathie, Alastair, Norman, Amaogechi Martina, Fr John

Recently Departed: David Silk *priest*, Brian Cox, Francis Kemsley *priest*, Alan Cox, John Murphy

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