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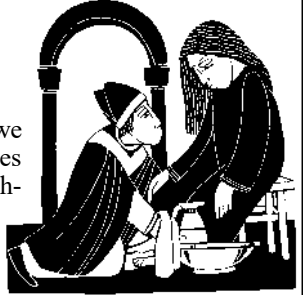
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th November 2023



In the gospel reading today, we hear that we are to practice what we preach! The Pharisees were singled out by Christ as being hypocrites and frauds. They were not humble enough to ease the burden of others and so became a stumbling block to the faith of many people. We preach the Gospel or Good News not so much by what we say, but by the way in which we live our lives.

November is the month of Holy Souls. The Church gives us this wonderful opportunity to pray for our relatives and friends who have died and may be in Purgatory. .

Names of loved-ones can be placed in the casket at the front, on the altar. You can also email names or use the website. They will be on the altar throughout November

The Plenary Indulgence for Holy Souls has been extended from 2-8 Nov to the whole of November, as have the conditions. See website /holysouls

John Murphy's Funeral will be on Wed this week, 10.00 at Our Lady of the Angles, Erith. On Tue at 15.30 there will be the Rite of Reception with Rosary. *Lord have mercy on him.*

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.

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

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, indeed a sign how young we are! If they become restless, parents may become anxious, so we have installed speakers in the porch and the Long Room. You can escape and still listen.

Catholic Christmas Cards are available at the back of Church. There's no 'fees' in Church so make an offering.

Healthcare Workers: Christian Ethics for Catholics. The UK Catholic Medical Association is holding a one-day course on 11th November at St Aloysius Church Hall, Euston. Booking required.

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection next week. It helps fund Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation - investing in Faith, Hope and Love.

Remembrance Sunday is next week. Mass will begin a little earlier so we can join the King and the Nation in two minutes silence.

Mass Intentions can be requested at any time using the envelopes at the back of church or on-line. They are listed in this newsheet.

As we gather for Mass, we are the Church. If you're not there, what's missing? UR



The practice of praying for the dead is rooted first in Christian belief in the everlasting life promised in Jesus' teachings and foreshadowed by his disciple's experience that God had raised him from the dead. After death, even though separated from our earthly body, we yet continue a personal existence. It is as living persons that God invites us into a relationship whose life transcends death.

Praying for the dead has further origins in our belief in the communion of saints. Members of this community who are living often assist each other in faith by prayers and other forms of spiritual support. Christians who have died continue to be members of the communion of saints. We believe that we can assist them by our prayers, and they can assist us by theirs.

Our prayers for the dead begin at the moment of death. Often family members will gather in prayer around the bedside of the person who has died. The Order of Christian Funerals includes a Vigil Service for the deceased, which can be held in the home, in the church, or in a funeral home chapel, the funeral Mass and the Rite of Committal (which generally takes place at the burial site). The prayers express hope that God will free the person who has died from any burden of sin and prepare a place for him or her in heaven. Death remains a mystery for us—a great unknown. Yet Christian language evokes a hopeful imagination in the presence of death, an assurance that our love, linked to Christ's love, can help bridge whatever barriers might keep those whom we love from fully enjoying the presence of a loving and life-giving God

Praying for the dead.

The earliest Scriptural reference to prayers for the dead comes in the second book of Maccabees. The books of Maccabees were among the latest written books found in the Old Testament. They recount the struggle of the Jewish people for freedom against the Seleucid Empire, around 100-200 years before the birth of Christ. They are written from an Orthodox Jewish point of view. The second book of Maccabees tells how Judas Maccabee, the Jewish leader, led his troops into battle in 163 B.C. When the battle ended he directed that the bodies of those Jews who had died be buried. As soldiers prepared their slain comrades for burial, they discovered that each was wearing an amulet taken as booty from a pagan Temple. This violated the law of Deuteronomy and so Judas and his soldiers prayed that God would forgive the sin these men had committed (II Maccabees 12:39-45).


This is the first indication in the Bible of a belief that prayers offered by the living can help free the dead from any sin that would separate them from God in the life to come. It is echoed in the New Testament when Paul offers a prayer for a man named Onesiphorus who had died: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" (II Timothy 1:18). The cavelike tombs under the city of Rome, which we call catacombs, bear evidence that members of the Roman Christian community gathered there to pray for their fellow followers of Christ who lay buried there. By the fourth century prayers for the dead are mentioned in Christian literature as though they were already a longstanding custom.








The Dedication of Southwark Cathedral is celebrated on Tuesday this week. It will be 129 years old. The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Diocese because it has the Seat of the Archbishop. 'Cathadra' in latin means 'chair', hence cathadra-hall. The seat, chair, or indeed throne, is the most important thing in St George's (apart from the Most Blessed Sacrament, of course).






ARCHBISHOP'S *Appeal*

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Faith, Hope and Love



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Second Collection Next Week

November
Month of the Holy Souls

Names-on-the-Altar-during-November


1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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- 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 4 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 charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer

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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.

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Lord, for your faithful life is
changed, not ended


Preface I for the dead

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Catholic Medical Association UK
presents

Christian Ethics for Healthcare Workers & Students

An intensive one-day course in London



Saturday November 11th 2023 9.30am – 5pm

- Basic principles & Catholic Moral Teaching explained
- Explanations of GMC guidance & legal aspects
- Practical application to hospital & general practice scenarios
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29 Phoenix Rd
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& buffet lunch

FURTHER INFORMATION & TICKETS:
www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk/events/
 OR EMAIL: evntmike23@gmail.com

PLEASE APPLY EARLY – PLACES LIMITED!



Supporting Catholics in Healthcare
www.catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Monica Thompson ✕ Parishioners
<i>Mon 6th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 7th</i> Dedication of the Cathedral	13.05	James Moan <i>foundation</i>
<i>Wed 8th (St Wilibrord)</i>	13.05	Magda Klepacka ✕
<i>Thurs 9th</i> Lateran Basilica	13.05	Those named on the altar ✕
<i>Fri 10th</i> <i>Pope St Leo</i>	13.05	Ethel Gosnell ✕ <i>d.2011</i>
<i>Sat 11th</i> <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10.00†	Margaret family ✕
Next Sunday <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 10.55	Beverly Cooper ✕ <i>d 2020</i> Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

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. 03330 509296

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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