Ordinariate and Parish Church
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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

ALL SAINTS

1st November 2026

In the gospel reading today, we hear that our reward will be great in heaven. The saints forever praise God's glory in heaven. In their lives on earth they lived out the beatitudes preached by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount and that is why they are so happy now. We too need to model our lives on them so that where they are we may one day be. We, like they will see God face to face.

All Saints, and especially those who no one knows about, apart from God are celebrated today. May their prayers spur us on to join their company.

All Souls follows on 2nd Nov, as we pray for those who are in purgatory and on the way to Salvation. Mass at 08.00 13.05 & 18.30

Names of loved ones can be placed in the casket at the front of Church. Please use the purple envelopes at the back of Church or see the tab on the website.

Remembrance Sunday is next week when we pray for all those killed in the World War I and II. We will keep the national Silence at 11am

The month of Holy Souls is an excellent time to update your Funeral rites and your Will. Forms at the back of Church or see the website.

Last Will & Testament, have you written one? Got questions on how to go about it? There's a seminar to help and answer any question on Saturday in the Amigo Hall. *See poster.*

#RedWednesday is 18th November when we raise awareness and pray for persecuted Christians, including the 60 killed in Ethiopia last week and the 21 beheaded in the Congo! Mass at St George's Cathedral, 18.00.

Magnifica Humanitas. A talk on Wednesday 4 November at 18.30 at Westminster Cathedral Hall, by Fr Hugh MacKenzie on Pope Leo's reflections on the distinction between human and artificial intelligence, and the rapid development of AI. westminstercathedral.org.uk/news-events

Children at Mass are a great blessing. If they become restless parents get anxious, so we have in-stalled speakers in the porch and the *Long Room*, so you can escape and still listen.

Organ Recital on Saturday this week 12.30 following coffee, following Mass and Pilgrimage to OLW. The Organist of Westminster Abbey.

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

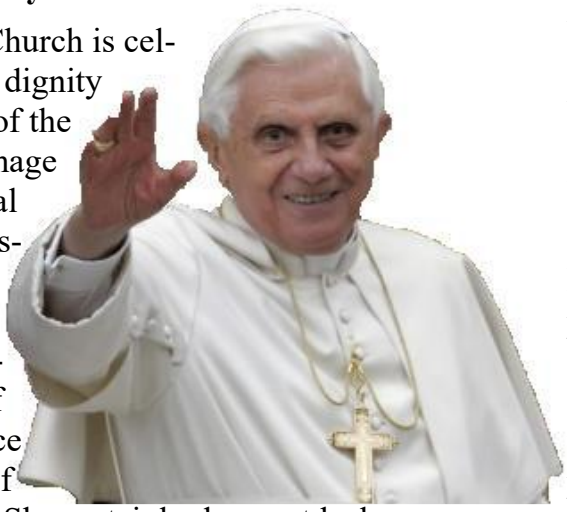
Small Groups. Want to know more about the Faith? Want to know more people? Sign up for one evening and commit for four weeks beginning the week of 24th November. There will also be one afternoon session for those who don't like the dark. See the website /smallgroups

GraceMeet is a new Catholic matchmaking service for single adults seriously seeking marriage. Each week an AI suggests a small number of carefully chosen matches based on faith, values and life stage, every profile is identity verified. gracemeetapp.com.

The Mass Sheet is produced each week. Take it to a friend. Leave it in the pub/ dentists/ doctors…

GiftAid makes a huge difference to your giving. Thank you to those who do, there are a lot more who could, so please consider it and use the GiftAid forms at the back or online.

The Solemnity of All Saints



Today, the Church is celebrating 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 in-flamed 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 Je-sus 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 him-self, 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' biographies describe men and women who, docile to the divine plan, sometimes faced unspeakable trials and suffering, persecution and martyrdom. They per-severed 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

Remembrance Sunday is next Week, 8th Nov. The Act of Remembrance is at 11am at the War Memorial in MPB so please arrive a little earlier by 10.55 so we can keep the silence at 11am and pray for all those killed in War.

May they Rest in Peace

The Dedication of Southwark Cathedral is celebrated on Saturday this week. It will be 132 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).

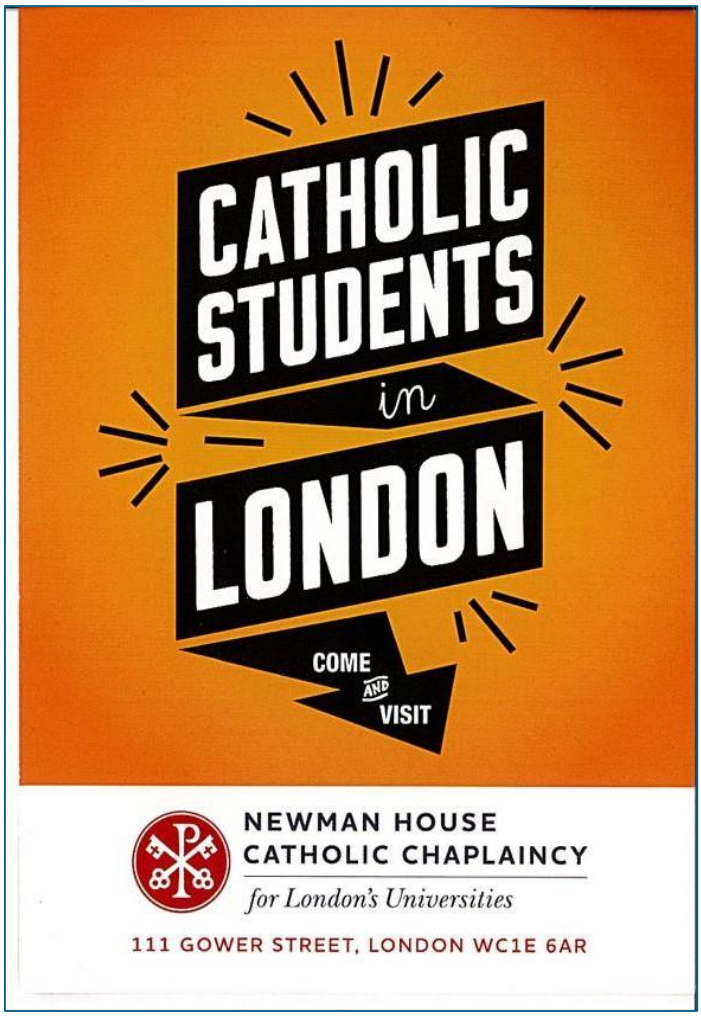
Names on the Altar during November

November
Month of the Holy Souls

Lord, for your faithful, life is changed, not ended

Fill in other side

Most Precious Blood, Borough SE1
preciousblood.org.uk/holysouls



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday - ***ALL SAINTS***	09.30 **11.00**†	Ian Lovell *priest* ✠ *d.1978* Parishioners
Mon 2nd *All Souls*	08.00 13.05 19.00	Parishioners killed in Great War ✠ Holy Souls ✠ Those named on the altar ✠
Tues 3rd *(St Martin de Porres)*	13.05	Gregory Baldeosingh - b*irthday*
Wed 4th *St Charles Borromeo*	13.05	Irene Bryan ✠ *year's mind*
Thur 5th *feria*	13.05	Monica Thompson ✠
Fri 6th *feria*	13.05	Those named on the altar ✠
Sat 7th ***Dedication of the Cathedral***	10.30	James Moan *foundation*
Next Sunday – 32nd of the Year ***TRINITY XXIII***	09.30 **11.00**†	Those named on the altar ✠ Parishioners

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

Sacrament of Confession. Tue - Fri, 12.30 - 12.55 & Saturday 10.00 - 10.25

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

Last week: **£1,160.21** *(cash £443.00 card £137.21 standing orders £580)* ***Thank you***

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 Representatives: Pamela Gatti, Aminata Keita & Daniela Guzzardo.
www. preciousblood.org.uk/safeguarding

Holy Father's Intention for November 2026: ***For the proper use of wealth***
Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

Live-streaming is done regularly for the Solemn Mass. The earlier Mass on Sunday and weekdays are not live-streamed.

For your prayers:
In priestly formation: Fr Philip Gerlomes OP, Iwan Williams
Peace: In Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, the Middle East
Those who are Sick: Mary, Chi Chi, Rita, Amaogechi, Kathie, David, Norma. Pope Leo
Recently Departed: Thomas Scannell *priest*

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