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THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY VIGIL	26TH	18:00	Thirtieth Sunday	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	27TH	08:30	Thirtieth Sunday	Solemnity	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	27TH	10:00	Thirtieth Sunday	Solemnity	Robbie Smith RIP
SUNDAY	27TH	12:00	Thirtieth Sunday	Solemnity	Caimin Donlon RIP
SUNDAY	27TH	18:00	Thirtieth Sunday	Solemnity	
MONDAY	28TH	10:00	SS Simon & Jude	Feast	Mary Butler RIP
TUESDAY	29TH	10:00		Feria	John Sutton RIP
WEDNESDAY	30TH	10:00		Feria	Gladys McKenna RIP
THURSDAY	31ST	10:00		Feria	Our Lady of Sorrows
FRIDAY	1ST	10:00	All Saints	Solemnity	Manuel Dos Santos RIP
FRIDAY	1ST	19:30	All Saints	Solemnity	
SATURDAY	2ND	10:00	All Souls' Day	Solemnity	Maria Fanny Crawford

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]

TEA & COFFEE: AFTER 10AM MASS [THURS & SUN]



We pray for those who have died. We pray for John Haughey, Regina Ogoto and Anna Connell & Weletemariam who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time including Niall Westwood, Mary Fisher, Francis Guilfoyle and Charles McCusker. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - rest in peace.

I had a conversation with someone today whose Father has just been diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. They were understandably upset and concerned and - although their Father did not share the same faith - this person was reassured that they knew it was not the end: their life would go on in a different way by God's power. This is the root of faith which develops into the trunk of our spiritual life in the sacrament of Baptism and this coming week we are called to remember what this entails. The celebrations of All Saints and All Souls are helpful (and timely) reminders to us of what the gift of God's salvation in the Sacrament of Baptism calls us to - the duty we have: we are called to grow and bloom and this means for us to become worthy of heaven as God's saints. We go down the path of sainthood - please God - before our death by cooperating with heavenly grace by living an earthly life of charity and then (after death) by being purified (prepared) in the place we call Purgatory as we await a share in God's Divine life in Heaven. I vividly remember a conversation with someone about becoming a Catholic in which I was told - very definitely - "I'm interested in God but I'm not very religious." There is a saying in Italian "Cattolico non fanatico" - A Catholic but not a fanatic. It's not uncommon to encounter this attitude and it possibly stems from an awareness of imperfection and an accompanying discouragement about the possibility of holiness. This is sad because - although we should recognise our sinfulness (the ways in which we are *not* holy) and *our* inability to change ourselves, the invitation of this week's celebrations are to recognise *God's power to change us!* It is only *He* who makes saints and can make saints of us by *His* grace which we are invited to seek and depend upon. May we gather and pray with hope that all the living and the dead become saints!

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PARISH NEWS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS & COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED: This Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass at 10am and 7:30pm. The following day - All Souls Day - there will be Mass offered at 10am to commemorate all the dead.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Please submit Mass intention requests through the Priests' House door for Mass to be offered for the repose of the soul of the deceased. We will do our best to arrange a Mass during November. We will also display the book of the dead.

NOVEMBER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AT STREATHAM WAR MEMORIAL: On Sunday 10th November I have been invited to give the address at the Service of Remembrance at Streatham War Memorial at 10:30. There will be civic leaders, religious representatives and delegates from local schools in attendance and all are welcome to come. I will lay a wreath on behalf of all parishioners.

SCRIPTURE COURSE: We move on to consider the Return of Israel from Exile (Ezra, Nehemiah & Malachi) in preparation for the next talk Tuesday 12th November: 7:30pm in The Priests' House.

DANGER OF ASSISTED SUICIDE BEING LEGALISED: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has issued an appeal to all Catholics about the danger of legalising assisted suicide in light of proposed legislation being introduced in the House of Commons. Please visit the Right to Life website (www.righttolife.org.uk) for more information and to contact your MP in a few clicks.

HALF TERM OFFICE CLOSURE: Our office will be closed after next Friday for the Half-Term week. If you have any school forms / Mass intention requests, please submit them this week.

EVERY VOICE MATTERS: The Justice and Peace Group of our parish would like to find out what you value about our community and what we could work together to improve. Please click: <https://forms.gle/kYdafGb6ZQME3DwD6>. This week some members of the Justice and Peace Group will be around after Masses to help people complete the questionnaire if you would prefer to do it this way.

HAND-CRAFTED BABY AND TODDLER KNITWEAR will be on sale in the Hall after 10 am Masses in November which make excellent Christmas gifts. All proceeds go to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: I am very grateful to all who have come on a rota. We are in need of more volunteers and - if you are able to give of your time - please let me know if you could assist in setting up, preparing and clearing away coffee / tea after Sunday Mass on a rota basis.

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: For all parishioners who have been DBS checked in order to carry out a voluntary role there will be three opportunities for annual safeguarding training on either Tuesday 19th November (online), Saturday 30th November (in person) or Wednesday 4th December (online). Please register for one of these sessions by clicking [here](#).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2025: Our courses for those in year 3 (First Holy Communion) and year 8 (Confirmation) begin with parents' sessions on **Thursday 7th and Tuesday 12th November at 7pm.** Attendance at both sessions is required to enrol your child.