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Parish Newsletter

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

TODAY'S MASS READING: Parish Mass Book, Page 152

First Reading: Wis 6: 12-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63(62)
Second Reading: 1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13



"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46).

NOVEMBER DEVOTION FOR THE DEAD (Holy Souls)

All powerful God, whose mercy is never withheld, look kindly on all who have departed this life and number them among your saints for evermore. It is our certain faith that your son, who dies on the cross, was raised from the dead, the first fruit of all who have fallen asleep. Grant that all who have gone to their rest in Christ may share in the joy of his resurrection. We particularly remember those whose names we have placed before the altar in this month of November, and all the faithful departed. The Lord bless them and keep them. The lord make his face shine upon them and be gracious to them. The Lord lift his countenance upon them and give them peace. Amen.

Pause and silently mention their names

Our Father… Hail Mary… Glory be…

Prayer for the Dying

O my God, I offer you all the holy masses said throughout the world today for the poor sinners who are now in their death agony, and who will die thios day. May the Precious Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ obtain for them mercy. Amen.

Immaculate Heart od Mary,	Pray for them
St Joseph, Terror of demons;	Pray for them
Archangel Michael,	Pray for them
St Nicholas of Tolentino,	Pray them
St Gertrude the Great,	Pray for them
St Padre Pio,	Pray for them
St Faustina Kowalska,	Pray for them

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PARISH NOTICES

8 th November - The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Message from the Archbishop of Southwark:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Thank you for your generous support of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Your support enables us to continue our mission to lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim his saving Gospel to the whole of creation (Mark 16:15). Your support enables vital pastoral, charitable, and evangelising work across the Archdiocese, bringing hope and practical assistance to those most in need. Together, we have:

• Nurtured the faith of children and young people in our parishes, schools, and universities

• Reached out to those most in need through social action

• Cared for our sick and retired priests, while supporting new vocations to the priesthood.

But we cannot stop here, we must continue to be bold in our mission to lead people to Christ. Every day, from house to house, school to school, parish to parish, we need to teach and preach that our hope is in Christ (cf. Acts 5:32). If you can, please consider supporting the Archbishop's Appeal again this year. With your prayers and generosity, together we can continue to make God's love real for all. Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark

Pope's November prayer intention: 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.

NOVEMBER – HOLY SOULS :November is traditionally dedicated to remembering and praying for all the faithful departed. Throughout the month, we shall pray for the Holy Souls in all the masses. Towards the end of November, we shall come together for a concluding Mass, remembering especially all the names and intentions placed in our Holy Souls box. Further details will be announced.

HOLY SOULS ENVELOPES: Envelopes and forms are available at the back of the church. Parishioners are invited to write the names of their departed loved ones and place them in the designated box on the altar. Those who wish may include a voluntary offering. The names submitted will be remembered in our prayers and Masses throughout November.

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May	TIME	MASS	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 7	6:30pm	Vigil, 32Sunday	Aristide & Rosalie Damado RIP
Sunday 8	9:00am	32nd Sunday Ord Time	Allan Rooke; RIP.
	11:00am	32nd Sunday Ord Time	Confirmation Candidates
Monday 9	9:30am	Dedication, Lateran	No Mass
Tuesday 10	7:00pm	St Leo	Chika Ezeigbo; in thanksgiving
Wednesday 11	9:30am	St Martin of Tours	Mary Marshman; RIP
Thursday 12	11:00am@BH	St Josephat	Wellbeing of Residents
Friday 13	9:30am	Feria	No Mass
Saturday 14	6:30pm	Vigil, 33rd Sunday	Deceased Members Glass Fam
Sunday 15	9:00am	33rd Sunday ord time	Maria Moniz; wellbeing
	11:00am	33rd Sunday ord time	Sidoine Koudio; wellbeing

PARISH MINISTRY: 7th/8th 14th/15th

READERS: 6:30pm: Ann Doe

9:00am: Kene

11:00am: Confirmation Candidates

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

6:30pm: Annabel

9:00am: Zena

11:00am: Patience

CYCLE OF PRAYER - Intentions for Ordinary Time – Autumn

For Students and Teachers, especially on Education Day

For the Spread of the Gospel, especially on Home Mission Sunday & World Mission Day

For the Harvest, the Fruits of Human Work and for the Reverent Use of creation, especially on World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

For Justice & Peace in the World, especially on Harvest Fast Day

For All Victims of War, especially on Remembrance Sunday

For Young People, Especially on Youth Day (Christ the King)

Please remember in your prayers **Paddy Walsh** who recently passed. Funeral mass at St Matthews, on Thursday 29th October 2026 by 1:00pm. May she rest in peace, Amen. Pray for her family as well..

HOSPITAL CONTACTS: If you or a member of your family are admitted to our local hospitals, do please let the hospital's Catholic chaplain know.

St George's Hospital: 02087253069 / 02086721255)

Kings Hospital: If outside hospital—02032993522. inside the hospital call extension 33522

Croydon University Hospital: 02084013105

St Thomas' Hospital: 02071881187/02071881186

Guy's Hospital: 02071881185/02071889576



PARISH SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass Times :

6:30pm (Sat), 9am and 11am

Week Day Mass Times:

Tuesday ; 7pm

Wednesday & Friday; 9:30am

Thursday; 11am @ British Home

First Fridays; 12noon.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays; 6:00pm

Baptisms, Marriage, Funerals: Contact the Parish Office.

Youth Club:

4:30pm Every 3rd Saturday

RCIA: Contact Parish Office

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 5:30pm to 6:15pm and on call.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Open Office: Fridays 10am to 12:30pm and 2:30pm to 4:30pm.

Other days with appointment, please.

UCM:

12noon Every First Friday

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Wednesdays; 7:30pm @ the Church.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Sundays; after 11am mass @ the Divine Mercy Altar

We are grateful for all you do to support the parish.

Setting up a Standing Order is the most efficient way to make a donation to the parish without incurring fees. You can use the following details for one-off donation or to set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit. NatWest Bank: Account Name: RCAS Norwood West, Sort Code: 60-23-19; Account Number: 44115369. Thank You!