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SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday, 1 November 2026

Lectionary:
Sundays: Year A – Weekdays: II – Psalter: Week 3



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DATA PROTECTION If you have contact details printed in the newsletter that you do not want published on our website, please inform Fr. Philip John *(details above)*.

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HOSPITAL POLICY

PLEASE contact the Chaplaincy Office directly on (01223) 217769 to inform them of any Catholic family members who may have been admitted to ensure that they are registered as a Catholic and that the patient has ticked the box giving permission for a priest or a member of the Chaplaincy Team to visit. More information at:

www.addenbrookes.org.uk/serv/nonclin/chaplaincy/

JUBILEE EMAIL ADDRESS

A **dedicated email address** has been set up for parishioners wishing to submit photos or other media for the Diocesan Jubilee display:

Email: jubileesph@gmail.com

DONA & GIVING TO THE PARISH

If you have a **Mass intention**, you can use one of the small brown envelopes for your offering and give it directly to a priest or post it through the priest's door. If you pay for a Mass intention through **Dona**, please also fill out a brown envelope *clearly* and mention on it that you have paid via Dona. Other ways of giving to the parish include **standing orders**, **gift aid** and through a **legacy** in your will.

- Donation
- Church Renovation
- Repository
- Candles
- Mass Intentions
- Second Collection
- Stained Glass

CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN 2026/27

The next Confirmation class is from **1pm to 3pm** on **Saturday, 14 November**. The full schedule of classes is **here**.

CATECHISM CLASSES IN 2026/27

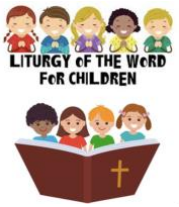
7 NOV.	7 NOV.	28 NOV.	28 NOV.
Y3: 1.30pm Community Room	**Y4: 10.15am** Book Room	**Y2: 10.15am** Community Room	**Y3: 1.30pm** Community Room

Please register your child in advance by sending the registration form to the class teacher listed below under 'general information'.

- **Schedule of classes and registration forms**
- **General information**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

10am Sundays



Liturgy of the Word for Children has started again at the 10am Sunday Mass. We have two groups: **children aged 3-5** meet in the Book Room; those **aged 6-8** meet in the Community Room They have their own space to listen and respond to the readings in an age-appropriate environment. No pre-registration required and we look forward to welcoming our young parishioners.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKING WYD 2027

Young Catholics (18+ by July 2027) across the Diocese of East Anglia are encouraged to take up an exciting opportunity to deepen their faith, build lasting friendships and experience the worldwide Church at World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, in 2027.

Bookings opened last February but the final deadline to book a place with the Diocese is **5 November 2026**. There are two downloads:

Information Pack 1 and **Information Pack 2**.

CHILDREN'S KNITTING & CROCHET GROUP

A **knitting and crochet group** has started in the Parish for **children aged 8–11** years old. It will be held in the Community room at church. The group will meet on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12.15pm. The next meeting is on **Saturday, 31 October**. If you have any queries, please contact Anne Manning on 07742 758095 or Nicky Marks on 07876 713558.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES

Weekend of 1-2 November



Children are asked to dress as their **favourite saint** at whichever Mass they attend this weekend.

ALL SAINTS RESOURCE



The Celebrate Trust is offering a free downloadable family resource-pack for All Saints Day: **Walking with the Saints**. It includes crafts and games, stories and podcasts, and much more.



DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER



The November issue is available in parishes and **online**.

FLAME 2027

On **6 March 2027**, 10,000 young Catholics from across England and Wales will come together at the OVO Arena Wembley for **Flame**, the biggest Catholic youth gathering in the country. Open to young people in Year 9 and above. Details from the Diocese are **here**.





Medjugorie Pilgrimage

There is a special price for those who book and pay by **13 November**.

10% discount for children under 12.

Register your interest with Fiona Campos at 07841049512

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN

The Opus Dei Recollection for Women meets every second Sunday at SPH. The next gathering is:

2.30pm–5pm, Sunday, 8 November

CAMBRIDGE NAZARETH TRUST

This Trust was established by members of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem to provide education and development of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

HOLY FAMILY CRÊCHE

Donation envelopes for this project are available in the display unit in our porch.

OPUS DEI

Women's group meets 2nd Sunday monthly.
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SECULAR FRANCISCANS

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DIOCESAN RETREAT DAY FOR MEN

10.30am–4.30pm, 7 November

- Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, Dereham NR20 4AZ
- Two talks and Adoration
- Bring a packed lunch
- Cream tea provided
- £15 per participant
- Contact: mflcoordinator@rcdea.org.uk
- Full details **here**.

CAMBRIDGE CATHOLIC PARISHES

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLIH MARTYRS
Hills Road, CB2 1JR
Tel: (01223) 350787
or (01223) 448780

SAINT LAURENCE
91 Milton Road, CB4 1XB
Tel: (01223) 704640

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Contact: Fr Philip John:
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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

https://www.rcdea.org.uk/marriage-preparation/

USE OF CHURCH PREMISES & NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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Bernard Shaw on **(01223) 240207**
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J&P Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/people/Cambridge-Justice-and-Peace-Group/100064618067019/

PARISH MUSIC

Contact Fiona:
sphparishmusic@gmail.com

REPOSITORY ITEMS

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SPH KNITTING GROUP

The SPH Knitting Group will meet in the **Community Room** at St Philip Howard Church on the first Tuesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Nicky Marks (07876 713558) or Anne Manning (07742 758095).

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

20-22 November



Click on the poster above for more details.

GOSPEL REFLECTION — The Beatitudes *(Mt. 5:1-12)*



These eight blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing, possible only if the hand of God is upon us. That is why the first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living that kingship. For each of the beatitudes, do you know someone in the parish or elsewhere in your life who exemplifies that particular attitude? Or is there a saint whom you consider typifies each of these beatitudes for you? What is your own favourite beatitude? Jesus illustrates the beatitudes in various incidents in the gospels: he enters Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king; he shows love in his welcome to sinners; he brings peace to those tortured by disease or contempt; he manifests purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will; finally, he accepts persecution for what he knew to be right. All Christians may suddenly find themselves face to face with similar shattering challenges.

REFLECTION: READING 1

Revelation 7: 2-4. 9-14
The Martyrs in Safe Keeping

The Book of Revelation, from which this reading is taken, was written during the first persecutions of Christians. It is built on the promise that, after persecution, those who are faithful to God and to Christ will be delivered and gathered into the peace of God's presence. At the time of writing, the persecuting force from which the persecuted were to be delivered was the might of the Roman Empire, with its immorality, its materialism, its consumerism, and above all its demand that all its subjects should worship the Emperor as Lord. For Christians at that time, the late first century, the great test was whether they would accept the standards of the Empire or remain faithful to the demanding standards of Christianity. The same decision stands before Christians in today's world. Who is my Lord? Is it Christ or the standards for which the Emperor stood: carelessness about sexual morality, materialism, consumerism, putting myself first in everything without regard for the cost to others? Do I connive at and approve standards of behaviour which are built on a morality far from that of Christ? More pressingly, do I accept those standards for myself?

REFLECTION: READING 2

1 John 3: 1-3
We Shall Be Like Him

The second reading also contains hints of an opposition from a godless world but concentrates much more on the union of God's children to God himself. We are already God's children, because we have been adopted in Christ and can cry 'Abba, Father!' What are the implications of this adoption to sonship? Sometimes a son is almost absurdly like his father in looks, gestures, mannerisms and ways of approaching any task. For ourselves we cannot yet fully know what this likeness to the Father will consist of, but we are promised that in the fullness of revelation we will be assimilated to God. Not only must we be close to our Father in prayer, but we must also show the qualities of God in our actions: God's generosity, his forgiveness, his openness. Part of this must be that we will find that God has developed in us all the qualities we most love and admire in others; we will be sons assimilated to their father. It will be a place of universal joy and appreciation, as all is suffused with the generosity and love of the Father. 'We shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is', and this means that the vision of God will be so overwhelming that we cannot but become like him.

READERS		
Anna Burrows **Mary Archibald**	**Vigil Mass** **5.30pm**	**Saturday, 31 October**
John Latham **Philip Fallon**	**10am**	**Sunday, 1 November**
Carol Kelsall **Nicholas Burnett**	**12pm**	

COUNTERS FOR THE WEEK OF 1 NOVEMBER

Mme Esien & Rose Desmond

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Solemnity of All Saints	**Sunday, 1 November**
All Souls' Day	**Monday, 2 November**
Remembrance Day	**Sunday, 8 November**

The Sacred Liturgy This Week (31 Oct.–8 Nov.)

31 OCT. SATURDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Clive Ellis (J. & P. Carson)
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: +Philomena Rodrigo (A. Rodrigo)

1 NOV. SOLEMNITY of ALL SAINTS **Psalter Week 3**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: McCabe & Ritchie families (F)
12h00 **Holy Mass**: +Mary Carolan (J. Carolan)
Elizabeth Hersee (F)
15h15 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**

2 NOV. MONDAY ALL SOULS' DAY
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Marguerita Clarke (F)
19h00 **Holy Mass: Departed souls of our Parish**

3 NOV. TUESDAY ST. MARTIN DE PORRES Rel.
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: People of the Parish

4 NOV. WEDNESDAY ST. CHARLES BORROMEO B. Mem.
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: Vladimir Angetter (F)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**

5 NOV. THURSDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Michael Maher (F)

6 NOV. FRIDAY FERIA
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Fr. Sandy Phelps (Dale)
Ravagni family *(T)* (Dale)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: +Joseph George

7 NOV. FIRST SATURDAY ST. WILLIBRORD. B
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Seamus Monaghan (F)
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: Mary & Spiro Curtis (F)

8 NOV. 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Psalter Week 4**
Remembrance Day
07h40 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: Mr & Mrs. Lardizabal *(T)* (F. Lardizabal)
+Richard Hunt (A. Hurst & fam)
12h00 **Holy Mass**: Mary Cleary (F)

(F): Foundation (L): Living (T): Thanksgiving. (P): Private intention (S): Sick (B): Birthday

NOVEMBER 2026

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Ian Allan, Luigi Altomonte, Vladimir Angetter, Maurice Barker, Mary Barrett, Jack Boland, Peter Buchan, Jason Budworth, Bridget Byrne, Shaun Callaghan, George Carson, Mary Cleary, Teresa Cooper, Henry Cornish, Catherine Corrick, Eddie Cosgrove, Anthony Coyle, Albert Cross, Michael Culling, Kathleen Delahunty, Teodor Depta, Jim Donnelly, Peter Donnelly, Dennis Doogan, Patrick Drury, Agnes Marie Eason, Peggy Fearnley, Sr Fidelma, James Fingleton, Norah Fitzgerald, Sam Flynn, Stanislaw Formniak, Mary Garner, Mary Gleeson, Mary Harland, Norman Harwin, Tim Hassell, Betty Hawkins, Elizabeth Hersee, Patrick Kelly, Annie Kennedy, Anne Kimber, Kasimir Kolodziejczyk, Rose Lobo, Michael Maher, Giuseppe Maruzzi, Simon Robert McDonald, Mary McGorderick, Domenico Miceli, Seamus Monaghan, Monica Moss, Annie Murphy, Giuseppa Neri, Peter Nicholls, Wladyslaw Pabis, James Preacher, Marie Potter, Percy Radford, Hazel Read, Patrick Regan, Leila Rhodes, Shaun Seddon, Tony Shannon, Johnny Sharkey, Catherine Spollen, John Spollen, Eileen Stellitano, Stan Stickley, Cyril Stone, Dennis Sullivan, Enid Tate, Bridget Teahan, Elisabeth Tyreman, Richard Walford, Karen Walker, John Walsh, Brinley Yates

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Owen Crouch, Teresa Margaret Creet, Angela Fordham, Simon Janos, Beth Malubay, Joseph Mashapure, Monica Nwaiku, Sr. Noreen O'Connor, Lucy Richardson, Vyramuthu Sabanathan, Jayne Stewart, Michelina Starace, Frances Wiseman, and all others.

PRAYER

Loving God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. May all who suffer pain, illness, disease, and the frailty of old age realise that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. Being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Amen