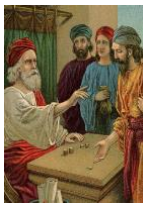
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33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 15 November 2026

Lectionary:
Sundays: Year A – Weekdays: II – Psalter: Week 1



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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/

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.

Sunday collection: £711.71



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**.

Please note that the Confirmation Mass is set for Sunday, 18 July

UPCOMING CATECHISM CLASSES

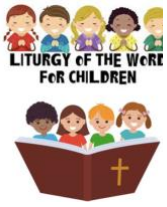
14 NOV.	28 NOV.	28 NOV.	5 DEC.
Older children: 1.30pm Community Room	**Y2: 10.15am** Community Room	**Y3: 1.30pm** Community Room	**Y1: 10.45am** Community Room

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.



HOLY BOY – A MUSICAL RETELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

5.30–7pm, Sunday, 6 December



Holy Boy is a musical telling of the Christmas story to be performed by the Junior Choir. Please all come and enjoy this fun oratorio which tells the story from the young King David to the birth of Jesus in lively tunes everyone will enjoy. After the performance there will be tea, coffee and mince pies served in the hall and a chance to see the **display of cribs** from the many different nationalities represented in our parish.

PLANNING A CATHOLIC FUNERAL

Are you planning to leave instructions about your funeral for your relatives? Do you think you will need to arrange the funeral of a loved one? Would you just like to find out more about current Catholic practice on funerals?

Come to a **presentation** and **question time** with the parish clergy on **Friday, 20 November** after the 10am Mass (10.35am to 11.30am).

CHILDREN'S CROCHET

A **knitting and crochet group** has started in the Parish for **children aged 8–11** years old. The group will meet on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12.15pm. The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, 14 November**.

If you have any queries, please contact Anne Manning on 07742 758095 or Nicky Marks on 07876 713558.

SECULAR FRANCISCANS AT SPH

10.45am–2.30pm
Saturday, 14 November

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY



*Click **here** for details.*

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AT SPH

11am-2pm, Saturday 21 November

The craft-making will be in the SPH community hall. Come to make Christmas crafts! Make your own Christmas cards, wreaths and cribs. Decorate cookies and ornaments. Guess the weight of the cake. Refreshments will be on sale. Entrance: £2 (adults), £1 (children) or £5 (family). Have fun!

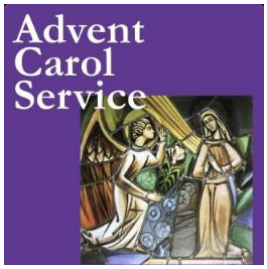




ANY JAM JARS TO DONATE?

Fran would appreciate donations of **jam jars**, any size or shape, to make chutney. Also, any amounts of **sugar**, **onions** or **raisins** would be a great help.

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE & BENEDICTION



4pm, Sunday, 13 December

Our annual **Parish Advent Carol Service** will be led by our Parish and Junior choirs and all are encouraged to come and enjoy this special service of readings, carols and Benediction to prepare for Christmas. Refreshments will be held in the hall afterwards.

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:

jubileesph@gmail.com

FAITH-FILLED ADVENT

Click **here** for some faith-filled activities for young and older children to help families keep Christ at the centre of Advent.

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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RED WEDNESDAY



Wednesday, 18 November

Red Wednesday is an initiative of the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), when churches are lit up in red to draw attention to persecuted Christians around the world. Please donate **here**.

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MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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

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For information contact:
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CAFOD & JUSTICE & PEACE

For information contact:

Bernard Shaw on **(01223) 240207**
or Sheila Brookes at
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or **(01223) 503948**

J&P Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/people/Cambridge-Justice-and-Peace-Group/100064618067019/

PARISH MUSIC

Contact Fiona:
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REPOSITORY ITEMS

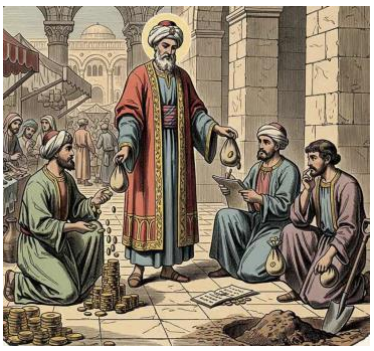
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SPH KNITTING GROUP

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).



GOSPEL REFLECTION A Story about Talents *(Mt. 25:14-15. 19-20*



It is encouraging to think of all the talents which friends and neighbours have and which I don't have. It is all part of the gifts of the Spirit, which Paul sees as making up the whole Body of Christ. Everyone has a special contribution to make. As for me, it is extraordinary that God created me with all my twists, defects, fears and failures and it is precisely because of those boils, sores, abscesses that God loves me, helps me and guides me to work out my salvation.

And it is just possible that there may be friends who can think that God has given me talents which make a tiny contribution to the happiness and goodness of the world. In the longer version of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus mentions a man with just one talent who hides it in the ground: the master calls him "wicked and lazy" and has him thrown out. Why is he so severely treated? This is surely someone who resolutely turns his (or her) back on the goodness she (or he) has received and refuses to work with it for the Lord's purposes or for anyone else's. Such a talent goes to waste and merely rusts and corrupts. If I know anyone like that, it is just worth asking whether, with infinite and patient kindness, I can help that person to release their talent and bring it to blossom.

REFLECTION: READING 1

Proverb:s 31:10-13.19-20.30-31
A Woman about the House

The gospel parable is about a man who is an astute administrator, and this first reading delicately pairs it with a woman who is a shrewd businesswoman, running her household and her cottage industry capably, wisely and generously in reverence for the Lord. The Bible is often felt to be unduly male-oriented (an accusation often made also against the Church), but this was the normal state of society in biblical times. Nevertheless, a succession of remarkable women appear in the pages of the Old Testament; they are real partners to their husbands, and they often provide the motive force in the pursuit of the fulfilment of God's promises. In the New Testament too, besides Mary and Jesus' female followers in the gospels, we see Jesus valuing women. Particularly the playful scenes between Jesus and the Samaritan woman and the Canaanite (or Syro-Phoenician) woman spring to mind. In Paul's letters and apostolate women play important roles, even leadership roles, working with Paul to establish his communities - women like Chloe, Phoebe, Junia. Indeed, the first convert to Christianity in Europe was a woman, Lydia.

REFLECTION: READING 2

1 Thessalonians: 5 1-6
A Thief in the Night

Paul had obviously taught the new Christians at Thessalonika that Christ had conquered death, so that death had no more grasp on Christians. So they were puzzled that Christians nevertheless died. Paul explains in his letter to them that Christians who have died will be the first to rise up and join the returning Christ in his triumphant procession. Only after them will come those who are still alive. However, Paul's principal stress is on the unpredictability of the Day of the Lord, that final day when the Lord will set right all injustice. It makes little difference whether I imagine meeting the Lord on the great Day of the Final Judgement, or meeting with the Lord personally at my own death. I know that it is very unlikely that I will be ready ("If only I had just a little more time to prepare!" is my constant excuse) and that I will not be in a fit state to face the glorious, pure wonder of divine love. The Day will come as unexpectedly as a thief in the night or the pains of childbirth, with that same finality and inescapability.

MEETING FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

10am–12pm, Saturday, 28 November

SPH KNITTING GROUP MAKES WREATHS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The SPH Knitting Group knitted **poppies** to make wreaths for the church for last weekend's Remembrance Day services. The Knitting Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month from 2pm to 4pm.









INVITATION TO RED WEDNESDAY MASS IN NORWICH FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Join Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) for a special Mass in solidarity with persecuted Christians around the world. The former National Director of ACN UK will give a talk on the challenges facing Christians in many parts of the world today and how we can support them. Attendees are encouraged to wear red as a sign of support for persecuted Christians and to help raise awareness of their plight. Thank you for your continued support of persecuted and suffering Christians throughout the world. We hope many SPH parishioners will be able to join us for this important occasion and stand together in prayer for those who suffer for their faith. **St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Norwich, 5.30pm, Tuesday, 17 November.**

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday, 15 November

The Lord is the refuge of the poor (Psalm 14)

Pope Leo says "the poor of our day are the forgotten and the marginalised: robbed not only of bread, but also of a voice and a face." As Christians we need to "rediscover the faces of so many brothers and sisters who seek refuge in God and long to feel at home in our communities." This "calls us to a conversion of heart" helping us to act with compassion and justice. You can find out more **here**.

THIS WEEK'S SAINT



Friday, 20 November: **Saint Edmund** (+869) was a Christian king who ruled East Anglia in the 9th century. He bravely defended his kingdom against Viking invaders but was captured and killed in 869 because he refused to renounce his Christian faith. Both he and Edward the Confessor were regarded as the patron saints of England until replaced by St. George in the 15th century. There was a major shrine to Edmund at Bury St Edmunds until it was destroyed during the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539. He is important because he represents courage, faithfulness and devotion to God.

READERS		
Suzuki KP **Nicholas Caldwell**	**Vigil Mass** **5.30pm**	**Saturday, 14 November**
Ivy Brown **Rosemary Eason**	**10am**	**Sunday, 15 November**
Nicholas Burnett **Jumoke Sule**	**12pm**	

COUNTERS FOR THE WEEK OF 15 NOVEMBER

Nicholas & Barbara Burnett

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Catechism class for older children (1.30pm)	**Saturday, 14 November**
World Day of the Poor	**Sunday, 15 November**
Christ the King, Solemnity & Youth Day	**Sunday, 22 November**

The Sacred Liturgy This Week (14–22 Nov.)

14 NOV. SATURDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Clive Ellis (G. McHugh)
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: +Maura O'Brien (M. Archibald)

15 NOV. 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week 1
World Day of the Poor
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Maria A. Santosh & Mauricio Fraga (M. Fraga)
12h00 **Holy Mass**: Oyeniran family *(T)* (U. Oyeniran)
15h15 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: Anitta Roy *(P)* (R. George)

16 NOV. MONDAY ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Michael Carolan (M. Maher)

17 NOV. TUESDAY ST. HILDA Ab.
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Percy Radford (F)
Andrew Fairbairn (F)
Betty Hawkins (F)
+José P. Baleros (B. Leyden)

18 NOV. WEDNESDAY FERIA
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: The Hunt family (F)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana** : Anitta Roy *(P)* (R. George)

19 NOV. THURSDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Thanksgiving (I. Cruz)
+Ernesto, Aida Davantes & Emma Horton (M. Horton)

20 NOV. FRIDAY ST. EDMUND, King. M. Mem.
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Lilly Mathew
+Margaret Davey
Pat Pollard *(100th birthday)* (M. Maher)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**

21 NOV. SATURDAY PRESENTATION OF THE BVM. Mem.
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Holy Souls (Anoop & Usha)
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: +Lewis Taylor (J. Watson)

22 NOV. SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING. Solemnity Psalter Week 2
10h00 **Holy Mass**: People of the Parish
12h00 **Holy Mass**: +Michael Maher & Agnes Holmes (Maher family)
15h15 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: Anitta Roy (P) (R. George)

(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