ST. PHILIP HOWARD CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH

33 Walpole Road,
Cambridge CB1 3TH
+44 1223 211235
SPH Office Email: sphcambridge@gmail.com
Web: www.sphcambridge.org.uk

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday, 22 November 2026

Lectionary:
Sundays: Year A – Weekdays: II – Psalter: Week 2



CLERGY

PARISH PRIEST:
The Revd Father PHILIP JOHN
33 Walpole Road
Cambridge
CB1 3TH
Tel: **(01223) 211235 | 0771 313 9350**
Philip.John@rcdea.org.uk

Mgr. TONY ROGERS
40 Dunstan Court
Wulfstan Way
Cambridge
CB1 8QD
Mobile: **07778221509**
tonybrucerogers@gmail.com

DEACON:
The Revd Dr JOHN BELL
3 Applewood Close,
CB1 9NU
Mobile: **07919247977**
deacon@sphcambridge.org.uk

PARISH OFFICERS

Fabric and Finance Chairman
joanmariamilne@icloud.com

Treasurer and Gift-Aid Officer
Prasanth Francis
Tel: 07877 378104
Email: **treasurer@sphcambridge.org.uk**

Parish Safeguarding Officer
Hugh Bradley
Tel: (01223) 244222
safeguarding@sphcambridge.org.uk

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)*.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Fulbourn
Phoebe Vargas 07796 893 558
Alistair Milne 01223 894997
Cherry Hinton
Nicky Marks 07876 713558

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: £536.14



CONFIRMATION CLASSES IN 2026/27

The next Confirmation class is from **1pm to 3pm** on **Saturday, 12 December**. The full schedule of classes is **here**.

The Confirmation Mass is set for Sunday, 18 July

UPCOMING CATECHISM CLASSES

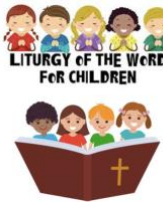
28 NOV.	28 NOV.	5 DEC.	12 DEC.
Y2: 10.15am Community Room	**Y3: 1.30pm** Community Room	**Y1: 10.45am** Community Room	**Y3: 1.30pm** Community Room

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 takes place 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?

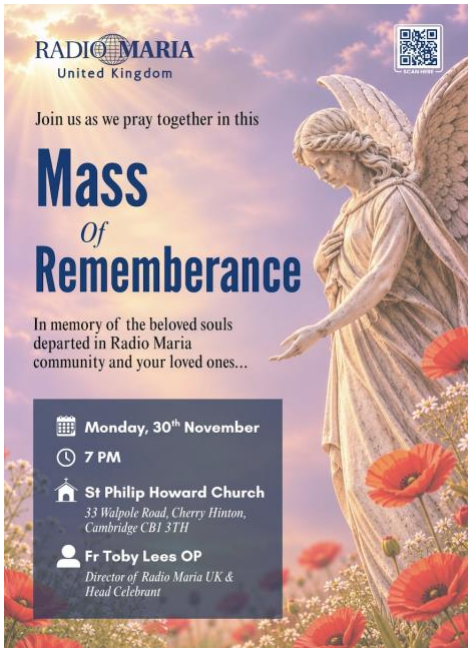
Come to a **presentation** and **question time** with the parish clergy on **Friday, 20 November** after the 10am Mass (10.35am to 11.30am).

CHILDREN'S CROCHET



We have a **knitting and crochet group** for **children aged 8–11** years old. It will meet on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12.15pm. The next meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, 5 December**.

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



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!

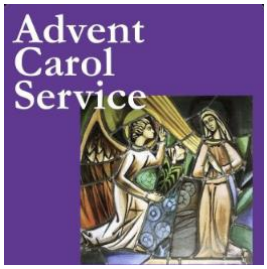




ANY JAM JARS TO DONATE?

Fran would appreciate donations of **jam jars**, any size or shape, to make chutney. Also, any contributions 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**

MEETING

10am–12pm,
Saturday, 28 November

For SPH Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

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.
Contact: mlauramarchessi@gmail.com

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

Contact: Jaci Agarwala
Tel: 01223 213895 or
ofs.assisi@yahoo.com

CARMELITE GROUP

Contact: Antonia Braithwaite
carmelite.cambridge@gmail.com

CATECHISM LATIN-RITE

Year 1 Beate Gürtler-Green:
beate@guertler-green.co.uk
Year 2 Anne Manning
ammanning15@gmail.com
Year 3 Phoebe Vargas
janphoebe5@gmail.com
Year 4 Lauren DesRuisseaux
laurenruisseaux@btinternet.com.
Year 5 Carol Kelsall
ckelsall@btinternet.com

SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY

Contact: Santos Mathen
Email: mathensantosh@gmail.com
Mobile: 07958139920
Contact: George Paily
Email: meringerin4@gmail.com
Mobile: 07737465958

Syro-Malabar Catechism

Years 1-5 Shiji Jenson
Email: Shijijenson78@gmail.com
Years 6-10 Bigily Joy
Email: bigilymerlinjoy@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile: 07915607421

AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Contact: Dominic Oyeniran
oad74@yahoo.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

antonia.braithwaite@gmail.com

MISSIO (APF)

Contact: info@missio.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

20–22 November

Click **here** for details.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

The next retreat in the Diocese is **26-28 February**. For more details, contact Helen on 07721 1182521 or click on the logo.

CAMBRIDGE CATHOLIC PARISHES

OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH 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:
Philip.John@rcdea.org.uk

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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

USE OF CHURCH PREMISES & NEWSLETTER ITEMS

For information contact:
sphcambridge@gmail.com

CAFOD & JUSTICE & PEACE

For information contact:

Bernard Shaw on **(01223) 240207**
or Sheila Brookes at
Sheila.brookes@btinternet.com
or **(01223) 503948**

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

PARISH MUSIC

Contact Fiona:
sphparishmusic@gmail.com

REPOSITORY ITEMS

Contact: Antonia Braithwaite:
antonia.braithwaite@gmail.com

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 — The Last Judgement — *(Mt. 25:31–46*



This is the last of Matthew's great parables. The world is finally divided into 'goodies' and 'baddies'. The great dramatic scene here depicted is that of the Final Judgement of all, but we shall each of us at the moment of death face the judgement of our divine Lord in his glory. This confrontation will be an experience far more awesome and shattering than any description can express, and yet fulfilling and re-assuring.

We will know at last in a naked way our own sin and also our own infinite value before the transcendent figure of the Lord. Two striking points are stressed in the parable. Firstly, we will be judged uniquely on our treatment of those in any kind of need. Not first of all on our prayer-life; not on our asceticism; not on penances undertaken; but on our respect for others - how far we look to see what they need and what we can give. The ten commandments of the Old Testament, the eight beatitudes of the New can be summarised in this way: speak the truth, be honest (including financially), honour father and mother (or children), hunger for justice, make peace. The second striking point is the reason for the first: that Christ is in each person. What we do to others, we do to Christ.

REFLECTION: READING 1

Ezekiel: 34:11-12. 15-17
The Loving Shepherd

Is this really an appropriate reading for the Feast of Christ the King? All about sheep? Shouldn't it be about crowns, medals, processions and majesty? No, it should not! Christ's kingship is modelled on God's kingship or, rather, Jesus came to show us what God's kingship is. 'The kingship of God has come upon you', was his first proclamation. In the British countryside we can usually leave the sheep to graze on their own. In the hilly country of Palestine there is always a shepherd to look after them, to stop them wandering over a cliff or stave off attack from wild animals. Sheep are silly creatures; they can be guaranteed to wander, wide-eyed and gormless, in front of a passing car and then run the wrong way. We are silly creatures too, and do just the same. We need God's care to keep us on the right path. Jesus as the Good Shepherd cherishes us, guards us, heals us, calms our fears, and even gives his life for us. That is what his kingship is.

REFLECTION: READING 2

1 Corinthians: 15: 20-26. 28
King Jesus Presents the kingdom

What will happen at the end of the world? How will the world be brought to an end? We simply do not know, and it is not the sort of thing the Bible needs to teach us. For us Christians three things are certain - and this is what Paul teaches us here in vivid picture-language. Firstly, God's sovereignty will extend over the whole of creation in peace and harmony. Secondly, this will be through Christ's work of mediation, for Christ is Lord of the Church, which is his Body. When Paul says 'he has put all his enemies under his feet', he is quoting a messianic Psalm about the priest-king of Jerusalem, frequently applied to Jesus, the new priest-king of creation. Thirdly, Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection: where he has led the way, we are to follow.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES

Come along to the Book Room to get your supplies for Advent and Christmas. Items for sale include Advent cards, candles and calendars, along with Christmas cards at £5 per box (packs of 12 and 18) and Christmas candles.



READERS		
Mary Archibald **Anne Domone**	**Vigil Mass** **5.30pm**	**Saturday, 21 November**
John Latham **Sheldon D'Souza**	**10am**	**Sunday, 22 November**
Isabel Cruz **Isabel Triunfante**	**12pm**	

COUNTERS FOR THE WEEK OF 22 NOVEMBER

Robin Kuriakose & Joseph Cherian

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Christ the King, Solemnity & Youth Day	**Sunday, 22 Nov.**
Meeting for readers & Eucharistic ministers	**Saturday, 28 Nov.**
First Sunday of Advent	**29 November**

The Sacred Liturgy This Week (21–29 Nov.)

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**: +Jim Donnelly (F)
12h00 **Holy Mass**: +Michael Maher & Agnes Holmes (Maher family)
+Fr. Martinho Gusmao & Isabel DaSilva
15h15 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana (English)**: Anitta Roy *(P)* (R. George)

23 NOV. MONDAY ST. CLEMENT I PpM
18h40 **Vespers**
19h00 **Holy Mass**: Elizabeth Tyreman (F)
+Harry, Angela & Elsie Bell (J. Bell)
+Jose Cuasay (B. Malubay)

24 NOV. TUESDAY ST. SANDREW DÚNG-LAC & COMPS. Mem
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Giorgio Marisa (L. Dale)
Thanksgiving (B. Malubay)

25 NOV. WEDNESDAY FERIA
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Dec'd of Kelly & Donoghue fams. (C. Donoghue)

26 NOV. THURSDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Br. Bede Wareing (Braithwaite)

27 NOV. FRIDAY FERIA
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: Michael Prichard *(S)* (J. Bell)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**

28 NOV. SATURDAY FERIA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Francisco Gusmao
17h30 **Vigil Mass**: The Graser family (E. Willis)

29 NOV. FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Psalter Week 1
10h00 **Holy Mass**: People of the Parish
12h00 **Holy Mass**: Amelia & Francisco DaSilva
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