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32ND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 8 November 2026

Lectionary:
Sundays: Year A – Weekdays: II – Psalter: Week 4



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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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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.

- Mission Sunday Collection: £322.30
- Sunday Collection (18/10): £586.51
- Sunday Collection (25/10): £487.07
- Sunday Collection (1/11): £625.62
- Second collection: £387.07



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

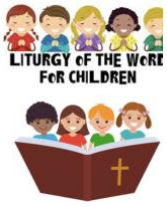
7 NOV.	7 NOV.	7 NOV.	14 NOV.
Y3: 1.30pm Community Room	**Y4: 10.15am** Book Room	**Older children: 10.15am** Community Room	**Older children: 1.30pm** Community Room

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.

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**

CAMBRIDGE DEANERY REQUIEM MASS

12.15pm, Thursday, 12 November at OLEM

All are warmly invited to attend the **Cambridge Deanery Requiem Mass** at OLEM this Thursday in remembrance of the faithful departed.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday, 8 November

This day falls on the Sunday nearest to Armistice Day (11 Nov.). Today are remembered all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn.

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 **Saturday, 14 November**.

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

FIRST SATURDAY

Saturday, 7 November

8.30am: Adoration & Holy Rosary
9.30am: Holy Mass



SECULAR CARMELITES AT SPH

5.15–7.30pm
Sunday, 8 November

carmelite.cambridge@gmail.com

OPUS DEI RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN AT SPH

2.30pm–5pm, Sunday, 8 November

mlauramarchessi@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AT SPH

11am-2pm, Saturday 21 November

In the SPH Community Hall. If you have a skill or craft or would like to make a wreath or Christmas card, please do come along. More information next week, and request for volunteers.





MEDJUGORIE PILGRIMAGE

See the poster (left)

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

SECULAR FRANCISCANS AT SPH

10.45am–2.30pm
Saturday, 14 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.
Contact: mlauramarchessi@gmail.com

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

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

CARMELITE GROUP

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MISSIO (APF)

Contact: info@missio.org.uk

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 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

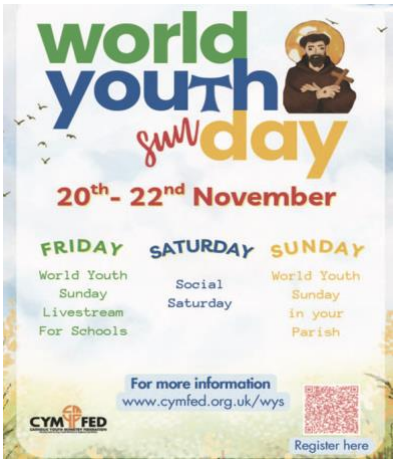
Contact: Antonia Braithwaite:
antonia.braithwaite@gmail.com

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).

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

20-22 November



Click on the poster above for more details.

GOSPEL REFLECTION The Ten Wedding Attendants *(Mt. 25:1-13*



Of course they weren't bridesmaids! According to the custom of the time the girls were attendant on the bridegroom, to greet him with their lamps as he arrived at the wedding reception. Anyway, half of them weren't ready, let him down, and then found themselves shut out.

There is a subtle difference between the parables given in Mark's and Matthew's gospels. In Mark they are all about the sudden coming of God's Kingship in history, at the time of Jesus. Jesus proclaimed that the crisis was now. In him God's reign had arrived: it was time to take drastic action. Matthew's parables take a longer-term view: there will be a final judgment at the end of time, for which we, in the Church and in the course of history, must prepare. Some will and some won't. Some will be found to be wheat, others to be weeds. When the catch of fish comes in, some fish will be thrown away, some kept. Some will be sheep and others goats. Each year, as the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church reminds us of this. And the End will be sudden and unpredictable, like a burglar on the one night I forgot to lock the door, or like a mousetrap snapping shut, or like the unpredictable moment of birth pangs.

REFLECTION: READING 1

Wisdom 6: 12-16
The Search for Wisdom

For the Bible, Wisdom is not knowledge, such as scientific or philosophical knowledge acquired by study and learning, or even the sound judgment acquired by experience and maturity. It is the reflection of God's own Wisdom, the Wisdom by which God creates the world and guides humanity. Wisdom is therefore divine, a reflection or image of God, 'the reflection of the eternal light and the image of his power. Everything created is good in so far as it expresses this Wisdom of God. In the New Testament Jesus is seen as the incarnation of God's own Wisdom as well as the incarnation of the 'Word' of God, for Jesus is both the first-born and the summit of God's creative purpose. In Greek 'Wisdom' is a feminine noun, and therefore divine Wisdom is often represented as a female character, a hostess inviting to her banquet all who desire true Wisdom. We need to seek out this Wisdom. It can be granted only by God, but God is eager to share divine Wisdom with those who truly search for 'her. This reading is given here to pair with the gospel-reading because of the image it uses of keeping awake, watching early for the coming of Wisdom/the bridegroom.

REFLECTION: READING 2

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
The Last Trumpet

The first Christians were unclear about many things in their faith. The Thessalonians were obviously worried about the fate of Christians who had died. Had not Paul taught them that Christ had conquered death? What was this talk about an imminent final coming of Christ to bring history to its end? How soon would it occur? Paul gives an answer in terms of a familiar image, a Roman triumphal procession. After a great victory in battle a Roman general could be granted a 'triumph', marching through the streets of Rome with his victorious army amid cheering crowds, like a successful football team or local regiment coming home. There was no need to worry about Christian friends and relations who had died, for they would come with Christ in his triumphal procession, and the rest of us would join him on the way. All this, of course, is imagery. Neither Paul nor anyone else had any idea when it would occur. But he teaches with firm confidence that it would occur. The timing is irrelevant. We don't mind waiting a bit, so long as we can be sure that we will all be re-united in the joyful triumph of Christ's victory over death.

READERS		
Antoinette Asante Aeola Fernandes	Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Saturday, 7 November
Mary Sinclair Remilda D'Silva	10am	Sunday, 8 November
Vincent Doronila Didith Amper	12pm	

COUNTERS FOR THE WEEK OF 8 NOVEMBER

David Davis & Alan Stebbings

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Catechism classes (Y3, Y4 & older children)	Saturday, 7 November
Remembrance Day	Sunday, 8 November
World Day of the Poor	Sunday, 15 November

The Sacred Liturgy This Week (7–15 Nov.)

7 NOV. FIRST SATURDAY ST. WILLIBRORD. B
08h30 **Adoration & Holy Rosary**
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)

9 NOV. MONDAY DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Ernesto, Carmela, Martino & Annina Gentile (F)

10 NOV. TUESDAY ST. LEO THE GREAT PpD. Feast
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: Deceased of the Cosgrove family (Nora)

11 NOV. WEDNESDAY ST. MARTIN OF TOURS B. Mem.
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Michael McGee (G. McHugh)
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: Anitta Roy *(P)* (R. George)

12 NOV. THURSDAY ST. JOSAPHAT BM. Mem.
09h00 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
09h30 **Holy Mass**: +Vivien Stephenson (J. Stephenson)
12h15 **Annual Deanery Requiem Mass at OLEM**

13 NOV. FRIDAY FERIA
09h30 **Office of Readings & Lauds**
10h00 **Holy Mass**: +Lilly Mathew
19h00 **Syro-Malabar Qurbana**: Anitta Roy *(P)* (R. George)

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**: People of the Parish
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