



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF
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**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
30 OCTOBER 2022**

Dear Parishioners

As we begin the month of November, dedicated to all the faithful departed, following the tradition of the church we offer our prayers for all our loved ones, family members, our parishioners and many others,.

Sign of our communion with those who passed away before us.

“fully conscious of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the pilgrim Church from the very first ages of the Christian religion has cultivated with great piety the memory of the dead,(6*) and "because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins",(273) also offers suffrages for them.” (cf. Vatican Council II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, "Lumen gentium", 50).

We remember with affection all those who died recently, especially members of our parish family who died during this year.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS -

Wisdom 11:22-12.2, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2.2, Luke 19:1-10

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Zacchaeus was a Jew, made wealthy by collecting taxes for the Romans. He was doubly despised by his countrymen for being part of a dishonest profession and for consorting with the enemy. However, he was also one of many people who wanted to see Jesus. He was too unpopular and unimportant to be allowed a place at the front of the crowd and too short to see over their heads, so he climbed a tree. He didn't expect to be noticed, he was just curious about the appearance of a famously holy man; someone with a reputation diametrically opposite to his own. He was as surprised as everyone else when Jesus called him down and he was filled with joy. Everyone else was disgusted. They (as might we) could not understand why a man of God should want to spend time in the company of such an obviously disreputable character. Surely, such a sinner should be rejected and condemned? Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus joyfully, showing his repentance by promising to share half his riches with the poor and recompensing fourfold any whom he had wronged. He was overjoyed, because the call of Jesus told him that God still loved him. In that moment he realised that true wealth was to be close to God, doing God's will, including caring about the very people from whom he had been taking money. Jesus again reminds us that He came to call back those who have lost sight of God's love. We are all children of Abraham in faith, called to repent and believe in the gospel, trusting in the unfailing love of God.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS -

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Tuesday 1 November. Masses at 10.30am and 8pm. The 8pm Mass will be live-streamed.

ALL SOULS DAY- WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

We will celebrate Mass at the usual time of 9.30am.

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS FOR THE LATE BISHOP HOWARD TRIPP

Wednesday 2 November 2022

18:00 Reception of the Body, followed by Mass of All Souls' Day

Thursday 3 November 2022

12:30 Solemn Requiem Mass, followed by interment in the Cathedral vault

Please note that the Requiem Mass on Thursday 3rd November will also be live-streamed: <https://youtu.be/DIRQR09tCzM>.

FAMILY MASS - SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER AT 9.30AM

We will have a Family Mass next Sunday 6th November at 9:30am, our liturgy will be fully animated by our children and year 5 students from SWOY school who will lead the singing. We hope to see many young families and children at Mass on that day.

REMINDER - SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday 6 November we continue our First Eucharist & Reconciliation sessions at 3pm and Fr Habte will be meeting parents in the School hall at the same time. Please drop your children at least 10 minutes before the session resumes.

REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on Wednesday 9th November at 8:00pm, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022

As you will remember the annual diocesan Day for Catechists, this year, was postponed due to rail strikes. *It is now on Saturday 12 November at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, starting with registration from 10.00am and ending with Mass at 4pm.* This is an in-service training day for all catechists in the diocese (including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process), and a day of support for them in their ministry. The Archbishop asks all catechists to attend, if at all possible.

These annual Days have proved both highly successful and popular.

Please [click here](#) for additional information and please contact Mary if you are able to attend and advise which group in Sessions 2 and 3 you wish to attend- foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

DEANERY PROCESSION: HITHER GREEN CEMETERY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 13th NOVEMBER 2022

We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn, led by the Bromley Concert Band. We recite the rosary prayer as we walk, in small groups, and pause to sing hymns on the way. We arrive at the far end of the cemetery where after final prayers and hymn we disperse to our family graves inviting the accompanying clergy to visit and pray at the graves of our departed loved ones. We are asked to vacate the cemetery by 3.45pm.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023 - SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022

There will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on Sunday 13th November 2022 at 6pm.

RCIA/JIF

CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2022

We are very pleased to announce our Confirmand Vivian Griffin will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 20th November 2022 the Feast of Christ the King.

Please keep Vivian in your prayers.



HOLY SOULS

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY, LISBON, (31st July to 7th August 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark> . For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

2023 MASS INTENTIONS

We have now received diaries for 2023 and will be pleased to accept Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email to the parish office foresthill@rcaos.org.uk

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:-

Bank: NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437
Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no

Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website [DONATE WITH DONA](#) (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website)

Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer.

If you would like Mass to be offered for your intention on a particular date (e.g. anniversary) please try to request it well in advance as we are seeing a significant increase in the number of Mass intention requests. Mass may be offered for any particular need for yourself, a loved one or a friend, birthdays, thanksgiving, anniversaries, vocations, for the sick or indeed for the repose of the soul of a loved one.

If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

Please pray for the Peaceful Repose of the Soul of

Genowefa (Gina) Szczegolski RIP
(mother of Jan)

Please pray for Jan and Kathy at this difficult time.

Gina's funeral will be at 11.30am on 7th November 2022
at St William of York Church

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

MASS ATTENDEES

8/9 Oct - 264

15/16 Oct - 278

22/23 Oct - 226

PARISH DIARY

Monday 31 Oct 7.45pm	Baptism Course session 1	Lower Hall
Wednesday 2 Nov 8pm	Singing Practice	Church
Saturday 5 Nov 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church
Sunday 6 Nov 3pm	Reconciliation 2 Session Parents Meeting	Church School Hall
Monday 7 Nov 7.45pm	Baptism Course session 2	Lower Hall



Thirty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 29 October 2022

18:00 Anne & John Warner

Sunday 30 October 2022

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Children of Aberfan

Monday 31 October 2022 - Feria

09:30 Anthony Warner RIP & Baby Freddie Fowler

Tuesday 1 November 2022 - ALL SAINTS

Holyday of Obligation

10:30 Tina Byrne RIP

20:00 For the Parishioners **(live-streamed)**

Wednesday 2 November 2022 - ALL SOULS DAY

09:30 Deceased members of the Orieso Family **(live-streamed)**

Thursday 3 November 2022 - Feria

09:30 Louie Byrne RIP

Friday 4 November 2022 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

09:30 Rita Tildesley RIP

Saturday 5 November 2022 - The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 Ernest Levey (FM)

Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 5 November 2022

18:00 Clemencia Charles RIP Anniversary

Sunday 6 November 2022

09:30 **Family Mass**

Holy Souls - For the Parishioners

11:30 Fr Habte Thanksgiving **(live-streamed)**

Please access the live streaming by visiting:

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reconciliations - Saturday 11-12 noon



Knit n' Natter

Calling all crafty crocheters and nifty knitters!

At our carol service this year we want to have a host of heavenly angels to share with the congregation. So we would like you to get busy with knitting (or crocheting) angels. There are two simple patterns below to get you started but feel free to make your angel as simple or fancy as you choose (though they must be child friendly) There are copies of the patterns in the narthex and the links are below.

Please get busy and bring your angels to church by 17th December. If you would like to share ideas or just have chat while you knit, we will be holding "Knit and natter" sessions in Café York on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th November at 2.00pm. All are welcome!

For further info contact Maureen Swift
(or any member of the Art Group)

Knitted angel <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf>

Crotchet angel <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Christmas-Angels-Crochet-Pattern.pdf>



CHRISTMAS ANGEL



12th Forest Hill (St William of York) Scout Group 50th anniversary

Sunday 27th November

11.30am Blessing and promise renewal at St
William of York Church followed by social event at
District HQ, St Germans Rd

Members and leaders past and present welcome,
dust off your scarves and join us to look back and
to the future.

RSVP Antonietta Hesketh

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