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### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

**Sat. 15th Nov. 06:30pm. Viveca (Special Intention) & Darryl (RIP)**  
*(Golden Wedding Anniversary)*

**MARRIAGE BLESSING & VOW RENEWAL**  
**Mr & Mrs Zambales**  
*25th Wedding Anniversary*

**Sun. 16th Nov. 09:30am. Deidre & Frank Egan (RIP)**  
 11:00am. **Liam Fahey (Birthday RIP)**

### We also pray this week for

**Maria Elisa De Deus**  
*(Birthday)*

**Thomas and Ann McHugh**  
*(RIP)*

**Desmond Phethean**  
*(Anniversary RIP)*

**Margaret Zia**

**Mon. 17th Nov. NO MASS**  
**Tues. 18th Nov. 10:00am. All the Holy Souls in Purgatory (RIP)**  
**Wed. 19th Nov. 10:00am. Fr Mark Beard (RIP)**  
**Thur. 20th Nov. 10:00am. Bernie Palmer (RIP)**  
**Fri. 21st Nov. 06:00pm. Holy Hour Adoration & Benediction**  
 07:00pm. **The Mothers of the Smart Homes Group**  
*(Special intentions for the parish)*



### Saints of the Week

**15th St Albert the Great**

**17th St Elizabeth of Hungary**  
**St Hugh of Lincoln,**  
**St Hilda**

**18th Dedication of the**  
**Basilica of Saint Peter**  
**and Saint Paul.**

**21st Presentation of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**



**Sat. 22nd Nov. 06:30pm. Davie Wheelan (10th Anniversary RIP)**

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE

**Sun. 23rd Nov. 09:30am. Deceased Relatives of the Upton**  
**and Moroney Family (RIP)**  
 11:00am. **Alf and Maria Oliva (RIP)**

### THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### The Alternative Christmas Gift

Give the gift of faith, supporting Christians around the world,  
 Just £5 provides Bibles for a child, £35 trains a Catechist to share the Gospel  
 A gift of £45 gives emergency assistance for families in Ukraine.  
 £500 supports a seminarian in a conflict zone.

Mass Attendance During the National Mass Count held in September, an average of 517 men, women and children attended Mass each week, that is an increase of 137 people per month counted at the same time last year.

We are continuing with a Parish Mass Count over the coming weeks and will share the findings very soon.

**Friday Adoration:** Holy Hour and Adoration takes place between 6 and 7 o'clock every Friday evening including devotion to the Divine Mercy. Holy Mass follows immediately after the Holy Hour.



**Prayers for the Sick and Housebound** We pray for those facing illness and ask that they may experience the healing power of the love of Lord Jesus that He brings comfort and peace to their bodies, minds and spirit.

Please keep in your prayers the wellbeing of: D.H, Adelaide Cotter, Paul Fairhall, Amy Bradbury (nee Mckenzie), Marie Goti, Michael Christou, John Rosenow, Mary Silva, Michael Hoskins & Dorothy Upton.

**Repose of the Soul** Please pray for the eternal rest of Carmela Kammerer Urbina who left this world on Monday 3rd November aged 79. A service will be held at Morden Cemetery Chapel, Lower Morden Lane at 1.30pm and committal at 2pm.



### **Parish Life**

**Parish Surgery:** Parish Office hours are on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, for all enquiries formal, informal or personal.

**Devotion to our Mother Mary:** If you would like the travelling statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary to visit your home. Please add your name at the back of the Church.

### **Offertory Collection**

*The Offertory on the 8th/9th November raised £ 1296.64*  
*Candle Stand Collection £105.13*

**Second Offertory** last week for the Archbishop's Appeal raised £414.10.

The money raised by the Appeal has already enabled:

*The Manna Society* to purchase an electric bike for the food distribution to the homeless centre at Waterloo.

*The Mizen Foundation* to continue to deliver Catholic Social Teaching inspiring young people to take social responsibility by sharing the Jimmy Mizen story of forgiveness, peace and hope in the face of adversity.

*St Elphege*, Wallington to fund a social outreach project for the elderly.

**Next Week Second Offertory** is for The Catholic Youth Service, providing retreats, training, events and activities for both under and over 18 year olds.

### **Urgent Appeal**

A young family, new to the area, are seeking two bedroom accommodation to rent. If anyone is able to offer assistance or knows of a vacant property please speak to Fr Ben or Linda Mamedy.

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for Mass Intentions are available in church. Look out for the green envelopes.

**Parish Registration:** the last complete parish census was carried out over thirty years ago. Through parish registration we are able to gather basic information to help with decision making, create a programme of pastoral care and understand better the needs of our parish community. \*You may receive a call over the coming months to check whether your parish registration is still current.\* If you know you are not registered please do pick up a form from the table just inside the double glass doors of the church or ask a fellow parishioner, they will be glad to help. Once completed drop the form in through the Presbytery letterbox next door.

**Garden of Peace:** Please, if you wish a memorial plaque be erected in the garden of peace for the burial of the ashes of a our loved one, kindly contact Jim via [jimfredfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jimfredfield@hotmail.co.uk) or Marie through [toomeymarie@gmail.com](mailto:toomeymarie@gmail.com) so that the our beloved departed can be recalled in our parish remembrance records.

**The Repository** don't forget our repository is stocked with lots of new religious items and cards for any occasion throughout the liturgical year. If you are looking for that special gift do call in. The Repository is open, after each Mass at the weekends.

**Little Church** is in the parish room for the 9.30am and 11am children's liturgy.



**A Nativity** As we prepare for this year's Christmas Nativity, we're collecting Nativity outfits — angels, shepherds, kings, animals, etc. \*\*If you have any costumes (used or new) to donate, please place them in the donations box at the back of the Church.\*\*

**First Holy Communion 2026** The closing date to register for First Holy Communion Catechism Classes 2026 is now Sunday 30th November. Kindly visit to the parish website to register and reserve a place. The first class is Saturday 7th February 2026 at 5pm.



**RCIA Becoming Catholic:** Anyone wishing to join the Catholic Church is asked to pick up a form from the Sacristy to register your interest and leave your name with Fr Ben. More information is available on the parish website. The church will be open on Saturday 6th December at 11am for the first meeting in the Family Room. Please bring your completed forms with you. We look forward to seeing you.



**A Parish Youth Group** Thank you to all those who signed up for the Youth Group. The new group meets this coming Thursday on the 20th November between 5pm and 6.30pm in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. Looking forward to being you all.

**For youth leaders** get in contact for new piloted online training scheme. [youth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcaos.org.uk)



## SAVE THE DATE

### ST CECILIA'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025 5pm to 8pm**

Event tickets are £5 per adult and  
£1 per child aged 5 and over.  
Raffle tickets are also available to purchase in  
Advance

Refreshments will be served  
in the church hall after the concert.

See the posters around the church

There is a collection box  
at the back of the church  
for raffle prize donations.

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses

We are looking for volunteers to read,  
children as well as adults.

We are also appealing for musicians to play for the  
Concert. If you are blessed to be able to play a musical  
instrument please get in contact with Louise


at: [northcheamevents@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:northcheamevents@rcaos.org.uk).


The more the merrier!

For either individual renditions or to play alongside other  
musicians.



**Smart Homes** Young Mum's group the **final** session is on  
1st December from 9am to 10.30am in the Canon Beausang  
Parish Room. The theme is entertainment. There will be  
the usual tea, coffee, and good conversation. If you were  
not at the other sessions you are more than welcome to join  
in. The pumpkin cake was delicious!

**Thursday Morning Club** gather together after the 10am  
Mass on Thursdays. Come along for a cuppa, new  
and long lasting friendships, outings and activities.   
All are welcome.

**Knit & Natter** are meeting every Thursday afternoon from  
following on from the Thursday Morning Club. Bring your  
knitting, crochet or favourite craft to share a  
chat, in a warm, friendly space over a tea or  
coffee from 12.30pm onwards. Tell your  
friends. You don't have to be Catholic to join.   
Any resources to donate get in touch with  
Gloriana Andrew. We have already shared some lovely  
memories.

### Information Technology Workshop

The  
Introductory IT workshop took place on Saturday 15th  
November led by our IT expert, John Regida .... and  
his family. All those who attended, benefitted from his  
shared knowledge, gaining new skills and greater  
access to the wealth of information available on the  
internet, as well as picking up valuable tips on how to  
stay safe. The next workshop will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December  
at a cost of £10 per person. The Q&A session was very  
helpful. Dates for further classes in 2026 will be  
confirmed in January depending on demand. If you  
would like to book a place/get further information,  
please contact Marie Toomey on 07929 973868 or  
email: [toomeymarie@gmail.com](mailto:toomeymarie@gmail.com).

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR)** - Our team  
will be contacting all volunteers via email to update  
our parish records. With many positive changes, new  
roles, and volunteers, it is important that our records  
are kept up to date. Linda Mamedy, Annalee  
Humphrey and Lorna Gallagher will initiate contact,  
via their [northcheam@safeguardrcaos](mailto:northcheam@safeguardrcaos) email addresses.  
You may have heard from them already!

**Church Security Measures CCTV** Please be aware a  
Close Circuit Television systems is in operation to  
protect our church building and her content, The  
installation conforms to current data protection  
regulations. Footage will be handled with the  
appropriate security measures to ensure confidentiality.

**The Trussell Trust Foodbank** do not accept clothes  
and unwanted toys so please do not leave them at back  
of the church. Food items should be unopened and  
within their use by date. The rising cost of living  
means many families with go without Christmas  
festivities this year. Thank you for your contribution.

**St Raphael's Hospice** are holding their Christmas  
Market in St Bede's Conference Centre (London Road,  
Cheam, SM3 9DX) on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
between 12pm-5pm and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November from  
10am-4pm. Visit <https://www.straphaels.org.uk/Event/christmasmarket>.

**Red Wednesday 19th November - Aid to the Church  
in Need** at St George's Cathedral 5.30pm, Holy Mass at  
6pm. Main celebrant Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Homily  
by Canon Victor Darlington. Red Wednesday began in  
2016 to raise awareness of persecuted Christians in the  
world. Parishes across the country including our Cathedral  
are lit up in red. **Wear red in solidarity!** Visit  
[acnuk.org/gof25](https://www.acnuk.org/gof25) or call 0345 646 01110 for that  
alternative Christmas gift (page 1).

**A Day With Mary** is planned for:

**22nd November 9am - Holy Cross, Carshalton**

**6th December 10am - St John the Baptist, Purley**

**13th December 9.30am - St Mary's, West Croydon**

# SUNDAY *Plus*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year C

## A Welsh response



The ironworkers started to work in the pit for not much more than some of the boys. Some of them even started pulling the trams in place of the ponies. A lot of the older and better-paid men got discharged without being told why, although it was put out that they

were too old and could not work as well as they ought. But that was nonsense... So strike work they did... So, on it went, right into winter...

By that time people were feeling the pinch. Food was scarce and so was money, and if the women had not been good savers in better times, things would have gone very hard. As it was, savings were almost at an end and my mother was dipping into our box to help women down the Hill who had big families still growing...

My father came back worried but steady after speaking to the men... "We have finished the strike, Beth," he said. "But our wages must come down. They are not getting the price for coal that they used to, so they cannot afford to pay the wages that they did." ...


The men went back the morning after my father had spoken to the owners, and you should have seen the Hill as they went down. As the doors opened and the men came out, their

wives and children followed them into the road and stood to watch them go. My father... waved them all quiet and started to sing. As soon as they heard his voice, tenors and altos waited for their turn, then the baritones and basses, and then the women and children. As soon as the singing started, all the doors opened all the way down the Hill, and men and women and children came out to fill the road. I... heard the rich voices rising in many harmonies,... and my heart went tight inside me.

And round about us the Valley echoed with the hymn, and lights came out in the farms on the dark mountain, and down at the pit, the men were waving their lamps, hundreds of tiny sparks keeping time to the beat of the music.

Everybody was singing. There was peace, see.

*Richard Llewellyn, How Green Was My Valley*

May the power of hope fill our days. May we bring hope to people who feel that their lives and situations are hopeless. Fill us with compassion.  Amen.

## The "cry of the poor"

By Peggy Healy

The cry of the poor is not some pathetic whining – nor is it poverty pornography where we think of the poor as helpless victims whom we must save. It is the clamour to the heavens of those who are systematically dispossessed, marginalised and oppressed by systems and governments – the excluded and subjugated who cry out to be seen and to be heard and to be accompanied in their legitimate and valiant quest, not only for survival and safety, but also for justice and equality.

*Part of a talk given to the Romero Trust during Romero Week 2023.*

Help us, one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace.

Pope Leo XIV

### Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

#### "The little details of love"

As we journey [through] the Holy Year, I urge everyone to become pilgrims of hope, setting tangible goals for a better future. Let us not forget to keep "the little details of love": stopping, drawing near, giving a little attention, a smile, a caress, a word of comfort. These gestures are not automatic; they require a daily commitment and are often hidden and silent, but strengthened by prayer. In this time, when the song of hope seems to give way to the clamour of arms, to the cry of many innocent wounded and the silence of the countless victims of wars, we turn to God with our plea for peace. We stretch out our hands to receive peace as a precious gift for we are "poor" in this regard, while at the same time committing ourselves to weave it back into daily life.

*Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Poor 2024:10*



### READINGS

**Today:**  
Malachi 3:19-20a  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

**Monday:**  
1 Maccabees 1:10-15.  
41-43. 54-57. 62-64  
Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:**  
2 Maccabees 6:18-31  
Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday:**  
2 Maccabees 7:1.  
20-31  
Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:**  
1 Maccabees 2:15-29  
Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:**  
1 Maccabees 4:36-37.  
52-59  
Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday:**  
1 Maccabees 6:1-13  
Luke 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:**  
2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43