Remember
SUNDAY Plus
8 NOVEMBER 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office Week IV Year A
Rememberance Sunday

When the fighting stopped



Remember

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon

This was how it went, those years after the war, experimenting, making mistakes, learning. The doctors, psychiatrists and nutritionists who came free of charge to any place that cared for war victims, sometimes expressed surprise at our loose-run ways. At morning and evening worship people drifted in and out, table manners were atrocious, one man took a walk into Haarlem every morning at 3:00 AM. I could not bring myself to sound a whistle or to scold, or to consider gates or curfews.

And, sure enough, in their own time and their own way, people worked out the deep pain within them. It most often started… in the garden. As flowers bloomed or vegetables ripened, talk was less of the bitter past, more of tomorrow's weather. As their horizons broadened… when mention of the NSBers [Nazi collaborators] had no longer brought on the volley of self-righteous wrath, I knew the person's healing was not far away. And the day he said, "Those people you spoke of: I wonder if they'd care for some home-grown carrots," then I knew the miracle had taken place…

But the place where the hunger was greatest was Germany. Germany was a land in ruins, cities of ashes and rubble, but more terrifyingly still, minds and hearts of ashes. Just to cross the border was to feel the great weight that hung over that land…

Corrie Ten Boom, *The Hiding Place*

Love conquers death. In love, God will gather us together with our loved ones. And… our very lives become a prayer rising up to God, uniting us with the departed, drawing us closer to them as we await to meet them again in the joy of eternal life.

Pope Leo XIV

Blessed are the peacemakers

"Blessed are you, the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). We are dedicated to embodying the Lord's profound words, making them a part of our very being, our legacy and our actions.

Blessed are you: God gives joy to those who spread love in the world and to those who choose to make peace with their enemies rather than defeat them.

Take courage, continue on your journey, you who are building the conditions for a future of peace, justice and forgiveness. Be gentle yet determined and never give up. Peace is a journey, and God walks with you. The Lord creates and spreads peace through his friends who are at peace in their hearts, and they in turn become peacemakers and instruments of his peace.

Pope Leo XIV

Lord of life, make us instruments of your peace. Give eternal life to those who have died in war and comfort those who are left behind. ✠ Amen.

Feast of the week
Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Day

Today, at countless war memorials, people will hold a minute's silence and a bugler will proclaim that those who sleep in death also rise to new life in the resurrection.

As we remember those who gave their lives in war and conflict, many of us will include family members and friends who didn't come home when the fighting ended. It's a grief that lasts a lifetime.

Today, we honour the fallen and also those who returned bearing wounds – seen and unseen. We remember families who waited, grieved and rebuilt. In our minute's silence we hear the call to peace, justice and compassion, committing ourselves to act as bearers of hope in our troubled world. May the poppies and war memorials remind us to pray for peace and inspire us to become peacemakers.

READINGS

Today:
Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Tuesday:
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday:
Titus 3:1-7
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday:
Philemon 7-20
Luke 17:20-25

Friday:
2 John 4-9
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday:
3 John 5-8
Luke 18:1-8

Next Sunday:
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

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"It is not enough for us, to be content with His first coming; we must wait in hope of His second coming." St Cyril of Jerusalem.

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 7th Nov. 6:30pm. **Charles Anderson**
(13th Anniverary RIP)
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sun. 8th Nov. 9:30am. **Cathy Smythe (40 days Mass RIP)**
Mary Teresa Emmanuel (RIP)
11:00am. **Desmond Phethean**
(Anniversary RIP)

The 11am Mass is followed by the Blessing of the Graves in the Mamorial Garden.

Mon. 9th Nov. **NO MASS**
Tues. 10th Nov. 10:00am. **For Holy Souls (RIP)**
Wed. 11th Nov. 10:00am. **Alf Oliva (Anniversary RIP)**
Thurs 12th Nov. 10:00am. **For the Holy Souls of Our Ancestors**
Fri 13th Nov. 6:00pm. ADORATION AND BENEDICTION
7:00pm. **For the Parish**

Sat. 14th Nov. 6:30pm. **Teresa Elson (40 Day Mass RIP)**
Sun. 15th Nov. 9:30am. **Ian Tait (Recently Deceased RIP)**
11:00am. **Maria Gallagher (Special Birthday)**

Second Offertory this weekend is for the Archbishop's Appeal which provides essential funds for Youth Evangelisation, Catholic Social Justice, and Care for Clergy and Active Ministry.
Second Offertory next weekend is for the Catholic Youth Service to equipe our youth to grow into the people the Lord calls them to be.

Saints of the Week 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica; 10th St Leo the Great; 11th St Martin of Tours; 12th St Josaphat; 13th St Frances Xavier Cabrini; 14th The Blessed Virgin Mary; 15th Solemnity of Christ the King

The Holy Souls There are sheets available at the entrances to the church, to write the names of loved ones whom God has called to be with Him. All lists will be treated in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations and burned at the end of the month. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th Nov and pray for the dead may obtain a plenary indulgence applicable to the holy souls.

The Blessing of Graves Sunday 8th November at 1.30pm. There is an outdoor service at the Chapel in Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery in Garth Road. Members of the clergy will be available to bless individual graves of relatives & friends buried there, or in Morden Cemetery Crematorium.

Upcoming Mass Intentions 18th Mr Tual Bahadure;
18th Mrs Pramila Tamang; 19th Thomas & Ann McHugh;
21st Siobhan Conway; 21st Anton Mariamillai.
>>Please note there is no Benediction & Evening Mass 20/11/26 <<

Prayers for the Sick & Housebound Please pray for the wellbeing of: D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow; Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert, Mary Nassan, Joe Mendes; Baby Cian Dominic Carter, Pam Williams, Zonia Phethean and Stanley.

For the Repose of the Soul Please pray for **John Bourke** whose Funeral Mass is 12.30pm on the 17th November followed by a burial at 2pm at Sutton Cemetry SM3 9PX. ***May he Rest In Peace.***

Parish Life

Church Parade at 9.30am Mass Associated Scouts, Cubs Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies and Guide groups you are most welcome. Thank you to the Leaders and all the children taking part.

Rosary Prayers before Mass Fr Ben is looking for a team of volunteers willing to lead the Rosary Prayers before the weekend Masses. One Mass per person. Please speal to Father or send him an email.

International Evening Friday 20th November 7pm celebrating the feast of our patron saint.
Raffle prizes wanted.

Christmas Concert Rehearsals 22nd November at 5pm in the church.

Christmas Concert Sunday 6thDecember 5pm
Entertainers or helpers behind the scenes, we need as many helping hands as possible! Sign ups and posters for both the International Night or Concert are in the church.All are invited, bring friends & relatives. Tickets will be on sale next weekend.

Christmas Eve Nativity Mass We are organising a Christmas Eve Nativity & would love for children in Y2 and above to take part. To help us prepare make sure your child can attend all of the rehearsals before signin up. Rehearsal dates are: Sun. 29th Nov. 3.30pm - 4.15pm; Sun. 13th Dec. 3.30pm - 4.30pm; Wed 23rd Dec. 3.30pm - 4.30pm. There may be an additional rehearsal Mon. 21st Dec. This will be confirmed nearer the date. Sign up sheets are at the church entrances.

The Nativity Family Mass is Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 6pm. Participating children should arrive at 5.30pm.

IT Worshop Saturday 12th November 9am in CB Room.

Urgent Local Rental Accommodation Required for six Community Faith Members. Please speak to Fr Ben or email the parish office, if you know of anywhere suitable.

Back to the Body Tuesday 10th November has been postponed until early 2027, or until further notice.

Mass Offerings: 31st Oct/1st Nov. Offertory: £1,126.71; **Mass Attendance:** 461