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### **Thirtieth Sunday** **in Ordinary Time**

**Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 06:30pm. The Xavier Family**

**(In Thanksgiving)**

**Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. 09:30am. Roy and Cathy Hadingham**

**(62nd Wedding Anniversary)**

**11:00am. Forbina Collins (RIP)**

**Memorial Service Sheena De Mello (RIP)**

**Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. NO MASS**

**Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10:00am Living & Deceased Benefactors of Secular Clergy Common Fund**

**Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10:00am Anton Mariampillai (RIP)**

**Thur. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10:00am Mairead Connelly (Get Well)**

**Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 06:00pm Holy Hour and Benediction**  
**07:00pm. Dolly Hallet**

**(First Anniversary RIP)**

### **ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 06:30pm. Robert Brown (RIP)**

### **CONFIRMATION MASS**

**02.00pm Francis Almeida & Rose Marie Almeida (RIP)**

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 09:30am. Maria Hong (RIP)**

**11:00am. Eily Tom Reeve**  
**(Wedding Anniversary RIP)**

### **OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the month of October, that believers of different religious traditions will work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Saints of the Week:

**25th The Blessed Virgin Mary; Forty Martyrs of England & Wales; 28th St Simon and St Jude, Apostles.**



### **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 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 First Offertory on 18th/19th October** raised £962.12 for our parish.



**The second Offertory** for World Mission

**Sunday £623.46**

Money from the candle stands comes to £83.03

**Archbishops Appeal** Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November. This Diocesan second collection funds key areas of ministry for: youth and Evangelisation, Faith in Action (Caritas) plus Clergy Care and Formation. Our support enables the investiture in special projects taking place in areas of great need.

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

**Parish Registration:** Welcome, if you are new to the parish family at St Cecilia's. Please do register as a member so we know you are here. If you are a long standing parishioner, do your details need updating? The forms for registration are on the table as you enter the double glass doors of the church or ask a fellow parishioner, they will be glad to help. Once completed drop the form into the Presbytery next door. Registration helps with parish communication. All are welcome.

**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.

**The Repository** don't forget our repository is stocked with new religious items appropriate for throughout the liturgical year, If you are looking for that special gift do call in for: statues; rosary beads; books; greeting cards; candles; devotional prayers cards and medals. The Repository is open, after each Mass at the weekends.

**Eucharistic Ministers Training** Calling All Currently Serving Eucharistic Ministers sharing the Body of Christ. Fr Ben is hosting a training session for all current Eucharistic Ministers, scheduled this Sunday 26th October at 6.30pm for . The session is not only for those recently commissioned. Please do try to attend. There will be a day of renewal for all Eucharistic Ministers run by the Deanery next year.

**PLEASE TAKE BOTH SHEETS OF THE NEWSLETTER**



**THE CLOCKS GO  
 BACK THIS WEEKEND**





### Prayers for the Sick and Housebound

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, Mary B.

**Recently Deceased** We remember Kathleen Hambleton who passed away on Friday 17th October please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers. Her funeral will be here, at St Cecilia's Church, on Tuesday 11th November at 2.30pm. Kathleen and her late husband were one of the first couples to get married in our parish back in 1960. She reach the grand age of 95.

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

**A Time to Remember Loved Ones** As we enter a period of remembrance next weekend, a basket will be placed on the altar at Mass on Friday evening in which the names of loved ones can be laid. A supply of paper forms is available, if needed, on which to write the names of dear loved ones you wish to remember, at this particular time. Mass Intentions can be added to the basket, to be read out and prayed for during Holy Hour and at Mass on Friday evenings each week, throughout the month of November.

Once the intentions have been included in the prayers for the Holy Souls the papers will be disposed of in the appropriate way, at the end of the month.

### All Saints & All Souls Day

*All Saints Day* is 1st /2nd November

*All Souls Day* is transferred to Monday 3rd November

There will be three Masses said on Monday for the Holy Souls at 10am, 12 noon and 7.30pm. Following the Mass at 12 noon there will be the blessing of the Garden of Peace, where the ashes of our past family members and friends are buried. Throughout the month of November too, Masses will be offered specifically for the souls of the faithful departed.

Tuesday 4th November—**NO MASS** The Parish Office will closed.

**The Blessing of Graves** Sunday 9th November at 2.30pm, there will be a Remembrance Service at the chapel at Merton and Sutton Cemetery in Garth Road SM4 4NW, after which members of the clergy will be available to bless the graves of family and friends who are buried there, or at Morden Crematorium and Cemetery. Anyone visiting a cemetery between 1st and 8th November to pray for the faithful departed may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the Holy Souls.



**A Certificate of Catholic Practice** This is the last week in which to obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, as school and 6th Form applications must be submitted by the 30th of October. Please call at the parish office to obtain a signed form.

**Little Church** breaks for half term This Sunday 26/10/25 & will return on the 2/11/2025. Have a good week everyone.



**A Nativity** We are organizing a nativity on Christmas Eve involving the children of our parish (minimum 6 years old/Y2 and older) If you would like your child to take part, rehearsals are from 3pm to 5pm on Sunday the 16th & 30th November, 7th & 23rd December. Sign up before the 2nd November, the sign up sheet is in the church porch, there is still time!



**First Holy Communion 2026** Year 3 pupils wishing to make their First Holy Communion next year please register to reserve a place for the catechism classes via the parish website. Registration closes at the mid January. Classes will begin early February 2026.

**A Parish Youth Group** Calling all young people! Fr Ben will be starting a new group for the young people of our parish, towards the end of November. If you are aged 11 to 16 reading this, and would like to join for activities, social events and spiritual guidance, please sign up on the list in the church porch. Parent contact details are required.

**RCIA Becoming Catholic:** sharing the journey of faith. If you are being called by God to join the Holy Catholic Church please speak to Fr Ben. For introductory information visit the parish website. Classes for adults (18+) start at the end of November. If you have already spoken to Fr Ben about RCIA classes for this year please pick up a registration form from the parish office.

**Smart Homes** A course will take place beginning this Monday, aimed at young mothers, but all are welcome for tips and ideas on how to run your home more efficiently. The first session is at 9am to 10.30am in the Canon Beausang Parish Room. 20th October - Decluttering; 10th November - Timetable; 1st December - Menu Planning. The cost for all three sessions is £10. Please come after dropping your older children off at school. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and good conversation.

**Information Technology Workshop** It can be difficult to keep up with the ever-changing technological world we now live in. Sometimes it would be really useful to have access to an expert who could provide training and advice with regard to any electronic devices. We are very fortunate to have such an expert in our parish community. John Regida has kindly agreed to facilitate monthly Workshops in the Parish Room. The first Introductory Workshop will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The cost will be £5 person. This will be followed by a further class on 6<sup>th</sup> December at a cost of £10 per person. Dates for 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.

*'Don't keep faith, spread it around.'  
Mother Angelica*





**A Knit & Natter Group** bring your knitting, crochet or favourite craft and share a chat, in a warm space over a tea or coffee on a Thursday afternoon from 12.30pm to 3pm, beginning in November. Speak to Gloriana, if you are interested. Tell your friends, open to all. You don't have to be Catholic to join.



**Sutton Deanery Pastoral Council** The Autumn meeting of the Sutton Deanery will be held at Saint Elphege's Church Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 11am to 1pm. The new version of the Bishop's document, "Love the Stranger" suitable for Schools, Youth Groups, Parents and Parish Groups will be introduced by Victoria Firth from the Jesuit Refugee Service. Car parking available & Buses 157 & 154 stop outside the Church.

#### **Saint Carlo Acutis Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles'**



upholding the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist at weekends 18/10/25 to 2/11/25 8am to 7.30pm St John Fisher Church. SW20 7DB St Carlo was born in London but moved to Italy when he was three years old. He combined his love of technology with his love for Christ Jesus to create a website detailing the eucharistic miracle, which has now been turned into a travelling exhibition to help in the strengthening and understanding in the Real Presence of Jesu in the Eucharist.

**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!**



**Youth Training Day** Saturday 29 November (Young Adult Ministry) 9am to 5pm at St George's Cathedral. If anyone is interested visit the Diocesan website to register.



**First Aiders** If anyone is a recognized First Aider with a current certificate and in regular attendance at Mass please make yourself known at the parish office.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR)** - Our team will be contacting all volunteers via email to update our records. With many positive changes, new roles, and volunteers, it is important that our records are kept up to date. Linda Mamedy will initiate contact, via her email [northcheams2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:northcheams2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk).



**Church Security Measures CCTV** Please be aware a Close Circuit Television systems is in operation to protect our church building and her content, the intention is to eventually extend

this to include the church hall and carparking area. The installation conforms to current data protection regulations. Footage will be handled with the appropriate security measures to ensure confidentiality.

**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!**

## *Prayer for the Jubilee Year 2025*

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.

*Francis*

## *Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025*

**Chorus:** Like a flame my hope is burning  
may my song arise in you:  
Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.

Every nation, tongue, and people  
find a light within your Word,  
Scattered fragile sons and daughters,  
find a home in your dear Son.

God so tender and so patient,  
dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heaven and earth are recreated  
by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,  
For our God is born in time.  
Son made man for You and many  
who will find the way in Him.

# SUNDAY *Plus*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week II** Year C

## The loser's script where everybody wins

With this parable, Jesus invites us to struggle with the contrast between a spirituality of perfection and what I'm calling a spirituality of imperfection... Jesus, a consummate Jew, uses examples from his own culture and time. According to common definitions of the day, the Pharisees are the good guys and tax collectors are the bad guys. The tax collectors are those who have totally aligned with the Roman Empire, charging money to their own Jewish people, and giving it to the Empire. No one likes the tax collectors, and

everyone looks up to the Pharisees. The Pharisees are simply religious people trying to obey the law, just like faithful Catholics or Bible-reading Protestants today. And as always, Jesus, with his nondual way of thinking, turns it all on its head...

This [parable] repositions the whole role of religion. Didn't most of us think that it's all a meritocracy? I certainly did! Many religious people think that it's all a merit badge system – all achievement, accomplishment, performance, and perfection. The good people win and the bad people lose. Of

course, once we cast anything as a win-lose scenario, the irony is that everybody loses. Why can't people see that competitive games are not the way to go?

I'm convinced that Jesus' good news is that God's choice is always for the excluded one. Jesus learned this from his Jewish tradition: God always chooses the rejected son, the barren woman, the people enslaved in Egypt or exiled in Babylon. It's not a winner's script



in the Bible – it's a loser's script. It's a loser's script where, ironically, everybody wins.

*Richard Rohr OFM, The Little Way: a spirituality of imperfection*

It is the risen Lord, present among us, who protects and guides the Church, and continues to fill her with hope through the love "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us".

**Pope Leo XIV**

## Humility helps

**By Mary Bell**

Nobody likes a show-off. Unhappily we live in a society where there is endless scope for self-publicity: selfies, television reality shows which declare, "Look at me. Aren't I the bees' knees?". Humility is a rare and endangered commodity.

There is plenty of false modesty about, like a friend who sells her paintings and exhibits regularly whilst denying she is an artist. "It's all an accident," she will say until we contradict her. Self-deprecation was

a device used by medieval writers, expected of the author, who really didn't think he was all that bad.

There is no harm in acknowledging our God-given talents. The danger is to think we are therefore better than people less fortunate, or who don't seem to be as pious as we are. We are all subject to temptation. True humility acknowledges both shortcomings and success. God sees into our hearts. He sees hypocrisy. We shall not be able to pretend before him.

*Following many years in the classroom, retired teacher and head of RE, Mary Bell now has time to enjoy the beauties of the natural world around her.*

## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope God's mercy

Truly, God's mercy is forever; it never ends, it never runs out, it never gives up when faced with closed doors, and it never tires. In this forever we find strength in moments of trial and weakness because we are sure that God does not abandon us. He remains with us forever. Let us give thanks for so great a love, which we find impossible to grasp; it is immense! Let us pray for the grace to never grow tired of drawing from the well of the Father's mercy and bringing it to the world. Let us ask that we too may be merciful, to spread the power of the Gospel everywhere.

*Pope Francis, Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*

## READINGS

**Today:**  
Sirach 35:12-14. 16-18  
2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

**Monday:**  
Romans 8:12-17  
Luke 6:12-16

**Tuesday:**  
Ephesians 2:19-22  
Luke 6:12-19


**Wednesday:**  
Romans 8:26-30  
Luke 13:22-30

**Thursday:**  
Romans 8:31b-39  
Luke 13:31-35

**Friday:**  
Romans 9:1-5  
Luke 14:1-6

**Saturday:**  
Romans 11:1-2a. 11-12.  
25-29  
Luke 14:1. 7-11

**Next Sunday:**  
Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12a

Loving Lord, when I make a mistake, please pick me up and set me on the right path once again. Teach me humility so that I can boast about you and not about myself.  Amen.

