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Office Hours – Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 10.30am – 1.30pm

01 November 2026 – All Saints Day Year A

Reading 1	Rev 7:2-4,9-14	*I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*
Psalm	Ps 23:1-6 r.6	*Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.*
Reading 2	1 John 3:1-3	*We shall see God as he really is.*
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 11:28	*Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest , says the Lord.*
Gospel	Matt 5:1-12	*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration 6.15pm – 7.20pm Followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm



Please Pray for Linda May Carter†, Henry Lee†, Elizabeth Law†, Philip Croft†, Patsy Wallace†, Pat Pullen†, Eric Fernandez†, Malcolm Scarfe†, David Prescott†, Osita Isiwu†, who have recently died.

Also Pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including: Eileen Bareham, Thomas Edward Sinnott, Sean Pitt, Coinbanas Patrick Joseph Fenwick, Anna Robusto, David Peter Jones, Ancy John Kumar, Anthony Peacock, Thomas McAteer, Frances Selbie, Fr Michael Morahan, Pat Harris, Patrick Macken, Gemma Antonia Cluer, Basil Farmer, John Joseph Moore, Betty Joyce Patricia Smith, Giuseppe Tammarco, Mary Ennis, Enid Doris Wybourne, Judy Luckhurst, Mary Draeger, Julia Parsons, Pasqualana Scalera, Nina Lepore, Emily Rose Green, Mario Scutto and Charles Swen.

May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

SATURDAY

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation 10.30am – 11.30am



Readers next week: 31st Oct/1st Nov	
Sat 6.30	Gabriel Concepcion; Frances Okafor; Betty Sequeira
Sun 9.30	Uhuegbu Sisters; Susanna Inya
Sun 11.30	Samuel Robson; Dinah Kansiime; Laarni Fajardo
Sun 6.30	Charbel Tsagli; Akhebai Tegha; Joan Aruma

Readers next week: 07th /8th November	
Sat 6.30	Parri Savio Alphonse, Maria Alphonse, Kieran Shannon
Sun 9.30	Ann Williams, Nicky Croft, Akhebai Tegha
Sun 11.30	Onyeahialam Sisters, John Jupit Quilas
Sun 6.30	Anastasia Ebifa, Kara Family

Our Parish NOTICES

Collections this week: Archbishop's Appeal

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£711.61	£109.00	£461.00	£49.00	**£1330.61**
Football	£425.50	-	-	-	**£425.50**

Please use the QR code for your weekly offerings & second collections

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT (hosted by the OLoG Seeds)
Saturday 7th November 2026 @ 5pm - Come along to a fantastic night of fun… testing your brain power & socialising with friends & family. **Everyone** from the Parish is welcome … come as an individual or bring your team of 7. Please, bring your own refreshments. Cost is £5 per person or £30 per team of 7. Payments can be made in cash on the day or via bank transfer to Ebubechukwu Aruma; a/c 42132205; sort code 60-83-71. Please complete a registration slip.

FUNERAL of PHIL CROFT – Tuesday 3rd November 2026
The Requiem Mass for Phil Croft will take place at 10.00am followed by his cremation at The Garden of England Crematorium, Bobbing, from 12noon.
Friends & Parishioners are also invited to join the family at the Smallholders Club, Woodside, Wigmore, ME8 0JG, after the service.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY AND ANNUAL 'BLESSING OF THE GRAVES' Service @ Woodlands Cemetery - Sunday 8th November 2026 @ 3pm. Please gather at the 'small roundabout/junction' towards the back of the Cemetery for a short service, followed by the Blessings.

NOVEMBER - is the month of the Holy Souls when we pray for all who have died. There are sheets at the back of the church on which you can record the names of those for whom you wish to pray together with any donations and place them in the baskets by the altar by 2nd November. Thank you.

***'CALLING ALL'* …EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** A meeting of all extra-ordinary ministers in the parish is being held on Saturday, 7th November at 5.45pm. Those who have not completed the registration form, please get one from the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	Devotions to the Holy rosary will take place every day @ 9.30am
02nd November	All Souls Day – Holy Day of Obligation Mass @10am and 7.30pm
7th November	OLoG Seeds hosting a Parish Quiz Night
7th November	Meeting for new and existing Eucharist Ministers @5.45pm in McMahon Hall

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

YOUTH RETREAT – AGES 13–17 – Saturday 7th November – 11am-4pm
The Southwark Catholic Youth Service invites young people aged 13–17 to a Youth Retreat led by the SCYS Mission Team at St John Fisher School, Kent, ME1 2FA.
A wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in faith, make new friends and enjoy a day of prayer, fun and fellowship.
Book your place**:** https://tinyurl.com/retreatnov26

KNIGHTS of ST COLUMBA – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS
Closing date is 18th December 2026 for all competitions
1. Junior Painting Competition 2026/2027
2. Senior Painting Competition 2026/2027
3. Photography Competition 2026/2027

Please see the posters on the noticeboard at the back of Church, for all the information & details.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND HUMAN DIGNITY, SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2026 9:30AM-4PM
Inspired by the vision and teaching of **Pope Leo XIV**, this conference invites us to reflect on how migration touches real people, families, communities and our shared human dignity. This gathering is an opportunity to explore new ways for our parishes, communities and organisations to become places of **encounter, dialogue, integration and local witness**. We invite you to come, participate, share your experience and discover new possibilities for living our Christian mission and building communities of welcome, belonging and hope. **Tickets are £12.00**, including refreshments and a light lunch. For further information, tickets and registration please search local.magnicharity.org or email blackfen@rcaos.org.uk

Young Adult Mass in Kent
Following the popularity of our Young Adult Masses in London, SCYS is delighted to introduce a monthly Young Adult Mass in Kent for those aged 18-35, taking place on the third Sunday of each month. Our first Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Trafford on **Sunday 15 November at 6pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 63 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AN. Confessions will be available during Mass, with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (31st October) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of Comfort Tembu EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Thanksgiving Intention in honour of St Anthony of Padua
Sunday (1st November) ***ALL SAINTS***	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Health & Wellbeing of David Keating Jnr Thanksgiving for Ian Jose's New Job Pro Populo
Monday (2nd November) ***Holy Day of Obligation***	10.00am 7.30pm	Repost of the soul of Antonio Simone Holy Mass
Tuesday (3rd November)	10.00am	Requiem Mass of Philip Croft
Wednesday (4th November) ***Saint Charles Borromeo***	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Pat Harris
Thursday (5th November)	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Philip Croft
Friday (6th November)	10.00am 6.15pm 7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Philip Croft EUCHARISTIC ADORATION All Souls
Saturday (7th November) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 3pm 6.30pm	Empowerment of the Holy Spirit and Mercy for Fr Dennis, Fr Pascoal and Deacon Michael EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION OLOG Seeds Youth Mass Repose of the soul of Anthony Alavres
Sunday (8th November) ***Remembrance Sunday***	9.30am 11.30am 3pm 6.30pm	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson Pro Populo Remembrance Sunday and Annual Blessing of the Graves All Souls

Mass Intentions are £10. Please use a 'Mass Intention/offering envelope'.