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

8th November 2026 – Thirty Second Sunday (A)
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Reading 1	Wis 6:12-16	*Wisdom is found by those who look for her.*
Psalm	Ps 62:2-8 r.2	*For you my soul is thirsting, O God my God.*
Reading 2	1 Thess 4:13-18	*God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.*
Gospel Acclamation	Matt 24:42.44	*Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.*
Gospel	Matt 25:1-13	*The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.*

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: James Fitzgerald, George Jones, Blake Stephens, Thomas Toogood, Jason Charles, Margaret (Peggy) Enver, Vincenza Parsons, Eugenio Grosso, David Parsonage, Violet O'Keefe, Francis Murrells, Patrick Collins and Thomas Goldsmith.

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: 7th/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

Readers next week: 14th/15th November	
Sat 6.30	Moreena Immanuel; Michelle Immanuel; Imelda Cervantes
Sun 9.30	Tania Jackson; Chizoba Okeke; Chimaka Eke
Sun 11.30	Christabelle Nnamdi; Lucy Nnamdi; Janette Alfaya
Sun 6.30	Kara Family; Karen Dadson

Our Parish NOTICES

CATEGORY	CASH (Loose)	GIFT AID	CONTACTLESS Amount	Gift Aid	TOTALS
Offertory	£503.52	£107.00	£tbc	£tbc	**£610.52**

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

TODAY, there is a second collection for the Archbishop's Appeal funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelisation; Our Faith in Action; and Clergy Care & Formation.

REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY AND ANNUAL 'BLESSING OF THE GRAVES' Service @ Woodlands Cemetery – **TODAY - 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. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 – If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in 2027, don't forget to collect a form from Pennie on Sunday's, after Mass, & return it to Pennie or the Office, no later than 6th December, with the supporting documents attached.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL SECOND COLLECTION SAT 7th/SUN 8th NOV

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2026. Every gift is welcome.

Find out more, or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or:

- Telephone weekdays 9 am – 5 pm: **020 7960 2504**
- Cash / Cheque – please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of church. Thank you for your generosity of heart.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	Devotions to the Holy rosary will take place every day @ 9.30am
21st /22nd November	The Repository will move to the McMahon Hall. Items will be available for browsing & purchase.
28th November	Filipino Mass at 12.30pm followed by a gathering in the McMahon Hall, from 2pm. All are welcome.

AROUND THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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!

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday (7th November) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 3.00pm 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 3.00pm 6.30pm	Repose of the souls of Mary & Aubrey Jamieson Holy Souls of All our Parishioners, particularly Nze & Lolo Kyrian Nwagwu Annual Blessing of the Graves Repose of the soul of Michael Tiu
Monday (9th Nov) ***Dedication of The Lateran Basilica***	10.00am	Repose of the soul of the Deceased members of the Cannavina Family; and Birthday Thanksgiving for Benita Edeji
Tuesday (10th Nov) ***St Leo The Great***	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Cenney Cannavina
Wednesday (11th Nov) ***St Martin of Tours***	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Zuigi & Concetta Simone
Thursday (12th Nov) ***St Josaphat***	10.00am 12noon	Birthday Thanksgiving for Michael Okeke Requiem Mass for Henry Joseph Lee
Friday (13th November)	10.00am 6.15pm 7.30pm	Repose of the soul of Jean Ledger EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Journey, Mercy & Thanksgiving for Ifeoma Azubuike
Saturday (14th Nov) Vigil Mass	10.00am 10.30am 6.30pm	Repose of the soul of the Deceased members of the Di Lisio Family; and Birthday Thanksgiving for Catherine Enoh EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT and RECONCILIATION Pro Populo
Sunday (15h Nov) ***World Day of the Poor***	9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	Thanksgiving & Protection for Michael Okeke Thanksgiving & Mercy for the Ezenwaka Family Repose of the soul of Frank Hanham

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