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Newsletter

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Year B

The 31st Week in Ordinary Time

3 – 10 November 2024

Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 3 November	9am Mass		
<i>The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11am Mass		Spiritans' Mission Appeal
	6pm Mass		
Monday 4 th	NO Mass	All Parishioners	Saint Charles Borromeo
Tuesday 5th	9.30am Mass	Holy Souls	
Wednesday 6 th	NO Mass		
Thursday 7th	9.30am Mass	Our Diocese	Dedication of St George's Cathedral
Friday 8 th	10am Mass	Deceased of Parish & Diocese (F)	<i>Saint Willibrord</i>
Saturday 9 th	11am Confessions		Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Sunday 10 November	9am Mass	All Parishioners	
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Welcome to Fr Fabian who is preaching a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Spiritan ('Holy Ghost') Fathers this Sunday.

Each year, our Archbishop gives permission to one of the Catholic Missionary Congregations to appeal in parishes of the diocese. **This Sunday, Fr Fabian Adindu will appeal at every Mass for your financial and prayer support for their work. Please support this generously.**

'Archbishop's Appeal' second collection NEXT Sunday (10 November)

At each Mass, a Second Collection will be taken. This Collection goes to fund three key areas of diocesan life:

- Youth and Evangelisation**

Aim: To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith, enhance the faith life of parishioners, support the journeys of new Catholics, and for Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese.

- Our Faith in Action**

Aim: To show compassionate and active service in the world around us – through love for all people, the protection of human dignity, respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home; hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth.

- Clergy Care and Formation**

Aim: To care for retired priests in their old age and ill health. Supporting the on-going formation of our priests and deacons. Supporting the work of the vocations team and formation of seminarians and deacons.

Please take the envelope you will be given as you leave Mass, and support the Appeal generously. Read more using [this link](#)

Continuing our 'Journey to Holiness' this autumn

Holiness comes through loving God, with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, as we hear again in



Sunday's Gospel. 'Journeying to Holiness' has been the idea underlying most of the events we have organised over the last year. We have just begun this month giving God thanks for all the Saints. Holiness is our vocation.

So, in the coming months, we will continue with **talks on Holiness**, drawing on the inspiration of some more important saints. In Lent, we reflected on Saint Paul, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, and John Bradburne. In September, we focussed special celebrations on our patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. Next, we are offering the opportunity to learn more **about Saints connected to the local religious communities in our neighbouring parishes.**

1. On **Thursday 14 November** in the Hall, Fr John Dickson, the Rector of the local Salesian Community in Sacred Heart Parish (Brother Paulin's Superior), will share with us about Saint John Bosco, their Nineteenth Century founder: his talk is called **'Education is a matter of the Heart' – Saint John Bosco and the Salesian Spirit.** This will take place in the Hall: refreshments from 7pm, talk at 7.30pm. He will explore what Salesian Spirituality means and its history, and how St John Bosco adapted this to educating young people in the Turin slums of his day.

In Lent, there will be a talk about **Saint Alphonsus Liguori**, who founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, who have served Saint Mary's Parish in Clapham since the Nineteenth Century.

2. On **Friday 6 December at 7pm**, we are holding the next of our Services of **Adoration Prayer and Reconciliation.** As our parish community starts its Advent journey, we invite you to join us with your family and children for an **Advent evening of Reconciliation and Mercy:** come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and enjoy a moment of peace, prayer and music. 'These Services are for all, and especially First Holy Communion and Confirmation families. **Come back to me with all your heart'.**

Confessions will be available in English, French, Italian. Provision will be made to care for your younger children if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you came to the services earlier in the year, come again this time.

If you enjoyed the experience, invite others to come with you.

If you couldn't come last time, come along this time.

The New Lectionary will come into use in four weeks' time

The Lectionary is the name for the collections of Scripture readings and psalms used in the Liturgy, principally at Mass, and for the other Sacraments. Work has been going on to produce a fresh translation which, it is claimed, will be more faithful to the original languages, use better and more up-to-date biblical scholarship, and be "more proclaimable". So we will certainly notice the difference, as we have used the current 'Jerusalem Bible' for most of our lifetimes.

A new Lectionary means we have purchased new Liturgical Books: four volumes, plus a Processional Gospel Book. Those familiar with our present lectionary volumes will know that most have reached the point where they would have needed replacement anyway, as the covers have come away and the pages are dogeared.

We have received the new books, and will display them shortly. Some parishioners might like to 'sponsor an individual volume', perhaps in memory of somebody – a dedication plate can be put inside the front of a volume. If anyone wishes to do so, or to know more, have a word with me and I can give you an idea of the cost.

The Bishops' Conference Department for Christian Life and Worship would like to commend three YouTube videos, to explain more about the change. Use the links below:

o Bishop Hugh Gilbert (Aberdeen) on "Introducing the English Standard Version"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VmjpV0xkWg>

o Fr Paul Denney on "The New Lectionary" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjCcYGDC5Mk>

o Fr Adrian Porter SJ on "Proclaim the Word in the Liturgy" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shuALIEpUGk>

The next Parish Teens' Group will be after Evening Mass on 17 November in the Hall.

Saying Goodbye Service: On the 24 November at 3.30pm, in the **Central Hall, Westminster**. For anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

Date for your Diary - Plant and Cake Sale for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, 17 November

The SVP will hold a Plant and Cake Sale after Masses on Sunday 17 November, to raise funds.

Mary's Meals Appeals. You supported the *Mary's Meals* charity's appeal for unwanted foreign currency very generously. If you have more, this appeal is ongoing. *Mary's Meals* is **now appealing for any unwanted or outdated Mobile Phones, Tablets, I-pads etc.** These or currency can be left in a special charity box which will be at the back of Church – please put donations in bags.

Make your Christian voice heard, and pray - there is likely to be a vote in Parliament on assisted suicide before Christmas.

MP Kim Leadbeater has tabled an Assisted Suicide Bill in the House of Commons, and it is now very likely that there will be a **vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas**. Further information is available [here](#).

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. **Watch for free online** (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

Our Bishops will gather together in prayer at **5.30pm on Wednesday 13 November** during their Autumn Meeting. They ask all to unite themselves in prayer with them, that our country does not take this step.

READ the Bishop of Nottingham's Pastoral Letter <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-suicide-bill-will-profoundly-affect-the-very-fabric-of-our-society-says-bishop/>

The Eternal Life for which we hope: 'we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is'

During November, Catholics particularly pray for our loved ones who have died (the 'Holy Souls'). We pray about the future we hope to enjoy after death – the fulness of that divine life we have already started to share with God here and now. So, **we honour the Saints and pray for the Holy Souls:**

'Holy Souls envelopes' are available at the back of Church. You can use them to:

- Enclose money offerings or cheques as **Mass Stipends for 'Holy Souls' Masses:** these will be celebrated in this month of November and throughout the coming year (offerings should be *gift-aided*, by signing the back of the envelope). **Every £10 donated** ensures one Holy Souls' Mass will be offered for *all the Faithful Departed* (including your particular loved ones). **You can also make such offerings using the special option on our Card Reader.**
- If you wish, you may also enclose the names of deceased relatives, parents or friends – *collectively*, they will be included whenever a 'Holy Souls' Mass' is offered here.

Many parishioners also write names in our **'Book of Remembrance'**, which throughout November is on the table before the Altar. Do pray for those whose names are there and, if you wish, add names of your deceased relatives or friends on the sheets which are then put into it. All will be prayed for at Mass during this month.

Intentions for our Prayer

Pray for Peace. The horrific onslaught on the people of Gaza and the West Bank has now been extended to Lebanon (and might well extend elsewhere). The wars in Ukraine and other places are deadlocked, but the innocent still suffer. Pray fervently for a lasting peace with justice for all, for an end to the starvation, killing, wounding, and trauma of innocents, and the unnecessary destruction of people's homes and livelihoods.

Pray for Peace in so many other troubled places across our world including: Afghanistan, Armenia and Azerbaijan, Cameroun, Chad, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Hong Kong, Mali, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Yemen.... and all the other places where the innocent are caught up in the violent power struggles of others. And for the many Christians who face persecution this day in so many parts of the world.

Join with the Pope's Prayer Intention for November 'for those who have lost a child': We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit. Pray along with Pope Francis himself by clicking [on the Pope Video](#).

Pray for the victims of the Spanish floods

Pray for all who are sick and housebound, especially: Rosa Antonini, Rosemary Awere, Ambrose Caldecott, Mario and Mariana Cassar, Rose Egan, George Giannoukakis, Henry Holtz, Lorna Jayamanne, Joy Joseph, Betty Kilkelly, Becky Kumoji, Giuseppe and Giuseppina Morreale, Lorna Phaure, Bernard and Iris Ramsey, Vincenzo Robilotta, Gus Twycross-Hills, and all other sick or housebound parishioners; and for our parishioners' elderly parents and sick relatives.

Your Parish needs your more generous support

Thank you for your donations to our parish last Sunday. Please seriously consider Gift-Aiding all your Offerings.

Did you know?

Those who do their Online Shopping via the [Easyfundraising Page](#) (see below) have now raised £1200 for the Parish, at no additional cost to themselves. It's so easy to do – you can even download a browser add-on, to give you a prompt.

- **The most efficient way to donate regularly is with A GIFT-AIDED BANK STANDING ORDER.** Please ask us for details, or use the **Parish Pledge Form** on our website [using this link](#). To **GIVE DIRECTLY FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT** (please use your surname as the reference, particularly to ensure Gift Aid), you require these **BACS details**:
Sort Code: 50-21-01 Nat West, Clapham Junction Branch
Account Number: 82117209
Account Name: RCAS Battersea Altenburg Gardens
- **Always GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING please.** Gift Aiding by UK taxpayers makes an indispensable contribution for it adds 25% to your donations from tax you already pay - [using this link](#). You can **GIFT AID ANY DONATION**, including Offerings for Masses. Just indicate your wish to do so, by using a special Gift Aid envelope for particular gifts and including your contact details (find the envelopes in the containers on the right-hand Church wall). You should register all card donations for Gift Aid when using the Card Readers.
- **Use the CONTACTLESS CARD READERS** as you enter or leave Mass, but PLEASE also **Gift Aid each Card you use**. Register your card the first time. Use the same card in the future, and you usually need only register once.
- You can **DONATE DIRECTLY using the Parish [JustGiving page](#)** (also on our website); **please Gift Aid the donation.**
- There is a **'DONATE BUTTON' on our website** allowing you to donate online. **This, too, lets you Gift-Aid.**
- If you **SHOP ONLINE** and start out from our [Easyfundraising Page](#) you can raise donations for the parish from some 4700 online retailers. There is *no additional cost to you*.

May God bless you and all your loved ones, Fr Tim