

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish
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Newsletter

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The Catholic Church in England and Wales: www.cbcew.org.uk



Year B

The 32nd Week in Ordinary Time

10 – 17 November 2024

Services and Mass Intentions for the coming week

Sunday 10 November	9am	Mass	All Parishioners	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>
<i>The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11am	Mass	Gil Magharian RIP (Bertiaux)	
	6pm	Mass	Holy Souls	
Monday 11 th	NO Mass			<i>Saint Martin of Tours</i>
Tuesday 12 th	9.30am	Mass	Deceased Parishioners (F)	<i>Saint Josaphat</i>
Wednesday 13 th	9.30am	Mass	Holy Souls	<i>Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini</i>
Thursday 14 th	9.30am	Mass	Anthony Ammal & other Holy Souls	
Friday 15 th	9.30am	Mass		<i>Saint Albert the Great</i>
Saturday 16 th	11am	<i>Confessions</i>		
Sunday 17 November	9am	Mass	Fr George Winham RIP (F)	
<i>The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11am	Mass	All Parishioners	<i>[Family Mass]</i>
	6pm	Mass	John & Julia Galligan RIP	

PLEASE SUPPORT [the 'Archbishop's Appeal' second collection](#) THIS 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.

Read more using [this link](#)

If you were away last Sunday, please take the special envelope at the back of Church, and support the Appeal generously.

PLEASE remember to Gift Aid.

NEXT Sunday - Plant and Cake Sale for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP will hold a Plant and Cake Sale after Masses on Sunday 17 November, to raise funds. **Prize Raffle – tickets on sale this weekend. First Prize: £100 Pizza Express voucher.**

The next Parish Teens' Group will be after Evening Mass next Sunday 17th, in the Hall. All young people from 13 to 18 are warmly invited to join and welcome to bring a friend. Food, drinks and games provided. For any queries you can contact Marina (mob 07568133368).

Continuing our 'Journey to Holiness' this autumn and winter



Holiness comes through dearing to love God, with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.

'Journeying to Holiness' has been underlain most of the special events we have organised over the last year. Holiness is our vocation. In the coming months, we continue with **talks on Holiness**, drawing on the inspiration of some more important saints. Now we offer an opportunity to learn more **about Saints important to the religious communities in our neighbouring parishes.**

1. This Thursday 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**. 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. **Refreshments from 7pm, talk at 7.30pm.**

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

2. On Friday 6 December at 7pm, we hold another of our **Services of Adoration Prayer and Reconciliation**. **Note the date and come and join in.**

As our parish community starts on its Advent journey towards Christmas, here is an **ideal moment to prepare**. 'Come back to me with all your heart'. We invite you and your family and children to join us for an **Advent evening of Reconciliation and Mercy**: come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in prayer, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and enjoy some time of peace, prayer and music. These Services are for all, and *particularly for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation families*. Provision will be made to care for your younger children while you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be available in English, French, Italian.

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

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

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

2025: A 'Jubilee Year' of Hope

Every 25 years (and sometimes on other occasions) **the Church celebrates a 'Holy Year'** – a year-long period of renewal. Next year will be such a Jubilee Year, and Pope Francis has given it a theme: '**Pilgrims of Hope**'. He is concerned that, in the difficult times in which we live, we rekindle this great Christian virtue in our individual lives, and in the Church as a sign of hope for humanity. He writes: '*The Jubilee of 2025, a holy year that I wanted to dedicate to the theme "Pilgrims of Hope", is a propitious occasion to reflect on this fundamental and decisive Christian virtue – especially in times like the ones we are living, in which the third world war being fought "piecemeal" that is unfolding before our eyes can lead us to assume attitudes of gloomy discouragement and ill-concealed cynicism.*

'Hope, on the other hand, is a gift and a task for every Christian. It is a gift because it is God who offers it to us. Hoping, in fact, is not a mere act of optimism, like when we sometimes hope to pass an exam at university ("Let's hope we make it") or when we hope for good weather for the trip out of town on a Sunday in the spring ("Let's hope for good weather"). No, hoping is waiting for something that has already been given to us: salvation in God's eternal and infinite

love. That love, that salvation that gives flavour to our lives and that constitutes the hinge on which the world remains standing, despite all the wickedness and nefariousness caused by our sins as men and women. To hope, then, is to welcome this gift that God offers us every day. To hope is to savour the wonder of being loved, sought, desired by a God who has not shut Himself away in His impenetrable heavens but has made Himself flesh and blood, history and days, to share our lot.

'Hope is also a task that Christians have a duty to cultivate and put to good use for the sake of all their brothers and sisters.' Read the full text [here](#)

We will let you know about events in our diocese, and take this special year into account in parish planning too.

Other News

The New Lectionary will come into use on 1 December

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. For some time, 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". We will certainly notice a difference: we have used the current translation for most of our lifetimes.

We have purchased these new Liturgical Books: four volumes, plus a Processional Gospel Book. Those familiar as Readers with our present volumes will know that most were in need of replacement in any case, as covers have come away and the pages are dogeared. We have received the new books, and will display them on Sunday. **Would any parishioner 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, have a word with me: the four Volumes to be used at the Lectern cost £150 each, and the Book of the Gospels (for more solemn occasions) £235.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Make your Christian voice heard, and pray - there is likely to be a vote in Parliament on assisted suicide on 29 November. CONTACT YOUR MP and make your view known. There is likely to be a **vote on assisted suicide in Parliament on 29 November**. Further information is available [here](#). The Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics, the national Catholic bioethics centre for the UK and Ireland), has additional resources : <https://www.bioethics.org.uk/educational-resources/resources-on-eas/>

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 this Wednesday**. They ask all to unite ourselves in praying 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 we hope for: 'we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is'

During November, we Catholics pray particularly for our loved ones who have died (the 'Holy Souls'). We pray that they will come to share the future we hope to enjoy after death – the fulness of that divine life we have already begun to share with God by his grace, here and now.

Please make offerings for Masses for the Holy Souls: special envelopes are available at the back of Church, or you can use the **Card Reader option**. They will be celebrated through 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*. **You can also make offerings using the special option on our Card Reader.**
- You may also enclose with the offering the names of deceased relatives, parents or friends – they will all be included *collectively* whenever a 'Holy Souls' Mass' is offered here.

Do also write names in our '**Book of Remembrance**', which throughout November is on the table before the Altar. Do pray for all 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 and Lebanon continues. The wars in Ukraine and other places are deadlocked, but the innocent still suffer. Pray fervently for 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 today in so many parts of the world.

For all who have died in warfare, particularly the two World Wars, and the grieving and injured.

For the Faithful Departed, particularly those loved ones named in our November List of Remembrance.

For our Teenagers who have begun to prepare to be Confirmed next April – that they may persevere in deepening their following of Our Lord; and for the younger children who have already begun their preparations for their First Holy Communion next May.

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.

For all who are sick and housebound, particularly: Rosa Antonini, Rosemary Awere, Ambrose Caldecott, Mario and Mariana Cassar, Rose Egan, George Giannoukakis, 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.

Pray for Henry Holtz, who died recently and for his grieving wife Antoinette and son Nelson.

Your Parish needs even more generous support from you

Thank you for your donations to our parish last Sunday. Parish giving is falling. Please seriously consider the amount you give, and ensure you Gift-Aid all your Offerings.

- **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**:

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Account Number:	82117209
Account Name:	RCAS Battersea Altenburg Gardens
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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