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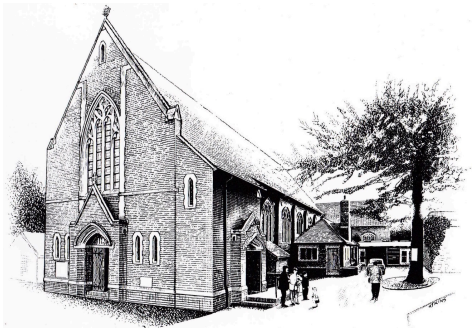

1ST NOVEMBER 2026 | ALL SAINTS | PSALTER WEEK 3

Parish Priest	Fr Seba Sebamalai	sebasebamalai@rcaos.org.uk
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Hall Bookings	Praetorium Hall Hire	office@lowcosthalls.co.uk or tel. 01372 457651

Sacraments

Becoming a Catholic: Contact the Parish Priest.
Baptism of Children: Contact the Parish Secretary.
First Holy Communions: See parish website re: 2027.
Holy Communion Visits: Holy Communion is taken to the housebound of the parish regularly; contact the Parish Secretary.
Confirmations: 2026 registrations are now closed. Adults seeking confirmation should contact the Parish Secretary.
Confessions: Saturdays 10:30-11:30 & 17:15-17:50, Sundays during 10:00 Mass, & by appointment/on request (ask clergy).
Marriage: Contact Parish Secretary (min. six months before).
Holy Orders: Contact the Parish Priest if interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood/diaconate.
Anointing of the Sick/Extreme Unction: Please contact the Parish Secretary. In urgent need (danger of death) call 020 8660 3815 (leaving a message if necessary).
Hospital: Ask ward staff for a "*Roman Catholic* chaplain".

Devotions & Activities

Adoration: Weekdays (Mon-Fri) before 10:00 Mass. On Saturdays post-10:00 Mass; concludes w. **Benediction** c.11:30.
Holy Rosary: Mon, Wed & Fri at 07:00; Tue & Thu at 10:30.
Charismatic Prayer: Thu post-10:00 Mass (in side chapel).
Youth Club (8-16): Sundays in term-time, Hall 16:00-17:45.
Ignite (13-16): Sundays in term-time, Hall 18:45-20:35.
Frassati Young Adults (18-35): Meets regularly; join WhatsApp group by writing to purley@rcaos.org.uk.
Catholic Women's Group: First Wednesdays at 14:00.
St Gerard's Society: First Fridays at 19:30.
Mother Teresa Group: Third Wednesdays 14:00-16:00.
Beavers: (6-8): Mondays in term -time, Hall 17:30-18:45.

Wednesday Coffee

Parish Hall after 10:00 Mass (weekly).

Newsletter deadline: *submit items by 13:00 on Tuesday.*

The Month of the Holy Souls

In November we remember especially the faithful departed and pray for the souls in Purgatory.

Masses will be offered by the parish clergy for the faithful departed. To provide names of the deceased not already in our Book of Remembrance and/or make a Mass offering, please use a Holy Souls envelope (or your own) and post in the presbytery letterbox or place in the Mass collection.
Gift Aid can be applied for UK income taxpayers.
Our Book of Remembrance will be updated and on display.

Please pray for those who have died recently inc. Edward Taylor;
and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Joyce Codallo, Erwin Surma, John Blake, Michael Bonnett, Mary Macken, Mary Mc Carthy, Alan Seaman, Derek de Souza, Ann Dentith, Brian Cashinella, Paul Benwell, Antonio Fernandes, Rev Stephen Kabacij, Maureen Smithson, Christine Ellams, June Narloch, Mary Hennessy, Brian O'Gorman, Mary O'Brien, Philip Rutley, Rose Douch, Jeremy Willis and Thomas Duffy.
and also for those who are currently unwell: Toni Kowal, Theodora-Angelica Acha, Joanne Walker, Jane Pollon, Alan Griffiths,Douglas Johnston, Ryan Baker, Michael Edwards, Paulin Carpenter, Canon David Caine, Anne Mawer, John Swadling, Ian Stewart, Fontana Maria, Elzbieta Cedro, Antonia Smith, Tom & Sally O'Regan, Michael Whale, Gwen Carne, Yvonne Wade, Jenny Strong, Philip Burger, Thelma Vincent, Philip Hendry, Harry Donnelly, Maria Traquino, Matthew Benn, Cathy Ashdown, Marie O'Grady, Anthony Dooley, Esther and Michael Kuforiji, Paul Smithson, Fleur Raistrick and Pat Cook.

Please donate via website, collection at Mass, making a bank transfer to parish account, or **scanning QR code with device →**

Next week second collection: Archbishop's Appeal

Lamp Intentions

Sanctuary:	Wakelam/Roberts fam RIP
Risen Lord:	Rosa Maria Midence RIP
Our Lady:	Edward Taylor RIP
St Joseph:	Private Intention
St Thérèse:	Brunni family

Contact Parish Office to book weekly intention. **Suggested offering £10.**

Mass Intentions

Sunday 1st November
All Saints

18:00 (Sat) All parishioners

08:30 JFS Welfare Ann Dobbe

08:30 Deceased relatives Mitchell family RIP
10:00 Sr Myrtle Cleetus RIP
12:00 Gemo Rincon RIP
18:00 Michael Coutinho RIP

Monday 2nd November
All Souls
07:30 Norman Luck RIP
10:00 Deceased relatives & friends of the Cook & Emery families RIP
19:30 David Palmer RIP

Tuesday 3rd November
St Winifred, Virgin
10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Wednesday 4th November
St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
07:30 George Henry Smith RIP
10:00 Int Nunes family

Thursday 5th November
10:00 Norbert De Souza RIP

Friday 6th November
07:30 Agnes Li RIP
10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 7th November
The Dedication of the Cathedral of the Church of St George
10:00 Jackie Payne RIP

Sunday 8th November
Thirty Third Sunday Of Ordinary Time

18:00 (Sat) Jane & Anthony D'Souza RIP

08:30 JFS Wellbeing Dove family & Colin Dove RIP
08;30 Maureen Nockles RIP
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica Joseph RIP
12:00 Joseph Candido De Souza RIP
18:00 All parishioners

Parish office: Opening hours next week Tuesday - Friday 09:00-13;00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Registration for the next course is now open. Please go to the First Holy Communion page on the parish website and follow the instructions there. Note that registration will close on 22 November, *or earlier - if the course is full.*

New Candle Stand: Many thanks to one of our parishioners for their generous gift of a new candle stand for the church; it can be found in the side chapel in the north transept (i.e. to the left of the sanctuary) in front of our relocated statue of the Sacred Heart.
Volunteers are needed to help maintain the stand. If you can help please contact the parish office for further information.

HCPT Coffee Morning: HCPT Group 14 are serving tea and coffee after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses this Sunday. Come and join us for bacon rolls, croissants and homemade cakes along with a gift stall. Cash and cards accepted.

Purley Food Hub monthly collection takes place this weekend. See purleyfoodhub.net.

Youth Club Our Parish Youth Club returns this Sunday 1 November at 16:00-17:45 in the Parish Hall. The Youth club is a safe and nurturing environment for all aged 8 to 16, where you can switch off from the pressures of the week and social media, make real friends, grow in faith and feel part of something bigger. This week, as well as our usual fun games and chill-out time, we will be marking All Saints Day and beginning preparations for our Youth Mass (which is on 22 November at 18:00).
Next week we will be welcoming an extra special guest: Anna Johnston who was a good friend of St Carlo Acutis's family, and will be talking to our young people about this teenage Saint and the Eucharistic Miracles display. New members are always welcome.

IGNITE are now on half term break until Sunday 8 November. Anna Johnston a friend of St Carlo Acutis family be speaking at Ignite next Sunday. Join us after the 6pm Mass in the hall.

All Saints: Another opportunity to watch the *Pivotal Players* session on *All Saints* on Monday 2 November after the 10:00 Mass in the small Parish Hall.

CWG meeting on Wednesday 4 November at 14:00 in the Parish Hall. Fr Seba will be our Guest speaker. Teas: Veronica Cassidy and Marie Jones. Visitors welcome.

St Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: From 7-22 November our parish will host the International Eucharistic Miracles exhibition. Originally conceived and designed by St Carlo Acutis, and presenting over 100 Eucharistic miracles which occurred over the centuries in various countries and are recognised by the Church. We will be holding some events about St Carlo Acutis's life and Eucharistic miracles during the exhibition;
- Saturday 7 November 10:00 -14:30. An opportunity to venerate a First Class Relic and listen to a talk form Anna Johnston, former governess of the Acutis family.
Please see poster for full details of the day.
- Friday 13 November after the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. An opportunity to watch a DVD on Carlo Acutis's life, refreshments will be served.
- Wednesday 18 November 19:00 in the Church: A talk by Roy Peachey followed by Adoration.

Save the Date - Parenting Sessions: All parents are invited to a series of video sessions offering practical wisdom rooted in faith. Come together with other parents of children of all ages, for warm, honest and encouraging insights into parenting, and an opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences. Owing to popular demand by working parents it has been decided to offer these sessions on Wednesday evenings, from 20:00-21:30 in the Parish Hall. Next session Wednesday 4 November.

JFS Annual Mass of Remembrance: Sunday 8 November 2026 at 11:30 at the John Fisher School Chapel. We would like to invite all John Fisher School families, Old Boys of the School, and their families, to our annual Mass of Remembrance. During the Mass, our Book of Remembrance is read aloud to honour the school's past Founders, Teachers, Governors, and Pupils. Refreshments will be served in the Sixth Form Centre following the Mass.

Coloma Mass of Remembrance Coloma Convent Girls' School is holding a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday 26 November at 15:30 to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Former students and staff, and the families of those who have died, are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 19 November indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.