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SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A)

And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-39)

In a most special way today, Jesus gives us the two dimensions of love; the vertical – love of God, and the horizontal – love of neighbour. In the First reading, God, through Moses, warns us as He did to the Israelites against any oppression of the widows, the poor, the strangers and the weak: *"You must not oppress the stranger or molest him...not be harsh with the widow or with orphans"* (Exo.22: 21-23). In the Second reading, St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that though their liberation was a sign of God's love for them, their acceptance of the good news was a sign of their love for God. In the Gospel, the Pharisees put Christ to the test with yet another difficult question: *"Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"* (Matt.22:35). Jesus succinctly replied: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul and with your entire mind."* (Matt.22:37): this is the greatest commandment (Matt.22:38). And the second resembles the first: You must love your neighbour as yourself Matt.22.39.

Two major lessons can be deduced from the readings of the day: First, God hates oppression and injustice especially against the weak, the poor, the widow. We must deal with others kindly, justly and lovingly as we would prefer ourselves to be dealt with by both God and others. Second, love of God and love of neighbour are interwoven and not diametrically opposed; hence, the Scripture says: *"If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen"* (1John 4, 20). Let us ask God for the grace to see Him in our neighbours, love Him in our neighbours, and adore Him in our neighbours.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Kyrie, eleison.

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.
Christ, have mercy	Christ, have mercy.	Christe, eleison	Christe, eleison.
Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy.	Kyrie, eleison	Kyrie, eleison.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: A reading from the Book of Exodus 22: 21-27

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18: 2-3a, 3b-4, 47, 51ab

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength

**I love you, Lord, my strength;
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **R****

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'
and see, I am saved from my foes. **R**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed. **R**

Second Reading: A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 5c-10

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 22: 34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Latin

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Dóminus Deus Sábaoth

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.

Hosána in excélsis.

Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.

Hosána in excélsis.

We shall pray **Preface II of Sundays in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord until you come again.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)***

Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

Youth Ministry: One of the priorities of the parish, and of the Church as a whole, is to support our young people in their journey of faith. As part of our commitment to these members of our parish family, we are working toward launching a Youth Ministry in the New Year. This will provide ongoing formation to those aged 11-18. In order for this endeavour to be successful, we need a team of enthusiastic and dedicated parishioners to commit to this ministry. The aim is to gather as many people as possible to act as leaders, advisors and administrators. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help build this Youth Ministry and to continue to pray for our young people who are the future of the Church. Please contact Fr. Subba or the Parish Office for more information. A consultation meeting will take place very soon, details to follow.

November Dead List: November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember and pray in a special way for the deceased members of our families and our friends. Please put the list of the names of the deceased together with any offering in one of the special envelopes and place it in the Holy Souls box next to the font. We will place all those names on the Altar and say at least one Mass for those souls every day in the month of November.

Memorial Mass: The evening Mass on Wednesday the 4th of November will be a Memorial Mass to pray for the souls of all our relatives and friends who have died. If you would like anyone's name read out at the Mass please send details of their full name and year of death to the Parish Office by Friday the 30th of October. This list of names is independent of the entries made to the Holy Souls box.

October Birthdays: This weekend we will be celebrating all our parishioners who were born in the month of October with a special blessing at the end of each Mass. Please join us in the hall after Mass for birthday cake and refreshments.

Christmas Raffle: From next weekend (31st October/1st November) will be collecting donations for our Christmas Hampers. Members of the parish Outreach Group will also be selling tickets for the Christmas Raffle from next week.

Children's Christmas Party: The parish Outreach Group will be hosting their annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday the 6th of December from 2-4pm. This party will be for primary school aged children. Details on how to book your child's place to follow.

October Devotion: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The parish encourages you to say the Rosary in your homes or in the Church. You are most welcome to join us for the Rosary before each Mass during October.

St. Philomena's Open Day: St. Philomena's Primary School will be holding their Open Day on Tuesday the 3rd of November at 10am. To book a place, please contact the school office on admin@st-philomenas.bromley.sch.uk

St. Peter & St. Paul's Open Days: St Peter & St. Paul's Primary School will be holding their Open Days on the 5th, 11th and 18th of November from 9.30-10.30am. To book a place, please contact the school office on admin@stpstp.co.uk

March for Life: Join March for Life UK on Tuesday the 27th of October from 12-2pm in Parliament Square as we remember the anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act which happened on that date 59 years ago. Please don't bring posters as they will be provided. Stand with us as we remind our nation that abortion hurts the family. For further information contact info@marchforlife.co.uk or call 07773 501721.

Fr. Cyriacus' Induction Mass: Fr. Cyriacus' Induction Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham, will be held on Friday the 13th of November at 7pm. A reception in the parish hall will follow. All are invited.

Baptism: If you would like to have your child baptised in the parish, please contact Reverend Longinus on longinusanyanjo@rcaos.org.uk. You should include in your email your details including phone number and the Mass you normally attend. The next Pathways to Baptism course will take place on the 8th and 15th of December.

Legion of Mary: The Parish Legion of Mary group meet each Sunday at 12.30pm in the Altar Server's Room. All are welcome to join them.

Cray Young Adults Network: CYAN, the parish Young Adults group meets every second Sunday of the month in person and the last Friday of the month virtually. If you are aged between 18 and 30 and would like to be involved in this group, please email craysyoungadultsnetwork@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society: If there is anyone sick or housebound in the parish that would benefit from regular visits by the SVP, or if there are any families or individuals in need, please contact Gabriel Greenspan on 07958 369383. Confidentiality is assured in all cases.

Legal Advice: Legal advice is available to Our Lady of the Crays parishioners. Please contact Pedro on 07888 691332.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish, you are very welcome. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Subba after Mass. If you would like to join our parish database, forms are available in the porch and can be returned to the Parish Office.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

	1st Reading	Psalm	Gospel
26/10/26	Ephesians 4:32-5:8	Ps 1:1-4,6	Luke 13:10-17
27/10/26	Ephesians 5:21-33	Ps 128:1-5	Luke 13:18-21
28/10/26	Ephesians 2:19-22	Ps 19:2-5	Luke 6:12-19
29/10/26	Ephesians 6:10-20	Ps 144:1,2,9-10	Luke 13:31-35
30/10/26	Philippians 1:1-11	Ps 111:1-6	Luke 14:1-6
31/10/26	Philippians 1:18b-26	Ps 42:2,3,5	Luke 14:1,7-11

BANK DETAILS

If you would like to donate to the parish, please scan the QR code below or contact the parish office for our bank details.



Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

LIVE STREAMING

This parish routinely livestreams the 11am Mass on Youtube between 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sundays. You may appear on camera **only** if you approach the altar without prior notice to the recording team during this time.

The camera is set to avoid capturing parishioners receiving Holy Communion.

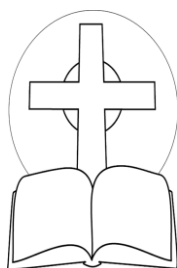
If you have any concerns, please speak to the Priest or Communications Team.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

	24th & 25th October	31st Oct & 1st Nov
READERS 6PM	Chima A Dsouza	V Martis D Fufeyin
READERS 9AM	M Francis C Meaney	R Fernandes M Fernandes
READERS 11AM	M Higgins P O'Halloran	M Esong J Smith
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	D Ekpoudom	N Omo-Idahosa
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	K Wingfield I Floyd	T Wickenden M Abu
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	E Williams M Alademmerin	M McEveney N Adewale
CLEANING	Team 4-Chris Meaney	Team 2
LINEN	Theresa Akagbosu	Ann Kane

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Helen Efemini, Sister Maureen Fay, Mary Mackay, Clara Soares, Jennifer Smith, Mary O'Lone, File Marku, Douglas Lewis, Terry Wingfield, Salma Lamina, Julie Langford, Alzira Miranda, Stella Hawker, Pauline Burgess, Douglas Hine, Valerie Robbins, all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR OCTOBER

We remember in our prayers: Bernadette Cordwell, William Bell, Charlotte Wickenden, Silvester Gomez, Anna Bartels, Beatrice Juliann, Elizabeth Partridge, Josephine Fernandes, Roy Simpson, Frances Cusack, Joseph Jzuyan, William Hayes, Baaba Arbuah, Asuro Ehiosun, Jane Hemming, Peter Akagbosu, Henry Thomas, Henry Twyman, Andrew Parmiter, Margaret Kisman, Joyce Simpson, Gladys Muriel Beard, Romesh Perera, Pearl Mondesir, Toyin Akinniranye, Mary (Maureen) Moran and Audrey Marshall.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Oct. 25: Thirtieth Sunday (A) 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Andrew Williams, TG and Lucy Dsouza, 11th Death Anniversary 9am Mass: Chris & Terry Meaney, TG 11am Mass: Mary & Nicolas Quintavalle, TG <i>(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)</i>	Sat: Oct. 31: Vigil of The Solemnity of All Saints (A) 5.15-5.45pm: Confessions 6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Pro Populo
Mon: Oct. 26: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am: Holy Souls Tues: Oct. 27: No Mass Wed: Oct. 28: Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles (Feast) 6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 7.30pm Mass: Holy Souls Thu: Oct. 29: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Titilayo Magaji, BT Fri: Oct. 30: Feria 8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls	Sun: Nov. 1: The Solemnity of All Saints (A) 9am Mass: Pro Populo 11am Mass: Patrick Joseph Gerreyn, RIP Note: SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery Bl means Blessed GB means God's Blessings GP means God's Protection WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone

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