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SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Behold, a great multitude that no one could number…standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' (Revelation 7: 9-10)

Today the Church celebrates in a special way the glorious heritage of the saints who as it were, constitute one of the three major groups of the Church – The Church Triumphant. In the strict sense, the saints were not extraordinary people; rather they were ordinary men and women who lived their ordinary lives in an extraordinary way. They were noble and holy men and women, youth, and children who have fought the good fight of faith and through their devotedness to Christ, came out triumphant and are presently enjoying the heavenly bliss.

In the First reading, the book of Revelation clearly delineates the triumph of the saints and the eternal life they enjoy with God. In the Second reading, we are reminded to appreciate the great love lavished on us by God by letting us be called His children. It further exhorts us to purify ourselves in order to be attain heaven. In the Gospel today, Christ gives us the beatitudes as the model for a glorious and fulfilled Christian life.

The saints lived out the beatitudes to the fullest: some were famous for humility, poverty, meekness, purity of heart, compassion, martyrdom and peace-making. Through the powerful intercession of the saints, may God give us the grace to live good Christian lives and may we be granted the privilege of joining the saints in heaven after our earthly sojourn. Happy Solemnity of All Saints!

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 Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u>: **Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4b, 5-6**

Response: *Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. **R**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

<u>Second Reading</u>: A reading from the First Letter of St. John 3: 1-3
Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
The Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

<u>Gospel Acclamation</u>

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest.
Alleluia!

<u>THE GOSPEL</u>: A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 5: 1-12a
At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'
The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

<u>The Nicene Creed</u>
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	***Latin***
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.	***Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth***
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.	***Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.***
Hosanna in the highest.	***Hosána in excélsis.***
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.	***Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini.***
Hosanna in the highest.	***Hosána in excélsis.***

We shall pray **Preface of the Solemnity of All Saints** and say **Eucharistic Prayer III**

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

English	***Latin***
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.	**Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.**
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.	**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)

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

All Souls Day: As Monday is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed we will have Masses at 9.30am and at 7.30pm.

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection next weekend in aid of the Archbishop's Appeal. This collection funds three key mission areas: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action, and Clergy Care and Formation.

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.

Charismatic Meeting: The next prayer meeting of the Seat of Wisdom Catholic Charismatic Renewal will take place on Sunday the 1st of November from 4.30-5.30pm. You can join by Zoom using the following details – Meeting ID: 83889667814, Passcode: 021548. All are welcome to join.

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. All are invited to this Mass.

Bible Study: The next session of our Bible Study Group will take place online on Thursday the 19th of November, starting at 7.45pm. The Zoom details are as follows Meeting ID: 838 8966 7814, Passcode: 021548. All are welcome to join.

Parish Cleaning Teams: We are very grateful to all the volunteers in our four teams of church cleaners. They do an excellent job in keeping our church clean and tidy for all parishioners. We are now in need of a leader for Team 2 (who clean on the second weekend of the month) which involves unlocking the church for the team and keeping team members updated on cleaning dates. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help with this role.

Christmas Raffle: From this weekend the Parish Outreach Group will be selling tickets for the Christmas Raffle. They will also be collecting items to include in the Christmas hampers.

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.

A Day With Jesus: Our Advent Day With Jesus will take place on Saturday the 12th of December from 10am. This is always a lovely opportunity to pray, reflect and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the busy Christmas period and we encourage all parishioners to attend. More details to follow.

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.

Books: Next weekend there will be a selection of faith-related books available in the porch which you are welcome to take.

CAFOD World Gifts: This Christmas, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift – from safe water to school meals! A meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Please collect a catalogue from the porch.

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	2nd Reading	Gospel
02/11/26	Isaiah 25:6-9	Ps 27:1,4,7-9, 13-14	Romans 5:5-11	Matthew 11:25-30
03/11/26	Philippians 2: 5-11	Ps 22:26-28,30-32		Luke 14: 15-24
04/11/26	Romans 12:3-13	Ps 89:2-5, 21-22,25,27		John 10: 11-16
05/11/26	Philippians 3:3-8a	Ps 105:2-7		Luke 15:1-10
06/11/26	Philippians 3: 17-4:1	Ps 122:1-5		Luke 16:1-8
07/11/26	Philippians 4: 10-19	Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 8a,9		Luke 16:9-15

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.

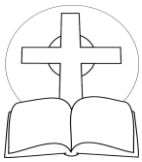
CHURCH MINISTRIES

	31st Oct & 1st Nov	7th & 8th Nov
READERS 6PM	V Martis D Fufeyin	P Lobo G Selvaraj
READERS 9AM	R Fernandes M Fernandes	T Wickenden J Garber
READERS 11AM	M Esong J Smith	P Ajayi M Adepoju
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM	N Omo-Idahosa	J Laurent
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM	T Wickenden M Abu	T Meaney K Wingfield
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM	M McEveney N Adewale	M Ehiosun F Adewale
CLEANING	Team 2	Team 1-Funmi Adewale
LINEN	Ann Kane	Ese Temeinor

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 NOVEMBER

We remember in our prayers: Catherine Morrell, Martin Morrissey, Perry Cook, Derek Barrowclough, Molly Harris, Rita Sally Clifford, Michael McEveney, Elizabeth Jowah, Vera Ekpateta, Harry Stevens, Katherine Doonan, Charles Wenham, Olive Stevens, Robert Mojola Anjorim, Steven Spiller, Errol Cunningham, Michael Hickling, Uju Otuogbodo, William Eyre, Martin Morrissey, Derek Beadle, Michael Esenwah, Margaret Mills, Delia Ball, Eileen Morris, Janet Perera, Michael Hurley, Jerzy (George) Grun, Joseph Fay, Patricia Hobbs, Peter Howes, George Frisby, Beatrice Knight, Deirdre Boswell, Kay Frances May, Christy Gahan, Antonio Dos Santos, Mary Cannon, William Forsythe, John Rye, Margaret Drysdale, John van der Luit, Lilly Lockhurt, Jonathan Rye, Eddie Hebenton, Damian Crowley, Mimi Viliesid, Ligory Osuuzu, John McCulla, Kitty Quirk, Monica Okonkwo, Patrick Dunford, Gladys Beard, Mark Daly, Irene Stone and Teresa Hanks

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Nov. 1: **Solemnity of All Saints**

6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Pro Populo

9am Mass: Pro Populo

11am Mass: Patrick Joseph Gerreyn, RIP

(11am Mass Livestreamed on YouTube)

Sat: Nov. 7: **Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday (A)**

5.15-5.45pm: Confessions

6pm Mass (Sat. Vigil): Rose & Michael O'Shea, 62nd WA

Mon: Nov. 2: **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)**

8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

9.30am: Holy Souls

7.30pm: Holy Souls

Tues: Nov. 3: **No Mass**

Wed: Nov. 4: **Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop (Memorial)**

6.45pm: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

7.30pm Memorial Mass: Departed Loved Ones of Parishioners

Thu: Nov. 5: **Feria**

8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

9.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Fri: Nov. 6: **Feria**

8.45am: Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament

9.30am Mass: Holy Souls

Sun: Nov. 8: **Thirty-Second Sunday (A) Remembrance Sunday**

9am Mass: Anne-Marie Glancy, TG

11am Mass: Kathleen & Michael Dart, RIP and Michael McEveney, 50th Death Anniversary

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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