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1 Reading: Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14.
Psalm – Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
2 Reading: I John 3:1-3.
Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

All Saints (01/11/2026)

The Beatitudes are not a distant ideal for a few extraordinary souls. On the mountain, Jesus describes the life that his own death and resurrection make possible for every disciple. All Saints Day simply holds up those who, by grace, became what he described: people in whom the kingdom already shows itself.

To become people of the Beatitudes is first to receive a poverty we cannot manufacture. The poor in spirit know they have nothing to offer God but empty hands. That knowledge is not self-contempt; it is the freedom that comes when we stop negotiating with the Lord and begin to depend on him. Mourning follows naturally. We grieve not only our own sins but the wounds of the world, and in that grief the Comforter draws near. Meekness is the strength that refuses to seize what only God can give. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness discover that the desire itself is already a gift, and that God does not leave it unsatisfied.

Mercy, purity of heart, and peace-making are the fruits of that same dependence. We learn to forgive because we have been forgiven; we learn to see God because we have stopped looking only at ourselves; we learn

to make peace because Christ has already reconciled us. The final Beatitudes remind us that this path is not costless. The saints were not spared insult or loss. What set them apart was not immunity from suffering, but the conviction that no persecution could revoke the promise: 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

We do not become such people by effort alone. The saints were formed by the Word, by the sacraments, by daily fidelity in ordinary duties, and by the quiet surrender that lets Christ live his own life in them. Their witness is not a museum of virtues but a living assurance: what grace accomplished in them, grace can begin in us. On this feast we ask not merely to admire the blessed, but to be numbered among them.

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Miall

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests.

The **next Parish Baptism Preparation Course** will be on Monday 2nd November at 6:30p.m Session 2. in the church. Please note that Session 1 will be on Monday 30th of November at 6:30p.m.

These support agencies are available..... Samaritans 116123. Refuge 0802000247 Childline 08001111

Please give 8 weeks' notice if you wish to arrange a Mass intention for a particular date and time.

November Holy Souls envelopes and list for names of the deceased loved ones are available this weekend. Please fill in the names of your deceased loved and place in the Holy Souls envelop together with your donation. A total of 43 Masses will be offered for the November Holy Souls.

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org,uk or call 07776 493162

Confirmation announcement - The first session will be 8th November 2026. Parents and Guardians have been emailed all relevant information.

On 4th November, OLSG School will be celebrating the Year of St. Francis of Assisi, as part of our celebration the pupils and staff will join parishioners for Holy Mass at 9:15am. We will return to school to create projects with recyclable materials and after lunch, will return to church to share our projects and for a short talk by Fr Charles, a Franciscan friar, from Canning Town. We will end our celebration with Benediction.

Sixth Form Open Evening - HFSIX
We are excited to invite prospective students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday, 4th November at 6pm on the lower site (E17 3EA). This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore the diverse range of courses, meet our dedicated staff, and get a taste of life at Holy Family Sixth Form. Whether you're considering an academic or vocational pathways, come and see what our Sixth Form has to offer. We look forward to welcoming you! (Car park is available to all visitors on site via Shernhall Street.

On the weekend of 1st of November, there will be **an appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** given by Eileen Murray, Community Fundraiser for the Archdiocese of Westminster. The appeal will focus on our work in Pakistan, Northeast Nigeria and the Holy Land. There will also be a trade stall selling handmade devotional items from Syria, Nigeria, Ukraine and the Holy Land.
You can use this QR to make an online donation.

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris), Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Rosie Ebreo, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney , Damon, Bridie Curley, Rose Ogidi, Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston,Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chris Cullen, Mrs Best, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan, Anne Close, Robinson, Frieda, Melissa Isaac and Mum, Moreena Blackwood, Mick Curley (Christina), William Nkyi-Acheampong. Marie Rachelle Bell Bower, Ermin Elizabeth Bryce, Doreen Palmer, Peter Wiltshire, Vittorio Pollame, Jack Cummins, Luigi Fantoni.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Victor and Olga)
Sun 1 November	**ALL SAINTS**
08:30 am	Holy Souls
10:00 am	Vincent Joseph (rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Joseph Barrett (Rest in Peace) (Madeleine)
Mon 2 November	**ALL Souls day**
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Joseph Barrett (Rest in Peace) (Madeleine)
Tue 3 November	**FERIA**
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Joseph Barrett (Rest in Peace) (Madeleine)
Wed 4 November	**SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO**
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Thanksgiving Athullia (Family)
Thu 5 November	**FERIA**
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Michael Jason Taylor (Elizabeth)
Fri 6 November	**FERIA**
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Joseph Barrett (Rest in Peace) (Madeleine)
Sat 7 November	**FERIA**
10:00 am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Joseph Barrett (Rest in Peace) (Madeleine)
Sun 8 November	**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
08:30 am	Fr. Mychail Fedorak (Rest in Peace) (Olga)
10:00 am	Anton Joseph (Rest in Peace) (Victor)
12noon	Fr. Michael Amponsah (Thanksgiving) Yamson