



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWSLETTER



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Sometimes we focus on saints who were popes or bishops, but we forget that most of the saints in heaven are good uncanonised people, who did their best on earth and now enjoy a heavenly reward. The gospel for this feast does not speak of great gifts of preaching. Instead, it describes the daily efforts and sufferings of countless people. God lovingly welcomes us as his children, though we are unworthy. Because of our hope of seeing God face to face in heaven, we seek to live pure lives on earth, turning away from distractions. The promise is that by his grace, we shall become like him, transfigured by his love.

The poor in spirit know that they are spiritual beggars, aware that they depend entirely on God. Power over the earth is not promised to the bullies, but to the meek and gentle. Life may not consist of one celebration after another, but rather of a series of sorrows and challenges. Doing right may cost us an easy life.

Where some people are harsh, the disciple of Christ is merciful. In a world of many distractions, the true disciple keeps a pure heart. In a society full of division, the real disciple speaks and acts to make peace. For the sake of what is right, Christ's disciples can face persecution. It is by their fruits, rather than by external success, that true disciples are known. We can draw inspiration from good people we have known who have shown us these qualities.

*May we strive to be raised to eternal life as the church of saints.*

## SECOND COLLECTION BAMENDA SUNDAY 2nd November 2025

### Nov 2025: Mass Times & Mass Intentions

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00*	
		18:30**	Solemnity of All Saints
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	08:00	Margaret & Adrian Beckett, A Maria Furtado, Domingos Fernandes & Domingo Barreto, A
		09:15	Solemnity of All Saints
		11:00	
		17:00	
Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed <i>No Mother's Prayers group</i>
		19:00	
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Rev John Lord Lewington, FM
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00*	Domingos Fernandes, SI Daniel Monteiro & Rita Maria Cruz, A
Thu	6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Coleman Family, FM
Fri	7 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	1st Friday Healing Mass (7pm in SEC)
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00*	Kaya Coker, SI Bronislawa Firer, RIP Alfie Gibbs, SI

Adoration before Mass: \*9-10am; \*\*5-5.30pm

Confessions on Saturday after 10am Mass / before 6.30pm Mass

A: Death Anniversary; FM: Foundation Mass; RIP: Rest in Peace, SI: Special Intentions

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## Solemnity of All Saints 1st /2nd Nov 2025

**1<sup>st</sup>: Rev 7:2-4,9-14** Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.

**Ps 24 R/ These are the people who seek your face O Lord.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 1 John 3:1-3** We shall see God as he is

**Acclamation: Alleluia! X2 Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mat 5:1-12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK \*

Gift Aid: £200 Non-GA: £698.42

Thank you for Gift-Aid! HMRC added £50!

\* Loose plate + Dona/Sumup

The **Christmas Fayre** is in 3 weeks, on **23 November**. Please contribute a **bottle (or more?)** next week (**8/9 November**) for the Tombola. We will be collecting items for a Gift Stall on **16 November**. For instance, boxed toiletries, soaps, candles and other goodies to give as Christmas presents. Thank you.

### Works of Mercy: Bury The Dead

November is dedicated to Honouring the Dead. Our Catholic Social Teaching informs us that human life is sacred and that the dignity of each person is the foundation of a Moral Vision of Society. We are reminded at every Funeral Mass that the life of the departed is not ended, but changed. You are invited to present names of family & friends who died in the last 12 months in the envelopes provided to be placed in the Petitions Box provided at the Altar next week. Their names will be read out at our **special Remembrance Mass & candle lighting** for families of the living and the dead on **15 Nov 10am**. We also pray for those for who have no-one to pray for them. Our priests will visit and bless the graves of loved ones **9 Nov at Braywick (2pm) & Cookham (3pm)**.

There will also be opportunities in our local areas to remember, and pay tribute to, the fallen in war, next Sunday 9th, and on Armistice Day, Tuesday 11th November.

**HFP:** Holy Family Parish; **SE:** St Elizabeth's; **SJ:** St Joseph;  
**SEC:** St Edmund Campion; **STM:** St Thomas More

### PARISH NEWS/ EVENTS – All are welcome!

- **9 Nov 9:30am Scout Remembrance Parade** by the 19th M'head (HFP) Scout Group in SEC, followed by a cake sale in aid of SVP in the Parish Centre.
- **The Children's liturgy team** hopes all families had a restful half term break. We welcome the children back on 9 Nov!

### OTHER COURSES / EVENTS

- **Oct-Dec Douai Abbey Days of Reflection.** Please see Vision Group noticeboard for more info. Lifts available on 13 Dec – contact Vision Group.
- **8 Nov 7.30pm Musicals & Opera Night** 36th Annual evening by the Catenians. Claire's Court School. Tickets £30 pp. Tickets from Jonathan manorcott@outlook.com. All profits to CAFOD.
- **15 Nov 10.30am Thanksgiving Mass** by Bishop Egan. St Joseph in Basingstoke RG22 6TY. [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
- **This Autumn** why not enjoy a spiritual journey from the comfort of your home? See courses/ studies at [www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/](http://www.epiphanygroup.org.uk/training-courses/introduction-to-ways-of-praying/)

### CAN YOU HELP?

**Volunteer Treasurer** to support Bega kwa Bega Uganda, a Parish charity, [www.bkbuganda.org](http://www.bkbuganda.org) Urgently looking for someone with accountancy experience to oversee and manage the financial aspects of our charity after our Treasurer passed away recently. Contact Kathy Russell on 07954 221 954 or [karussell43@aol.com](mailto:karussell43@aol.com)

**Research: Neurodiversity and our Faith** by The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you are an adult neurodivergent Catholic / a caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic please see: [www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/) or email [fleur.dorrell@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:fleur.dorrell@cbcew.org.uk). Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs.



### REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

- ❖ **2nd Sundays 2.30-5pm Loss & Bereavement Group** SEC centre
- ❖ **3rd Sundays 3.00pm Filipino Mass** in SJ
- ❖ **Thursdays Zoom Room: 2pm Rosary 6pm Journey together through Holy scriptures** [www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp](http://www.tinyurl.com/2hz5axvp)
- ❖ **Fridays 8.45-10:45am Baby & Toddler Group** SEC (term time)

### CLASSES/ EVENTS IN SJ CENTRE

See notice board/ website for classes

- **Tuesdays: Practical Art** Join U3A untutored Art Group. Bring your art materials and join in the fun every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 2-4pm in SJ Hall. Contact Peter 01628 674097 for more info.
- **Wednesdays: 5-6pm Taiji** in Hall.
- **Thursdays 7pm Yoga** with Una in Hall. All proceeds to SJ!
- **Art Exhibition** by local artists  
31 Oct: 7.00 pm - 9.30 pm  
1 Nov: 10.30 am - 7.30 pm  
2 Nov: 9.00 am - 1.30 pm



Come see the original painting of St Joseph's by Fr Brian, enjoy refreshments and meet the artists! Limited edition Christmas cards will be available (proceeds to Thames Hospice).

- **8 Nov 11-3.30pm Christmas Gift Market** by Lions Club. [lionschristmasmarket@gmail.com](mailto:lionschristmasmarket@gmail.com)
- **28 Nov 7pm International Dinner.** Tickets @ £25 from Annette. All proceeds to a MHM literacy project in Sindh, Pakistan

**20 Nov 7.30pm Charity Race Night + Bingo** in the Portland Arms (16 West Street SL6 1RL). Join in the Annual Charity to raise funds for: St Mary's Pre-School who is in urgent need of resources; and bicycles, food, etc for Building a Better World (A charity very close to Fr Ephraim's heart)

**SACRAMENTALS** All **forms** for below can be found here: <https://stjosephsparish.co.uk/newsletter/>

- ♦ **Baptism Course 4 Nov** For parents whose child is being baptised in M'head. Complete form (see link above).
- ✠ **OCIA 2026** (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) For adults who wishing to explore their faith or considering Baptism and/or Confirmation next Easter. Talk to one of our priests or OCIA catechists. Closing date **24 Nov**
- ♥ **MARRIAGE:** Thinking of getting married? Enquire via our online form! (see link above)  
Marriage Care will be holding a **marriage preparation day** for couples getting married in the Catholic Church in **St Joseph's parish hall on Saturday 22nd Nov.** Book: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-pt-course/>



Please place your Advent Calendar gifts in the boxes provided.  
**Last day of collection: 23 Nov**  
Thank you for your support!