Catholic Parish of Holy Cross
Parsons Green



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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 7/ 8 November 2026

As we come to the end of the liturgical year and the civil year as well, everything seems to attest to the facts about life and death. Autumn marks the end of Summer – the "slow death" of nature until life begins again in Spring. The readings of this time of the year remind us of the end times – the beginning of the New World.

Many today, on the road of life, think all there is to life is what we have from cradle to grave. There are many of us, even within the Christian communities, who are losing our heads over things of this world and forgetting about our heavenly home. We must ask ourselves, "Where did we come from and where are we going?" Life is a journey from God and to God.

The early Christians were expecting the imminent coming of the Lord. The theme of vigilance is the one linking together the three readings of this Sunday. The second reading tells us how this expectation and vigilance was lived in the community of Thessalonica. The Gospel narrates a similar message through a parable recommending vigilance. The first reading gives a kind of commentary on the Gospel.

We did not come from nothingness to end in nothingness. This is what Divine Wisdom teaches us. We have many philosophies, which try to solve the problems of human life on earth, but none has found a satisfactory solution for the problem of human death. The bible invites us to have a sincere desire for instruction, for the joyful knowledge of God, the source of all knowledge, if we are looking for sound judgment and keen insight. Indeed, God will always find a way to save us, but in the end each one of us will find ourselves holding what we have done with our existence, what we have built up or burnt down.

The Thessalonians at the time of Paul were much preoccupied with the question of Christ's second coming as judge of the world. We do not want to be overtaken by events either, so let us be ever ready as we prepare for both the Historical and Eschatological coming of our Saviour. For the last things are normally the lasting things.

WITH PRAYERS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS, FR BERNARD AND THE PARISH TEAM.

SATURDAY 7 November	**5.30pm**	***32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Mass of Sunday***	***RECONCILIATION - Sat 4.45pm – 5:15pm & on request***
SUNDAY 8 November	**9.00am 12pm**	***32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***	
MONDAY 9 November	**No Mass**		***PRAYER GROUPS (in Chapel) Mothers Prayer Group – Mondays at 11am***
TUESDAY 10 November	**9.30am 12PM**	***Margaret's Birthday ints Requiem Mass for Angela Graham***	***Saint Leo the Great***
WEDNESDAY 11 November	**10.00am**	***Saint Martin of Tours Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help***	
THURSDAY 12 November	**9.30am**	***Saint Josaphat***	***ROSARY After 9.30am Morning Mass on Thursdays***
FRIDAY 13 November	**9.30am**	***Feria Followed by Exposition, Reconciliation and Benediction***	***Fri: 10-10.30am***
SATURDAY 14 November	**5.30pm**	***33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME First Mass of Sunday***	***RECONCILIATION - Sat 4.45pm – 5:15pm & on request***

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the soul of Kathleen Hickey, Angela Graham and all who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

PARISH NOTICES

(Pg 184 in Parish Mass book) 1st reading Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24 Response: *Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.* 2nd reading 1 John 3: 1-3. Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 Jesus Proclaims the Beatitudes to the people

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS – **This years' collection will take place this weekend, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th November. Please ensure to take an envelope in the porch area or scan the QR code on the poster displayed.**

RCIA Programme – For those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church – whether you are or baptised or not, or have not yet been confirmed – we offer the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).** This programme is for adults aged 18 and over. After a time of discernment and spiritual direction as individually needed, the candidates receive their Initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. ***The next course will be commencing on Wednesday 11TH November between 7-8pm. Please contact the parish office for a registration form.***

First Holy Communion Preparation – Registration for the First Holy Communion course is now officially closed. The first session will take place on **29 November** after the Family Mass for families who have successfully enrolled their children. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to volunteer. I look forward to seeing you at our meet-and-greet and training days.

Confirmation Preparation – Registration for Confirmation preparation remains open. **Final enrolment will open on 21 November, and the course will begin on 30 January.**

Alpha Youth Group – This Saturday we will have our first Alpha Youth Group session at 11:30 am. **Registration remains open throughout the year for anyone wishing to join.** The programme is open to young people **aged 10 and above** and meets monthly on Saturday lunchtimes.

Children's Choir – Advent Rehearsal – Saturday, 28 November at 11:00 am. All children invited.

Christmas Church Decoration Day – Our Christmas Decoration Day will take place on **Sunday, 6 December from 4:00 pm in church.** We invite everyone to join us as we decorate our church for Christmas. If you would like to donate decorations, please bring **only brand-new items.** Children will also have the opportunity to create their own personalised decorations for the Children's Christmas Tree. **The more the merrier!** Please register your attendance in the appropriate section of the red registration book at the entrance of the church.

Catholic Children's Society CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL – Also this year we support the Catholic Children Society - **By Sunday, 29th November** please bring brand-new UNWRAPPED gifts that will be distributed to children in the disadvantage families this Christmas. You may leave your donations in our parish-room by the bathroom area. We are grateful for the kindness our parish community has shown every year. The gifts you've shared have helped make Christmas special for many children facing difficult times.

Advent Children's Musical Showcase – For children with musical talents, whether they play an instrument or enjoy singing, we are delighted to launch our first Christmas Musical Showcase. The showcase will take place on **Saturday, 12 December at 3:00 pm in church.** To register your child, please sign up in the red registration book at the entrance of the church or **email Maria.**

Baptism – Please contact the parish office directly by e-mail for a registration form and arrange an appointment with Fr Bernard.

Marriage – Engaged couples seeking marriage in Church should inform the Parish Office at least **six** months before the intended wedding date so that there is enough time for all the necessary administration to be completed. This requirement applies to marriages taking place here in the parish, in other parts of the UK, and overseas. Please **contact the Parish Office to meet with Fr Bernard to complete the necessary paperwork if you live within our parish boundaries.**

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick – Please also let the parish office know if you are less able to come to mass and would like to receive a home visit.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH FINANCIALLY – If you would like to pay by Standing Order, our bank account details are: **WRCDT Holy Cross Parish: Sort Code 40-05-20 Account Number: 81308408** or you can make donations at **https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/parsonsgreen/donate/**
Please kindly use the QR Codes in the porch area of the church to make your donation if the contactless machines are in use.