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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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ALL SAINTS' DAY - THE CALL TO HOLINESS. Holiness is not a distant dream; it is the call God places in every heart. Today the Church celebrates **All Saints' Day**, honouring all the holy men and women, known and unknown, who have faithfully followed Christ and now share in the eternal joy of God's Kingdom. Their lives remind us that sainthood is not simply about extraordinary deeds, but about living ordinary lives with extraordinary faith, love and generosity. They inspire us to recognise that we, too, are called to holiness in our daily lives. **The first reading** (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14) presents John's vision of a great multitude from every nation, standing before God's throne, having endured their trials and remained faithful to the Lamb. The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 24) reminds us that those who seek the face of the Lord are called to receive His blessings. **In the second reading** (1 John 3:1-3), we are reminded of our greatest dignity: **we are already God's children**, called to grow in holiness and become more like Him. **In the Gospel** (Matthew 5:1-12), Jesus presents the Beatitudes as the true path to happiness and holiness. He declares blessed the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who suffer for righteousness. These values may differ from what the world considers happiness, but they reveal the heart of God and the way to His Kingdom. **The saints are those who** embraced this way of life, allowing the Beatitudes to shape their words, choices and actions. Their example encourages us to live our faith in everyday life through prayer, kindness, forgiveness, humility and loving service to others. As we celebrate this feast, which honours the triumph of God's grace in the lives of the saints, may we remain faithful to Christ, follow His teachings with generous hearts and journey together in hope towards the eternal joy of Heaven. **All Saints, pray for us.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 31st	9:30 am 6:00 pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary **Vigil of the Solemnity of ALL SAINTS**	Fred & Jeanne Nicholson RIP People of the Parish
Sun 1st	9:30 am 11:00 am	**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**	D'Silva & D'Souza Families Holy Souls family of Zenaida Cruz
Mon 2nd	9:30 am 7.00 pm.	**ALL SOULS DAY**	Hilario Ritualo & Family RIP
Tue 3rd	9:30 am	Saint Martin de Porres	Berthe & Constantin Maakad RIP
Wed 4th	9:30 am	Saint Charles Borromeo	Holy Souls
Thur 5th	9:30 am	Feria	Holy Souls
Fri 6th	9:30 am	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 10 am-11 am.**	Francis Lobo RIP
Sat 7th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	The Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint George **Vigil of the Thirty-Second Sunday**	Mary Kenny RIP People of the Parish

🕯 **HOLY SOULS - REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED IN NOVEMBER.** We believe that our relationship with those who have died continues. When we pray for the faithful departed, we pray for those undergoing purification in purgatory - a process of growing in mutual love with God. Our prayers help them on their journey towards eternal life with God.

(1.) All Souls' Day - Monday, 2 November: Masses will be celebrated at **9.30 am and 7.00 pm**. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, all parishioners are encouraged to pray for their deceased relatives and friends.

(2.) Remembering Our Deceased Loved Ones: Lists are available at the back of the church for you to enter the names of your deceased relatives and friends. We will remember them together at the **11.00 am Mass on Sunday, 15 November**. They will also be remembered during the Friday Adoration in November.

(3.) Mass Intentions: If you wish to book a specific Mass for your deceased loved ones, please use a Holy Souls envelope, include their names and your donation, and hand it to one of the priests.

(4.) Blessing of Graves & Prayers at Cemetery: (a) Sutton Cemetery - Monday, 2 November, at 2.00 pm. We will hold a short communal prayer service at Sutton Cemetery, with particular remembrance of our deceased parishioners buried there. Everyone is warmly welcome to join in prayer. Individual prayers and blessings at gravesides can also be offered upon request. (b) Morden Cemetery & Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery - 2nd November, between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Father will be available to offer individual prayers and blessings at gravesides.

Please add your names to the two lists available at the back of the church to indicate your interest and help us organise the arrangements. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

PARISH INFO: **New Parishioners -** Welcome to Holy Family Parish!
Parish Office Hours This Week: Tuesday & Thursday 10am-1pm.
MONDAY CLUB: 2ND NOVEMBER 10.30 am - 1.00 pm in the Parish Hall

PARISH LEDGER: Thank you for your faithful and generous support of our parish. If you have not yet done so, please consider supporting the parish through a Standing Order, which provides a reliable source of income and helps us plan responsibly throughout the year. For your convenience, online giving is now available, so there is no longer any need to write cheques. Last weekend's offertory: Plate £469.24; Contactless £366.50. Standing Orders £250.00. Votive candles £232.88. Repository £80.00. *Ira, Gift Aid Organiser & Bookkeeper* **(suttongreengac@rcaos.org.uk). Donations to the Building Fund can be made using the contactless giving machine at the back of the church. Every gift, however large or small, helps us move these important projects forward and is sincerely appreciated. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued commitment to the life and mission of our parish. May God bless you and your families.**

Dates for Your Diary: (1) 🎄 **PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & GRAND RAFFLE** 🎁 **Sunday, 6 December.** Join us for food, fellowship and festive fun!

🎁 **GRAND RAFFLE & DONATIONS:** Win one of 10 Christmas hampers! Raffle ticket details will follow. Donations of hamper items and contributions towards the lunch are warmly welcome. A marked donation box is at the back of the church; bottles and larger donations may be taken to the sacristy or parish office.

👐 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Please sign up on the list at the back of the church, indicating whether you will attend and how you can help.

Family and friends are most welcome! Thank you for your generosity and support. 🎄

(2) Fr Patrick's Presentation: Wednesday, 2 December 2026 - Mass at 6:30 pm, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Please join us as we thank Fr Patrick for his ministry among us and offer him our prayers and best wishes. Donations towards his presentation may be made via the contactless machine or collection box in the porch.

RCIA & Synodality at Holy Family Parish: Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and Synodality sessions will resume after the 9.30 am Mass on Sunday, 8th November, in the Margaret Nolan Room. These sessions offer an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, grow in our spiritual journey, and reflect on how we can walk together as a welcoming, listening and missionary Church. All are warmly welcome to join us.

Tai Chi & Qigong Sessions. Holy Family Parish Hall: Regular sessions resume on Mon 2nd November, 7:30–8:30pm & Wed 4th November, 10:15–11:15 am. All most welcome!

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection on 7th & 8th November 2026. The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas) and Clergy Care and Formation. Our support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and Schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Please let us be generous to the Archbishop's Appeal 2026. Every gift is welcome. Find out more or donate online: <www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal> or scan the QR Code using the telephone camera. Telephone weekdays 9am- 5pm: 020 7960 2504. Cash / Cheque: please use the Archbishop's Appeal envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

…Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), No. 19:
A Church journeying through human history. The Church is present in the world as a sign of unity for the entire human family. She recognizes today's questions and challenges as the current setting in which to carry out her particular vocation of listening, dialogue and service, and of being responsive to everything concerning the lives of contemporary men and women. This involvement in people's lives helps the Church understand ever more clearly that her mission has a historical scope and entails a responsibility for the way in which social relations are built. For this reason, she cannot consider herself a stranger to the forces shaping society. On the contrary, the Church actively participates in the processes by which society grows and is organized, and she offers her own contribution to the creation of a more just and fraternal society. Pope Francis emphasized this historical dimension of the Church's mission: "No one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life, without concern for the soundness of civil institutions, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society."

HUMOUR: Peter, aged five, said: "My grandma tells me I am the most humble person she knows. I'm very proud of myself!"