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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUTTON GREEN

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A: Living in Hope, Ready to Meet the Lord. Last Sunday, as we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints, we remembered those who wisely chose to follow God's plan for their lives and remained faithful to Him, becoming inspiring examples of holiness for us all. Their lives remind us that we, too, are called to walk faithfully with God and to prepare ourselves for the fullness of life with Him. Today's readings invite us to seek God's wisdom, deepen our relationship with Him, and live each day in readiness for eternal life. The first reading (Wisdom 6:12–16) reminds us that God's wisdom is radiant and readily found by those who earnestly seek her. This longing for God is echoed in the Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 63), where the psalmist declares: *"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God."* Together, these readings remind us that our lives find their true meaning in seeking God's presence and allowing His wisdom to guide our decisions. In the second reading (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18), St. Paul offers us the hope of the resurrection, assuring us that through Jesus' death and resurrection, those who have died will also be raised and brought into eternal life with Him. This hope has a direct bearing on how we live today. If we believe that we are called to share eternal life with Christ, we must prepare for that day by the way we live: loving others, forgiving those who hurt us, caring for those in need, and remaining faithful to God. Our hope in the resurrection should be reflected in our daily lives. This is the message Jesus brings home in the Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13) through the parable of the ten bridesmaids. All await the bridegroom, but only the wise bring enough oil to keep their lamps burning. Their readiness reminds us that faith cannot be postponed or borrowed from others; it must be nurtured every day through prayer, love and good works. The message of today's readings is clear: the promise of resurrection calls us not simply to look forward to eternal life, but to live in a way that prepares us for it. May we seek God's wisdom, thirst for His presence, live each day in the hope of the resurrection and keep our lamps burning brightly, ready to welcome the Lord whenever He comes.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 8TH NOVEMBER 2026

Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Intention
Sat 7th	9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	The Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint George The Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism **Vigil of the Thirty-Second Sunday**	Mary Kenny RIP People of the Parish
Sun 8th	9:30 am 11:00 am	**Thirty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time** Remembrance Day	David Horne RIP, Dinah Onajughu Florence Elizabeth Gill
Mon 9th	9:30 am	The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica	Allan and Teresa Family Members RIP
Tue 10th	9:30 am	St. Leo the Great	Roger and Carmen Families
Wed 11th	9:30 am	St. Martin of Tours	Michael Hawksley RIP
Thur 12th	9:30 am	St. Josaphat	D'Silva, Ellis & Bella Paul Families M. RIP
Fri 13th	9:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. **Adoration after 9:30 am Mass and from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm.**	Denis Lonergan
Sat 14th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	The Blessed Virgin Mary **Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday**	Francis Lobo RIP People of the Parish



Today is Remembrance Sunday: We pray for those who sacrificed their lives for the peace we enjoy today. We have to remember them. We should never be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.
THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE: (Adapted from "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon) - "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them: When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today".

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection takes place today. 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.

PARISH INFO: New Parishioners - Welcome to Holy Family Parish!
Parish Office Hours This Week: Tuesday & Thursday 10 am-1 pm.

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 £436.56; Contactless £380.00. Standing Orders £375.00; Votive candles £117.54. Repository £65.00.00. Tai Chi & Qigong Sessions £80. *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. After the 11 am Mass, in the Parish Hall. Join us for good food, friendship and festive cheer! Family and friends are most welcome. **GRAND RAFFLE & DONATIONS:** Raffle tickets are on sale at the back of the church for a chance to win one of **10 Christmas hampers!** Donations of hamper items and contributions towards the lunch are warmly appreciated. A donation box is available at the back of the church; bottles and larger donations may be left at the sacristy or parish office. **PLEASE SIGN UP!** Please add your name to the list at the back of the church, indicating how many people will be attending with you, to help us plan the catering. Thank you for your generosity and support. We look forward to celebrating with you.

(2) Fr Patrick's Presentation: Wednesday, 2 December 2026 - Mass at 6:30 pm. Please join us as we thank him 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.

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 - a process of growing in mutual love with God. Our prayers help them on their journey towards eternal life with God. (1.) 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. (2.) 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 the priests. Offerings can be gift-aided.

(3.) Prayers and Blessings at the Cemeteries: Following our cemetery prayers on Monday, 2 November, Fr Michael is happy to make himself available this Sunday afternoon for those who were unable to attend and would still like prayers and blessings at the graves of their deceased loved ones. This applies to the three cemeteries: Sutton Cemetery, Morden Cemetery and Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery. If you would like Fr Michael to visit the grave of your loved one, please speak to him directly and let him know which cemetery you wish to visit and your availability this Sunday afternoon. Times will be arranged accordingly, depending on the requests received.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday, 8 November 2026: Parishioners are warmly invited to attend an Act of Remembrance at either Carshalton or Manor Park War Memorial, Sutton, at 10:45 am. Together, let us honour those who gave their lives in service to our country and remember all affected by war and conflict, observing the two-minute silence at 11 am.

…Excerpt from Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), No. 20:

A Church journeying through human history. The Church's vocation and duty to accompany humanity in the specifics of history lead her to recognize that earthly realities possess their own proper character and order. The Second Vatican Council expressed this principle with particular precision in the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, whose sixtieth anniversary we remembered and celebrated with gratitude on 7th December 2025: "If by the autonomy of earthly affairs is meant that created things and societies themselves enjoy their own laws and values… then the demand for autonomy is perfectly in order." [10] This affirmation shows that creation bears the imprint of an original goodness that our human outlook must preserve, cultivate, and bring to fulfilment. In this regard, the Church offers herself in a way that helps to interpret reality in all its depth. She supports, with humble firmness, the choices that promote the dignity of every person, the cohesion of communities, and the good of all. The Church thus stands alongside the world without overpowering it, so that the promise of justice and peace that the Holy Spirit continues to sustain in the heart of humanity may come to fruition in every human endeavour.

Tai Chi & Qigong Sessions. Holy Family Parish Hall: Weekly sessions take place every Monday, 7:30–8:30 pm and Wednesday, 10:15–11:15 am. New participants are very welcome to join!

HUMOUR: Jesus said: "I will be back way before Arnold Schwarzenegger did". (From the Notice Board of an American Tabernacle Baptist Church).