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ALL SAINTS, Solemnity (A)

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 **2nd Reading: 1John 3:1-3 Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12a

Theme: "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Mass Book: Page 184

KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER

All Souls' Day and Indulgences

Each year on the 2nd of November, the Church celebrate All Soul's Day. Why is this so? All Souls' Day is when the Church prays for all the faithful departed, those being purified in purgatory before entering heaven. It follows All Saints' Day, when we honour those already with God. Scripture reminds us: *"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins"* (2 Macc 12:46).

Indulgences are the Church's way of helping souls through the merits of Christ and the saints. They remove the *temporal punishment* remaining after sin is forgiven.

From 1st to 8th November, special indulgences can be gained for the souls in purgatory:

- By visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed.
- By visiting a church or oratory and praying the *Our Father* and *Creed* (especially on All Souls' Day).

Conditions: Confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions, and freedom from attachment to sin.

Let us lovingly pray for our departed brothers and sisters this week. – **Fr. Jude**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME MEETING: Our first Confirmation session for both parents and young people who would like to be confirmed will be on **Thursday 12th November at 6:45pm** in Church. If you are 14 years old by 31st August 2027 and would like to be confirmed, please write and bring a letter to Fr Jude and Fr Saji explaining your wish to be confirmed. Please also bring your baptism certificates with you. If you want to find out more, please speak to Johnny or Leo.

CATECHIST TRAINING & RESOURCES DAY – Saturday **7th November 2026** Join the BCYS at Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, 10am-3pm, for an inspiring day of faith, workshops and resources, with guest speaker Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. Free to attend, open to all catechists and leaders working with young people, including young leaders aged 16+. Register at bcys.net/events/catechists2026.

BAPTISM COURSE: The baptism course for those who wish to have their child or children baptised, will begin on **9th November 2026** in the Upper Room at 6.30pm.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES FOR THE DEAD: November envelopes for the deceased are available at the back of the church. Please take an envelope, write the names of your deceased loved ones, and include your offering. You may hand the envelope to Fr Jude or Fr Saji or post it through the presbytery letterbox. Holy Masses will be offered for your deceased loved ones throughout the month of November. We also invite you to bring a **small photograph of your deceased loved ones** to be placed in front of the altar during November. We will remember them in our prayers and pray for the repose of their souls at all our Masses throughout the month. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

FR BOB'S SPECIAL SALE: Next Sunday, **after the 9am and 11am** Masses there will be a special sale of paintings and items that belonged to Fr Bob. All proceeds that are raised will be given to Fr Bob as a gift from our parish family. Come along and see what's on offer.

FHC Parents meet on Wednesday 11th Nov at 7.30pm in the Church and Children meet on Saturday 14th Nov at 9.15am in the Church.

RCIA GROUP will meet on **Tuesday 3rd November** in the Upper Room at 7.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS: Available dates are running out so fast. Please we encourage people who wish to book Mass intentions to do that in good time before their preferred date is taken. You can now start booking for your Mass intentions for the year 2027. Please fill in a Mass Offering envelope and return it to the Parish Office or give it to the Priest. If your preferred date or time is already taken. Your Mass will be said on the first available day/date. You can also suggest an alternative date on the envelope, or you can come to the parish office to pick from one of the available dates

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK People wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, who are housebound or in hospital, should contact one of the priests. If you are in hospital, ask the nursing staff to call for the Duty Catholic Chaplain or call the Parish phone number 0203 345 1466.

FORMATION DAY FOR READERS: There is a Formation Day for Readers at **St Francis church on 28th November** from 10:00am to 4:00pm
prayers and support them over the coming weeks. If you would like to find out more please speak to Johnny or Leo.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to get the paperwork. The process takes at least 4 weeks.
Marriage: Couples are required to give 6 months notice of marriage before the wedding. Please contact the parish office to set up a meeting with the parish priest to start the necessary paperwork.

SACRED HEART OF MARY 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening on **Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore our courses and facilities, and find out what makes our Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families!

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS: Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website: *www.whatgoodnews.org*

ARCHBISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON, the Archbishop of Liverpool and Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has offered his gratitude and thanks to those who wrote to their MPs to stop the *Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill* progressing through parliament.

PARISH FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by using the Contactless payments terminal available at the back of the church or by scanning the QR Code. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church East Ham St Michaels
Account Number: 31017586
Sort Code: 40-13-22

Thank you for your donations

25th October 2026	Amount £
Offertory Envelops	745.86
Offertory Loose Plate	726.21

Please pray for all who are sick, including: Fr. Victor Camilleri, Aryia Tony, Andre Scafe, Colin Smyth, Bernadina Santy, Andy Brett, Davey Jose, Cora Bantog, Berthilia Riviere, Anne Flynn, Enzo Zechariah Riley, Gemma Yao, Callista Hudson , Anthony Kearney, Francis Seaman, John Maughan , Maria Ramos, Chidera Harvey, Gillian Pepper, Madonna Beupierre, Ireneo Oreiro, Gilbert Jacob, Jeanette Steele, Mary John, John Peppard, James Towns, Joe Fitzgerald, Ranjith Mendes, Loly Antonio, Louise Simmons , Lassyhani Janahan, Seamus Peppard, Mary Fitzgerald, Natalie Williams, Natalie McCarthy,Thomas John, Myrna Gonzales, Olympia Pahati, Stephen Laviniere, Tom Morgan, Nia La Foucade, Onat Sarmiento, Joy Pereira, Ullrick Scafe, Regina Peppard , Paula Joseph , Veronica Scafe, Bridget Tully, Piper Phelan, Philip Crangle, Bernard Fredrick, Lurdhamma Flinton, Mary Fernandez, Chidindu Amaechi, Rakshiya Ranjithkumar.

Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment dine. **(to be said 3 times)**

Jesus, I love you. All I have is yours. Yours I am, and yours I want to be. Do with me whatever you will. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday Vigil Mass	31st Oct.	**6.00pm**	Frances Crangle	Special Int.
Sunday Solemnity of All Saints	1st Nov.	**7:30am**	Kamsiyochukwu Nwanugwu	Quick Recovery
		9:00am	Santosh Anthony	RIP
		11:00am	Rajan Family	Thanksgiving
Monday All Souls Day	2nd Nov.	**9:00am** **7:00pm**	Gerry Gadiano Parish November List	Anniv. RIP
Tuesday	3rd Nov.	**9:00am**	Lawrence L.P. Goodhearth	Special Int.
Wednesday St. Charles Borromeo, Bp	4th Nov.	**9:00am**	Living Members of Thompson Family	F.M
Thursday	5th Nov.	**9:00am**	Kathleen Bastian Elsamma George	Anniv. RIP
Friday	6th Nov.	**9:00am**	Anna Maria Badel Tom Hayes	Anniv. RIP
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7th Nov.	**11:00am**	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11:00 - 11:45am	*Confessions*	
		11:45am	Midday Prayer and Benediction	
		12:00 noon	John McEnroe	RIP
Vigil Mass		**6.:00pm**	Tina Etienne Maud George	Thanksgiving Anniv.
Sunday 32nd in Ordinary Time (A)	8th Nov.	**7:30am**	Doris & Peter	Special Int.
		9:00am	Parish November List	
		11:00am	Udayakumar	RIP

The Church is open every day from 8:00am to 6:00pm

Newsletter items received after 12 noon Thursday may not be included that week.