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ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH EAST HAM



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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR (A)

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 **2nd Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel:** Matthew 24:42a,44
Theme: "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

Mass Book: Page 152

KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER

The Meaning of Sunday Worship

Sunday worship holds a central place in the life of every Christian. It is not merely a day of rest or a weekly routine. It is the "Lord's Day", the day when we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead on the first day of the week (cf. Mk 16:2, Lk 24:1). From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have gathered on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist, listen to the Word of God, and renew their communion with Christ and one another. This weekly gathering reminds us that our faith is not lived in isolation but within the Body of Christ, the Church.

Sunday is also a day of joy, thanksgiving, and renewal, if you like a weekly Easter, when we are called to rest from work and focus on God, family, and spiritual growth. By keeping Sunday holy, we affirm that God is the centre of our lives and that time itself belongs to Him. The Catechism of the Church teaches us that Sunday is "the pre-eminent day of the liturgical assembly" and the "foundation and kernel of the whole liturgical year". Christians are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on Sundays and to refrain from activities that hinder worship, joy, and proper rest. (cf. CCC 1193, 2174–2185). So, Make Sunday a true celebration of life in Christ. Come to Mass, rejoice, and carry that joy into the week ahead. – **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.

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.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday 11th November at 7:00pm, in the Presbytery.

FR BOB'S SPECIAL SALE: This 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 10th November** in the Upper Room at 7.00pm.

YOUTH MASS AND YOUTH CLUB: Our Youth Mass and Youth Club will be next Saturday, 14th November from 3pm in St Michael's School Hall. Come along and join in the fun.

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. All Readers are expected to attend.

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.

IGNITE - DEANERY YOUTH EVENT: will hold on Saturday 21st November. This is a special event for all young people across our Deanery. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and celebrate alongside with other young people with performances and talks from our wonderful local grown talent. The event starts at 9:30am (to be settled in time for Mass at 10am) and finishes at 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch and something to share. Speak to Leo or Johnny for more information.

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

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
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Thank you for your donations

1st November 2026	Amount £
Offertory Envelops	1045.17
Offertory Loose Plate	872.00
Dona Machine (Oct.)	522.00

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	7th Nov.	**6.00pm**	Tina Etienne Maud George Our November All Souls List	Thanksgiving. Anniv. RIP
Sunday 32nd in Ordinary Time (A) Remembrance Sunday	8th Nov.	**7:30am**	Doris & Peter	Special Int.
		9:00am	Our November All Souls List	RIP
		11:00am	Udayakumar	RIP
Monday Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9th Nov.	**9:00am**	Tom Wood Our November All Souls List	Special Int RIP
Tuesday St. Leo the Great, P,D	10th Nov.	**9:00am**	Noreen Wallace Our November All Souls List	Thanksgiving RIP
Wednesday St. Martin of Tours,Bp	11th Nov.	**9:00am**	Justin Suresh Our November All Souls List	RIP RIP
Thursday St. Josephat, Bp	12th Nov.	**9:00am**	Cirode Sande & Ciro Lentin Our November All Souls List	RIP RIP
Friday	13th Nov.	**9:00am**	Ann & Marty Flynn Our November All Souls List	Special Int. RIP
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	14th Nov.	**11:00am**	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		11:00 - 11:45am	*Confessions*	
		11:45am	Midday Prayer and Benediction	
		12:00 noon **1.00 pm**	Marceline Marcos Baptism	Anniv. RIP
Vigil Mass		**6.:00pm**	Joanitta Braganza Our November All Souls List	Thanksgiving RIP
Sunday 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) World Day of the Poor.	15th Nov.	**7:30am**	Wenfei Guo Antony De Cruze	RIP Anniv. RIP
		9:00am	Augustine & Mary	30th Wedding Anniv
		11:00am	Our November All Souls List	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.