6. **THE GOSPEL OF MARK FOR THE SUNDAY GOSPEL IN THE YEAR AHEAD:**
Dr Brian Purfield
will open up the Gospel to us on
Saturday, 14th November 10.30-3.00.
Refreshments from 10.00.
Please bring a packed lunch.
Throughout next year we will be reading the Gospel of Mark at Sunday Masses and so it is good for us to know a little about this gospel and how it differs from the others.
All are welcome to attend at
St. John Fisher Parish Hall, Bexley.

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY,
330a Burnt Oak Lane, **BLACKFEN,**
Sidcup, DA15 8LW
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION, INTEGRATION AND HUMAN DIGNITY
This will take place on
Saturday, 21st November 2026.
For more information, please visit
https://local.magnicharity.org

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Fatima & First Saturdays Devotion Symposium
Sunday, 22nd November 2026,
12:30–19:00 *please see previous Newsletters* or contact website:
://bit.ly/4dgPDE3 https
or visit: **WAF Symposium London**

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YOUNG ADULT MASS IN KENT
Following the popularity of our Young Adult Masses in London, **SCYS** (Southwark Catholic Youth Service) is delighted to introduce a monthly **Young Adult Mass** in Kent for those **aged 18-35,** taking place on the third Sunday of each month. Our first Mass will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Trafford on **Sunday 15th November at 6pm** at **Sacred Heart Church, 63 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AN.**
Confessions will be available during Mass, with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise afterwards.
We look forward to seeing you there!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING:
Advent Calendars,
Catholic Diaries for 2027,
CTS Picture Calendars for 2027, and
CHRISTMAS CARDS
are available in our
Repository/ Church Shop,
beside the Parish Office,
and from the
CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY.
(pick up their leaflet).

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CAFOD World Gifts:
Love your neighbour this Christmas. This Christmas, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift – from a safe water to school meals!
A meaningful way to bless loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Collect a catalogue from Church.

Reflections of being perfect from St John Henry Newman (1801 – 1890)

He, then, is perfect who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection. You need not go out of the round of the day.
I insist on this because I think it will simplify our views, and fix our exertions on a definite aim. If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect,
I say, first –
- Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising;
- give your first thoughts to God;
- make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament;
- say the Angelus devoutly;
- eat and drink to God's glory;
- say the Rosary well;
- be recollected;
- keep out bad thoughts;
- make your evening meditation well;
- examine yourself daily;
- go to bed in good time, and
- you are already perfect.

Music in Parish Mass Book begins on page 205,
Gloria: page 208,
Preface Dialogue *page 15,*
Holy, holy /Sanctus page 16,
Mystery of Faith:
"We proclaim Your Death, O Lord …" page 17.

THE OIL FOR THE LAMPS,
torches, or flares of the Bridesmaids in today's Parable is made up of the good relationships we have with Our Lord Jesus which in turn is formed by out quality time spent with God in faithful prayer and through the works we perform out of that loving relationship with the Lord and those around us. In other words:

THE SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.
They are:

CORPORAL / PHYSICAL WORKS:
To FEED THE HUNGRY
(Food Bank, Manna Centre, Community Fridge, &c…);
To **GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY;**
To CLOTHE THE NAKED;
To HARBOUR THE HARBOURLESS;
To VISIT THE SICK;
To VISIT PRISONERS;
To BURY THE DEAD (Requiem Mass).

SPIRITUAL WORKS:
To COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL;
To INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT;
To ADMONISH SINNERS;
To COMFORT THE AFFLICTED;
To FORGIVE OFFENCES;
To BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY;
To PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

+ J. M. J. +
be part of the
Holy Household of Nazareth, of:
+ Jesus, + Mary, & + Joseph



Image of the death of St Joseph

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Sunday 8th November
Anno Domini 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Parish Mass Book
pages: 152 - 154



Monday to Friday:
08:00 – 09:00 ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST,
08:15 –08:45 HOLY ROSARY,
09:00 THE ANGELUS & BENEDICTION.
09:15 HOLY MASS.

4. NOVEMBER:

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to **the Holy Souls**, may be gained once in any church either on the preceding Sunday *(**All Saints' Day** this year - 1st November)* or the following Sunday **(Remembrance Sunday** - 8th November), [...] on the usual conditions, viz **a visit to a church,** where the **"Our Father"** and **"Creed"** are recited,

1: Sacramental Confession,
2: Holy Communion and
3: Prayer for the *(Pope's)*
Holy Father's Intention

Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the Faithful Departed, may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the Holy Souls (and at other times a partial indulgence).

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NOTES ON INDULGENCES:

An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as ait removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. The faithful can gain indulgences for themselves or apply them to the dead. To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. *(Catechism of the Catholic Church Nos: 1471 – 1472)*

To gain a plenary indulgence it is necessary to perform the work to which the indulgence is attached and to fulfill the following three conditions:

- **Sacramental Confession,**
- **Holy Communion,**
- **Prayer for** the intention of **the Holy Father.**

It is further required that all attachment to sin, even venial sin, be absent. If this disposition is in any way less than perfect, or if the prescribed three conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence will be partial only.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff *(The Pope, the Holy Father)* is fully satisfied by reciting one **"Our Father..."** and one **"Hail Mary, ..."**; nevertheless, each one is free to recite any other prayer according to his/her piety and devotion.

A **partial indulgence** is granted to the faithful who:
1. In the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding even if only mentally - some pious invocation.
2. In a spirit of faith and mercy give themselves or of their goods to serve their brothers/sisters in need.
3. In a spirit of penance voluntarily deprive themselves of what is licit and pleasing to them *(self-denial/ sacrifice)*.

For Specific prayers and devotions

The Holy Rosary:
A plenary indulgence, for the recitation of the Rosary *(five decades)*, in a church or public oratory or in the family.
If said privately, a partial indulgence.

The Way/*Stations* of the Cross:
A plenary indulgence.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
for at least half an hour.
Plenary indulgence.

Reading of Sacred Scripture/Reading the Bible:
Plenary indulgence
Devout reading of or meditation on Sacred Scripture for at least half an hour.

For Your Information and Ongoing Formation:

Get: **Universalis** at: **Universalis.com**
Free trial for a month,
then, if you wish to buy it,
it is about **£10 for a tablet or phone,**
maybe £20 for a computer.
(N.B.: that is a one-off payment!)
Also:
AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST:
(FREE) **Catholic Apologetics:**
Building witnesses for Jesus and His Church:
Website**: rcaos.org.uk;**
YouTube & Instagram: @rcsouthwark;
Facebook: @archdioceseof southwark.
Draw closer to the Lord Jesus through Scripture, Prayer, & Catholic Teaching.
Also:
Grow closer to God through the beauty of Art and the Gospels, subscribe for **the free daily newsletter** at:
CHRISTIAN ART,
(also FREE)
by email at: **www.christian.art**

Before we lie down and go to bed at the end of each day, it is good to review the day that has passed, and ask ourselves: "How have I loved, and shown my love for God today? How have I shown and shared God's love with other people today? This is called:

THE EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE.

For our sins in failing to love as we are loved by God, we can say an

ACT OF CONTRITION:

"O my God,
because You are so good,
I am very sorry that I have sinned against You, and by the help of Your grace, I will not sin again.
Amen."

CARDINAL NEWMAN'S PRAYER

For a happy and grace filled death

May He support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen
and evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy
may He give us a safe lodging
and a holy rest
and peace at the last.

Oh my Lord and Saviour,
support me in that hour
in the strong arms of Your Sacraments,
and by the fresh fragrance
of Your consolations.

Let the absolving words
be said over me,
and the Holy Oils sign and seal me,
and Your own Body be my food,
and Your Blood my sprinkling;

and let **my sweet Mother,**
Mary, breathe on me,
and **my Angel** whisper peace to me,
and **my glorious Saints**
smile upon me;
that in them all, and through them all,
I may receive the gift of perseverance,

and die, as I desire to live,
in Your faith, in Your Church,
in Your service, and in Your love
AMEN.

