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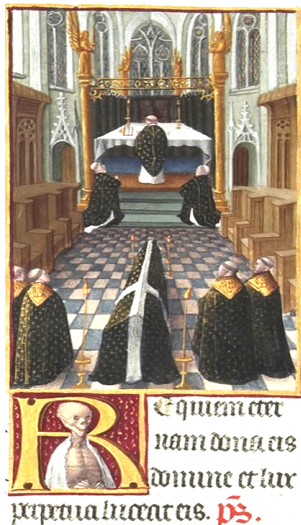


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'Love one another as I have loved you', says the Lord.



ALL SOULS' SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2025

THE PARISH REQUIEM MASS CHORAL 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

Mass Setting:

Requiem Mass for six voices,
written in 1603 and published in 1605 by
Tomás Luis de Victoria,
(c. 1548-1611)

Please join in with the Bold Type

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Tædet animam meam vitæ meae,
dimittam adversum me eloquium meum,
loquar in amaritudine animæ meae.
Dicam Deo: Noli me condemnare:
indica mihi,
cur me ita iudices.
Numquid bonum tibi videtur,
si calumniaris, et opprimas me,
opus manuum tuarum,
et consilium impiorum adiuves?
Numquid oculi carni tibi sunt:
aut sicut videt homo, et tu vides?
Numquid sicut dies hominis dies tui,
et anni tui sicut humana,
sunt tempora
ut quaeras iniquitatem meam,
et peccatum meum scruteris?
Et scias, quia nihil impium fecerim,
cum sit nemo,
qui de manu tua possit eruere.

Choir sings Tædet animam meam

My soul is weary of my life;
I will let go my speech against myself,
and express the bitterness in my soul.
I shall say to God: Do not condemn me,
but show me
why you judge me in this manner.
Shall it seem a good thing to you
to cheapen me and oppress me,
the work of your own hands,
and to support the schemes of the wicked?
Are your eyes of flesh?
Do you even see only as humans do?
Is your life like the life of humans,
and do your years
pass like the days of humans,
that you should enquire after my iniquity,
and investigate my sins?
Surely you know that I have done no wrong
and there is no one
that can deliver me from your hand.

Introit - Requiem aeternum

During which the celebrant, altar servers & people process

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Ierusalem:
exaudi orationem meam.
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
A hymn, O God, becomes you in Sion,
and a vow shall be paid to you in Jerusalem:
give ear to my supplication,
unto you shall all flesh come.

The Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Introduction to the Mass

The celebrant welcomes the people and introduces the Mass.

Prayers of Penitence

Sisters and brothers, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;

(And, striking their breast, they say:)

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

(Then they continue:)

**therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God. Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you,
✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings The Kyrie Eleison

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

Stand for prayer

The Collect

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection
for your departed servants also find new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit for the readings

First Reading from the Old Testament

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25: 6-9)

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. ⁸ Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir sings Gradual: Requiem aeternam

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, *Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,*
et lux perpetua luceat eis. *and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

In memoria aeterna erit iustus:
ab auditione mala non timebit.

*The just man shall remain in memory everlasting:
of ill report he shall not be afraid.*

Second Reading from the New Testament

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. (6: 3-9)

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Stand & turn to face the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation and Reading

✠ **Alleluia!** Come, you who are blessed by my Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. *S. Matthew 25:34* ✠ **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A ✠ reading from the ✠ Holy Gospel according to ✠ John (6: 37-40)
Glorify to you O, Lord.

³⁷ Jesus said: Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Stand

Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Response to, Lord in your mercy, is, **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 1

Jesus, Bread from Heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things: grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom.
Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 2

Jesus, you gave the man born blind the gift of sight and opened the eyes of his faith: bring those in darkness to your eternal light and glory.
Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 3

Jesus, Son of the Living God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.
Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 4

Jesus, Crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort all who mourn. Lord in your mercy.

Intercessor 5

Jesus, our Way and Truth and Life, you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.
Lord in your mercy.

Celebrant

We remember those who have gone before us
in the peace of Christ, especially...
and those whose anniversaries fall at this time especially...
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

and let light perpetual shine upon them.

✠ May they rest in peace **and rise in glory. Amen**

*The celebrant invites us to offer our personal intentions,
and then leads us in asking for the Prayers of our Lady & the Saints.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM we pray: **Hail Mary...**

S. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, **Pray for us. S. Paul** the Apostle, our Patron,
Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles, **S. Joseph** of Nazareth, **S. Augustine & S. Monica**,
S. Benedict & S. Scholastica, **S. Francis & S. Clare** of Assisi, **S. Martin** de Porres,
Bl. Richard Hooker, **S. Leonard**, **S. Charles Borromeo**, **S. Willibrord**,
Bl. John Duns Scotus, **Bl. Margery Kempe**, **All you angels & saints.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom. **Amen.**

Remain standing

¶ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Altar is prepared

The Names of the Departed to be remembered are placed on catafalque.

Choir sings the Offertorium, which also replaces the Orate Fratres.

Domine Iesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
libera animas omnium delium defunctorum
de poenis inferni,
et de profundo lacu.

Libera eas de ore leonidis,
ne absorbeat eas tartarus,
ne cadant in obscurum:
sed signifer Sanctus Michael
repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam:
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini eius.

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine,
laudis offerimus:
tu suscipe pro animabus illis,
quarum hodie memoriam facimus:
fac eas, Domine,
de morte transire ad vitam,
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini eius.

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of all who died in
the faith from the pains of hell,
and from the deep pit.

Deliver them from the lion's mouth
lest the jaws of hell swallow them,
lest they fall into everlasting darkness:
But let Saint Michael, the leader of hosts,
bring them forth into your holy light,
as you promised before to Abraham
and to his seed.

We offer sacrifice and prayers of praise
unto you, O Lord:
receive them on behalf of those souls
whom we remember this day:
grant them, O Lord,
to pass over from death to life,
as you promised before to Abraham
and to his seed.

Stand

Prayer over the Offerings

Look favourably on our offerings, O Lord, so that your departed servants may be taken up into glory with your Son, in whose great mystery of love we are all united. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

*Celebrant sings the Preface in which God is praised for his mighty acts,
& the choir sings the Sanctus & Benedictus:*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosánnā in excélsis.

✠ Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánnā in excélsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

✠ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant recalls the Last Supper, and this acclamation is said:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly:

AMEN.

¶ THE COMMUNION RITE

Remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

The celebrant adds:

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.

*In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all distress
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Peace.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:

Peace I leave you, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church, and grant us
the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with those immediately around us,
a sign that expresses peace, communion, and love.*

Agnus Dei is sung by the choir.

*during which the celebrant takes the host and breaks it over the paten,
placing a small piece in the chalice.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon

Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord,
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

Cf. 2 Esdras 2: 35, 34

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople.

The Body / Blood of Christ.

The communicant replies
Amen.

and then receives.

*** At home, make an Act of Spiritual Communion ***

*As you imagine yourself receiving the Bread of Heaven, be still
and rest in the love of God. Thank Him for entering beneath the roof of your soul.*

O Sacred Feast! Wherein Christ is received,
his Passion is remembered, our souls are filled with grace
and the pledge of eternal glory is received.

O Sacrum Convivium, 13th century (attributed to S. Thomas Aquinas)

During Communion the choir sings **Lux aeterna**

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine. *Let light perpetual shine upon them, O Lord,*
cum sanctis tuis, in aeternum: *in the company of your saints for evermore,*
quia pius es. *because you are merciful.*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, *Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,*
et lux perpetua luceat eis *and let light perpetual shine upon them*
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, *in the company of your saints for evermore,*
quia pius es. *because you are merciful.*
Requiescant in pace. Amen. *Let them rest in peace. Amen.*

After receiving Holy Communion read & pray quietly in thanksgiving.

THE JESUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE TRISAGION (Thrice Holy)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (x3)

*The choir sings the Motet, Versa est in luctum
whilst the altar is cleared.*

Versa est in luctum cithara mea, *My harp is turned to mourning,*
et organum in vocem entium. *and my music into the voice of those that weep.*
Parce mihi, Domine, *Spare me, O Lord,*
nihil enim sunt dies mei. *for my days are as nothing.*

ALL SOULS' DAY

In the Roman catacombs there are examples of early inscribed petitions for prayers for the dead, but the idea of devoting one day in the church year specifically to prayer for those who had died took several centuries to develop. The theological understanding is that those who have died pass through a stage of purification and preparation for the life of heaven; this understanding was gradually refined into the definition of Purgatory. Those in Purgatory are still members of the Church, for there is the Church on Earth, the Church in Purgatory, and the Church in Heaven. Already in later Jewish belief prior to Christ, with the development of belief in the after-life, it was thought laudable to pray for the dead in this way.

S. Isidore of Seville (+636) first proposed a day of prayer for the dead, on the Monday after Pentecost. It was S. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny in Burgundy (+1049), who assigned the date November 2, the day after All Saints, for general monastic use, and this practice soon spread to the whole Latin church.

It reached England through Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was a monk of Bec in Normandy. Dedications followed: All Souls College at Oxford, All Souls Church in Langham Place, London. Then came the practice of endowing 'chantry chapels', as found in many medieval cathedrals and churches, to ensure the regular saying [chanting] of Masses for the dead.

Other customs have arisen over time in the celebration of All Souls' Day. The Dominicans in the 15th century instituted a custom of each celebrant offering three Masses on the Feast of All Souls. Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 approved this practice, and it rapidly spread throughout Spain, Portugal and Latin America. During World War I, Pope Benedict XV, recognising the number of war dead and the numerous Masses that could not be fulfilled because of destroyed Churches, granted all celebrants the privilege of offering three Masses on All Souls' Day: one for the particular intention, one for all of the faithful departed and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed in purgatory. At the time of their death, these souls are not perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for past transgressions, and thereby are deprived of the beatific vision. The faithful on earth can assist these souls in purgatory in attaining the beatific vision through their prayers, good works and the offering of Mass.

On All Souls' Day it is customary to visit family graves, though in this mobile age, and with the practice of cremation, that is sometimes difficult to achieve. Some Christian cultures, possibly taking over pre-Christian ideas, have the custom of a grave-side meal (at which the deceased invisibly participates); the most obvious example is Mexico, where the cemeteries are festooned with marigolds (the flower of the dead: on mainland Europe it is the chrysanthemum) and children happily munch their way through sugar skulls and crossbones without developing any unfortunate neuroses.

In the Middle Ages, superstitious belief, probably influenced from Celtic paganism, held that the souls in purgatory appeared on All Souls' Day. The festivities of Halloween (eve of All Hallows, i.e. of All Saints' Oct 31) came from the idea that the souls in purgatory could return as toads, goblins, ghosts or witches to haunt those who had offended them in life. They could be placated by various charitable actions, including the purchase of specially baked 'soul-cakes'. These practices are probably remnants of the Celtic Samhain. Nevertheless, All Souls' Day as well as All Saints' Day are rooted in Christian belief and arose in this life of the Church through a healthy spirituality, despite some pagan trappings that may have survived and have remained attached to their celebration.

¶ THE CONCLUDING RITE

Stand

Postcommunion Prayer

Having received the Sacrament of your Only Begotten Son, who was sacrificed for us and rose in glory, we humbly implore you, O Lord, for your departed servants, that, cleansed by the paschal mysteries, they may glory in the gift of the resurrection to come. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



¶ NOTICES & ANY BANNS OF MARRIAGE.

Stand

¶ COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED

Celebrant lays aside chasuble and puts on Black Cope.

Servers process to the catafalque.

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lord our God;
For you created all things: and by your will they have their being.

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:
For by your blood you have ransomed for God a kingdom of priests from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.



This is the will of him that sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, **and I will raise them up at the last day.**

Hear us, O merciful God, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands. Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION OF THE DEPARTED

Enter not into judgement with your servants, O Lord; For in your sight shall no one living be justified unless you grant unto them remission of all their sins. We therefore pray to you, to condemn not with the sentence of your judgement, all those whom the earnest pleading of your faithful people now commend unto your mercy; but grant that they being helped by your grace, may be counted worthy to escape the sentence of your righteous judgement, since in this life they received and bore the seal of the holy Trinity; who lives and reigns, world without end. **Amen.**

The celebrant sprinkles the catafalque with Holy Water and then passes around the catafalque censing,

whilst the choir sings the Responsory - Libera me, Domine

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, *Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death*
in die illa tremenda: *on that fearful day,*
Quando caeli movendi sunt et terra *when the heavens and the earth shall be moved*
dum veneris iudicare *and you shall come to judge*
saeculum per ignem. *the world by fire.*

Tremens factus sum ego, *I am seized with trembling,*
et timeo *I am sore afraid,*
dum discussio venerit, *for the day of judgement*
atque ventura ira. *and for the wrath to come,*
Quando caeli movendi *when the heavens and*
sunt et terra. *the earth shall be moved.*

Dies illa, dies irae, *That day, a day of wrath*
calamitatis et miseriae, *calamity and woe,*
dies magna et amara valde: *a great day and bitter indeed,*
Dum veneris iudicare saeculum *when you shall come to judge the world*
per ignem. *by fire.*

At the conclusion of the Libera me, the celebrant says:

Absolve, we beseech you, O Lord, the souls of your servants, that being dead unto the world, they may live unto you; and whatsoever sins they may have committed in this life through the frailty of the flesh, of your merciful pardon and goodness wash away; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

The Solemn Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us Bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.

May the God of all consolation bless you,
for in his unfathomable goodness he created the human race,
and in the Resurrection of his Only begotten Son
he has given believers the hope of rising again. **Amen.**

To us who are alive, may God grant pardon for our sins,
and to all the dead, a place of light and peace. **Amen.**

So may we all live happily for ever with Christ,
Whom we believe truly rose from the dead. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal



Choir sings **Requiem aeternam**
which replaces the final hymn & the organ voluntary,
and during which we recess.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna,
in die illa tremenda:
Quando caeli movendi sunt et terra:
Dum veneris iudicare saeculum per ignem.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death,
on that fearful day,
when the heavens and the earth shall be moved,
and Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us

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& MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CRYPT FOR REFRESHMENTS.**

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THE KALENDAR

All Souls' / 4th before Advent & 31st Week of Ord. Time
2nd to 8th November 2025

MASS & Other Service Times in church

SUN, 2nd, MP 9am, **PARISH MASS 10.30am**, EP 5pm
MON, 3rd, S. Martin de Porres, Bl. Richard Hooker, No Public Liturgies
TUES, 4th, S. Charles Borromeo, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
WEDS, 5th, Feria, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
THURS, 6th, S. Leonard, EP 5.30pm, **Mass 6.00pm**
FRI, 7th, S. Willibrord,, EP 6pm
SAT, 8th, All Saints of England, Bl. John Duns Scotus, **Mass 10.00am**, EP 6pm

DAILY OFFICE: MP = Morning Prayer, EP = Evening Prayer

9th NOVEMBER 2025

3rd before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

MORNING PRAYER at 9.00am

PARISH MASS CHORAL at 10.30am

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rector

EVENING PRAYER at 5pm

THE NOTICES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

During the Autumn/Winter, the Rector will be running
preparation classes for **First Holy Communion**,
(Baptised children from 7 years upwards.
Parent/carer must also attend the classes)

The **6 Classes** will be after Parish Mass on Sundays
beginning next **Sunday 9th November**

Please let Fr Paul know if you are interested.

First Holy Communion will be at Parish Mass
on the Sunday before Lent, 15th February 2026

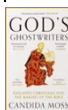
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HOLY BAPTISM &/or in **HOLY CONFIRMATION**

Ω S. PAUL'S OMEGA STUDY GROUP Ω

This Thursday, 6th Nov., 8.30 - 10pm on Zoom.

Info & login details on Parish website & the Rector's Weekly
Email. All welcome. Final discussion of

'God's Ghostwriters' by **Candida Moss** (2024),
and ideas as to what we might read and discuss in 2026.



Church Cleaning on Saturday after Mass until 12.30pm.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

'The Lord loves a cheerful giver.'

The Church, based upon biblical teaching, asks every Christian to give a Tithe,
10% of their time, talents & money to God's work, and recommends that
members contribute 5% of their income to their church. **E.g. If you earn:**

£5000 a year or, £96 a week = Give £5 a week to S. Paul's.

£10000 a year, £192 a week = £10 a week.

£20000 a year, £385 a week = £20 a week.

£25000 a year, £480 a week = £25 a week.

£30000 a year, £577 a week = £30 a week.

Over the year our costs run to almost £1,000 a week. We receive no external
subsidies, and all monies must be raised from the parishioners, through lettings,
or voluntary donations. **Thank you** for all financial contributions which help to
pay for: - the: Utility bills of the church, (gas, electricity, water) - Costs of maintaining
the worship, (e.g. candles, wine, wafers, incense) - Maintenance, cleaning, & repair of
our Grade 1 Listed church, (substantial costs) - Office costs (e.g. postage, printing,
paper) - Monthly Diocesan Parish Share to the Diocese, (80p out of every £1 we give
to the Diocese goes towards clergy stipends).

**We ask everyone, who can, to please give via Direct Debit, Standing
Order, or, via the Weekly Envelope Scheme.**

GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT: Please see the **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**
information leaflet and Direct Debit Form, on the Parish Website **ONLINE GIVING:**

Our **Give A Little** page is available on our website,
via the **Donate** button, or here: <https://bit.ly/spd-giving>

✠ FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES ✠

On the **Parish Website**, **Church Noticeboard** (churchyard
forecourt) & **Subscribe to the Rector's Weekly Email** directly
from the link on the website or by sending an email to:

stpaulsdeptford@btinternet.com

sent every Friday via MailChimp (GDPR compliant)