



St Clement's Church, Ewell

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All Masses are now live streamed. Access via the Parish Website

Sunday 26th October is the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year, and the readings and prayers can be found in the vermilion books on page 155. The first reading is from the Book of Sirach and tells us that God is a God of justice, who listens to the cry of those who are oppressed, such as widows and orphans. Moreover, God listens to the prayers of those who are humble and who turn to Him. The Gospel from Saint Luke is also about prayer, being the parable of the tax collector and the Pharisee who both go up to the Temple to pray. The prayer of the humble man is accepted and the prayer of the proud man is not. We need to understand just what humility is and why it is a great Christian virtue, just as its opposite, pride, is perhaps the worst of sins.

This Sunday we are having an appeal at all Masses for the Food Bank, in order to raise awareness of how our parish participates in the Food Bank and why its work is so important.

Richard's Tech Café! If you have any laptops, phones or other tech that are not working properly or are really slow, please bring them to the hall between the Masses on Sunday 2nd November, i.e. from 9.30am to 10.30am. If Richard gets it working, a small donation to the church would be welcome (but not necessary).

Junior Catechism restarts this **Thursday 30th October at 6pm** and **RCIA Two** restarts at **7.30pm**.

Next Sunday will be the feast of All Saints, transferred to the second day of November; and the following Monday 3rd November, will be the (transferred) Commemoration of All Souls, on which there will be Mass at 10am for All the Faithful Departed and 7pm, the latter being for the late Fr Ray Blake.

Liturgical Notes

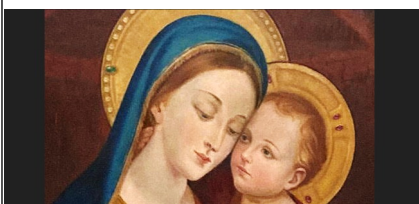
This is the month of October, which is dedicated to the Rosary and also to prayer for the Missions. There are no feasts this week, apart from Tuesday, and so we shall celebrate a Mass for the Spread of the Gospel, or for the Progress of Peoples, as is appropriate for the month.

Monday is the funeral of Richard Holland, whose Requiem Mass is at 11.30am, to which all are invited. Richard was an enthusiastic and helpful member of our parish for many years and it would be most appropriate for us to assist at his funeral, given his benefactions towards the parish. He was 95 years old. Committal will follow at Randalls Park.

There will be no 10am Mass on Monday.

Tuesday is the feast of Saints Simon and Jude, apostles. St. Simon is referred to by Luke as “the Zealot” to distinguish him from the Simon whom the Lord renamed Peter, or Rock. It is unclear whether he belonged to the political group of that day, which was known as the Zealots, or was simply known for his religious zeal. St. Jude is one of two Apostles with this name. The other, usually called Judas, is the infamous Judas Iscariot, known for his betrayal of Jesus. Saint Jude Thaddeus is the saint increasingly popular as the patron of hopeless causes. He is traditionally the author of the New Testament book the Epistle of Jude. Not much is known about the lives of Simon and Jude from the Gospels. Even so, God chose these men, granted them holiness, worked through them in the lives of many in their own time and continues to work through them today.

On Saturday, there will be Adoration and Confessions, from 10.30am until at least 11am.



There have now been over **ten and a half million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 58 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Monday 27th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2088827391922348/>

Confirmation in 2026: If you would like to make your confirmation next year and will be aged at least 15 by 31st August 2026 and are attending Mass regularly at St Clement's, application forms are available in the narthex (under the newsletters) for you to complete. The closing date for applications is Sunday 26th October. If you have completed your form, please submit it as soon as possible so that we may begin to get an idea of numbers this year.

A reminder that the Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, and details of formation and events taking place across the Diocese and our wider Catholic community. Please click on the link to sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Externally Run Events

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth - get to know your local Benedictine monastery.

A month of beauty, faith and reflection in the peace of the Surrey Hills

St Augustine's Abbey is a Roman Catholic Benedictine monastery near Guildford, Surrey and the monks welcome members of the public of all faiths and none. Sunday Mass is at 10am (followed by coffee), daily Mass is at 9am, daily Divine Office is seven times daily. Experience the ancient wisdom of monastic life - stay in our monastic guest house (by donation).

Saturday 8 November 2025 - 10:30am – 12:20pm

Public talk — *Spiritual Dimensions to the Aesthetic Response: Antonello da Messina's The Virgin Annunciate.*

Talk with illustrations by Fr Raphael Daley.

Saturday 15 November 2025 — 10:30am – 12:20pm

***The Mystery of God* (session 3: "The Divine Attributes").**

Monthly faith formation series (based on Bishop Robert Barron's series) led by Fr John Seddon OSB.

Thursday 20 November 2025 - 7 – 8:20pm

Public talk — *A. E. Housman: Scholar, Poet, Enigma.* An evening talk by Rt Rev Dom Paulinus Greenwood OSB. Immediately after the talk, attendees are welcome to attend Compline with sung Gregorian Chant in the Abbey Church (approx. 8:30–8:50 pm).

Saturday 22 November 2025 - 10am – 12 noon

Indigenous Spirituality: North America (USA & Canada) - part of the six month exploration series led by Sheila Longman. (This is the North America / First Nations session.)

Wednesdays (most weeks) - 7:30pm – 8:15pm

Lay Ecumenical Christian Meditation Group - weekly Christian meditation in the Assisi Room; no booking required. Attendees are invited to join Compline with sung Gregorian Chant in the Abbey Church afterwards (8:30–8:50 pm).



Do you have any old wood that can be donated to our parish bonfire which is coming up on Saturday 8th November? You might like to check out your garage or shed and see what you can really do without. In addition, if you wish to bring refreshments of any sort to the Bonfire Party please feel free. There will be jacket potatoes available for everyone to buy. Children are very welcome but need to be accompanied by an adult. If you do have any old wood, please leave it by the presbytery garage. Many thanks to the Scouts for their huge contribution!



Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and other assorted Christmas gifts, including advent calendars, will be on sale in the narthex from the weekend of 8th/9th November onwards. Please support us by buying your cards in the church. We have a great selection to choose from this year.



Recovery and Well Being



**Please pray for: The Zilkha Family,
Joseph Vella, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward,
Anne O'Connell, Mel Alvarez, Bea O'Reilly,
Bob Parker, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson,
Mary McGinn, Rui de Norbega, Jocelyn Bowen,
Shona Dane, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage,
Rosa Undasan & Anne-Marie Evans**

Mass Intentions from 18th to 25th October

Sat 25th 6pm	Vigil Mass	Richard C D Higgs RIP
Sun 26th 8.30am	30th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish
Sun 26th 10.30pm	30th Sunday in OT	Norton Lock
Mon 27th 11.30am	Feria in OT	Funeral of Richard Holland RIP
Wed 29th 10am	Feria in OT	Carmelite Sisters
Thu 30th 7pm	Feria in OT	GE Noone & Byrne Families RIP
Fri 31st 10am	Feria in OT	Special Intentions
Sat 1st 6pm	Vigil Mass	Wellbeing Margret Cossou
Sun 2nd 8.30am	All Saints	GE Noone & Byrne Families RIP
Sun 2nd 10.30am	All Saints	All the Dead, Fr Ray Blake RIP

Forthcoming Events

Saturday/Sunday 25/26th Oct
Food Bank appeal, all Masses.
Mon 27th Oct 11:30am
Funeral Mass of Richard Holland RIP.
Thu 30th Oct 6pm Junior Catechism.
Thu 30th Oct 7.30pm RCIA Two.
Sat 1st Nov 11am-12pm FHC Session 4.
Sun 2nd Nov 9.30-10.30am All Saints.
Richard's Tech Café, between Masses.
Mon 3rd Nov All Souls Mass at **10am & 7pm.**
Wed 5th Nov 10am Mass for James Connolly RIP.
Thu 6th Nov 7.30pm RCIA Three.
Sat 8th Nov 11am New Extraordinary Ministers training (Tivey Room).
Sat 8th Nov Bonfire Night (after 6pm Mass).
Sun 9th Nov Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica and Remembrance Sunday.

2nd Collection Information

Prisoners Sunday was £205.25
World Mission Sunday was £289.19

October Winners - 200 Club

Bernie Dunne	No.78	£30
Vissen Appadu	No.209	£20

Thank you for your continued support of your parish