



1. This weekend we celebrate the **Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The readings can be found on page 164 of the Parish Mass Books.
2. Today is also **Remembrance Sunday**, when we remember in particular the dead of the two World Wars of the Twentieth Century. The 11.30 Mass this Sunday is offered for the repose of their souls.
3. **There is a retiring collection this weekend for the ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL**. The Archbishop's Appeal seeks to invest faith, hope and love into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark – **Youth and Evangelisation** (to strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes) – **Faith in Action** (to show compassionate and active service in the world around us through social outreach) – **Clergy Care and Formation** (especially the care of sick and retired priests in their old age and ill health). Special envelopes are available in the church porch for you to use if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.
4. Our final Formational talk of the current series will be **'A great treasure – encountering Christ in the Catechism'** given by Mrs Ingrid La Trobe, from the Diocesan Agency for Catechesis and Evangelisation. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – in the Parish Centre – refreshments at 7.30 pm, talk at 8.00 pm.
5. November is traditionally the **'month of the Holy Souls'**. We should all pray for our departed loved ones, family and friends during this month, and indeed for all the departed members of our parish community and wider circle. There are special envelopes provided in the church porch in which you can place this 'November Dead List', together with a Mass offering for the Holy Souls. Please post these in to the Parish Office, and the names will then be placed in the casket beneath the High Altar for the remainder of the month. Please do not place the names directly in the casket – it is important they go via the Parish Office first.
6. Parents who need **School Reference Forms** signed for primary or secondary school transfer should drop them off at the Parish Office, 27 Nightingale Square, and Father Richard will

complete them as soon as he is able – **please make sure you include contact details in case he needs to ask you any questions.** You will be informed when the documents are ready for collection. Please note – if the school has asked you to provide a ‘Certificate of Catholic Practice’ (CCP), you must download this from the internet, print off and complete your own details before passing it on to Fr Richard. The Parish Office does NOT provide the CCP for you.

7. **We invite volunteers to act as welcomers at Mass** – you can sign up using this link <https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dJqNOrDb>
8. **Families who will be applying for places in a Catholic school – Primary, Secondary or Sixth Form – in the near future should make sure they fill in a ‘Mass attendance form’ every Sunday (or Saturday evening) during term time. Forms are available at the back of church and, once completed, should be left in the tray provided. These forms are used by the clergy to assist them in completing school reference forms when asked – most schools require evidence of 3 years weekly Mass attendance.**
9. PLEASE NOTE – the old email address for Fr Richard – [frrichard@hgbalham.com](mailto:frrichard@hgbalham.com) – has been obsolete for some time, **and Fr Richard is no longer able to access these emails.** The only email address you should use for him is – [richardwhinder@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:richardwhinder@rcaos.org.uk) – emails sent to the old address cannot be read and will not be answered.

With our prayers and best wishes,

Fr. Richard and Fr. Giovanni