Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Reg. Charity No. 1199568

Holy Family, Millbrook

ALL SAINTS(OF)
ALL SAINTS (EF)
1st November 2026

Fr Ephraim writes…

Today we celebrate all the saints: those canonised by the Church and those whose names are not recorded in its calendar. No calendar could contain them all. They were ordinary people, born into families and living everyday lives.

As we remember those who have gone before us, we also recognise saints among us—in our families and in our neighbourhoods. St Paul often addresses believers as saints, and in the Apostles' Creed we profess our faith in the communion of saints. The Church sanctifies us as we share one bread and one cup, becoming one body.

All Saints' Day is therefore a celebration of our family of faith, uniting us with the great multitude who have gone before us. We rejoice that they are with God in the heavenly paradise. We ask for their intercession, as we do at every Eucharist. May their prayers help us remain open to God's grace and live exemplary lives as pilgrims on earth as they did, guided by Christ's teaching in the Beatitudes.

Our world needs saints today, especially those who work for peace. Blessed are the peacemakers! All Saints, pray for us.

I wish you all a happy solemnity of All Saints.

God bless you this Sunday and always

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Ephraim will bless graves at Hollybrook Cemetery at 2pm on Sunday 1st November and on Sunday 8th November. Please meet outside the chapel if you would like to guide Father to particular graves. It would be helpful if you could contact the office in advance so that nobody is inadvertently missed.

St Gertrude Prayer for the Suffering Souls in Purgatory

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious Blood of Thy divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the holy souls in purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and within my family. Amen.

November is the Month of The Holy Souls

We pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred Priesthood; and for the Holy Catholic Church.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction Sunday 4.30pm

St Joseph Devotions Tuesday after 9.15am Mass

The Church is open for private prayer from 9am-6pm each day

First Reading	Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

‘Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.’

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

Responsorial Psalm	Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Second Reading	1 John 3:1-3

‘We shall see God as he is.’

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12a

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit.’

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.’

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN NOVEMBER

1ST BAMENDA

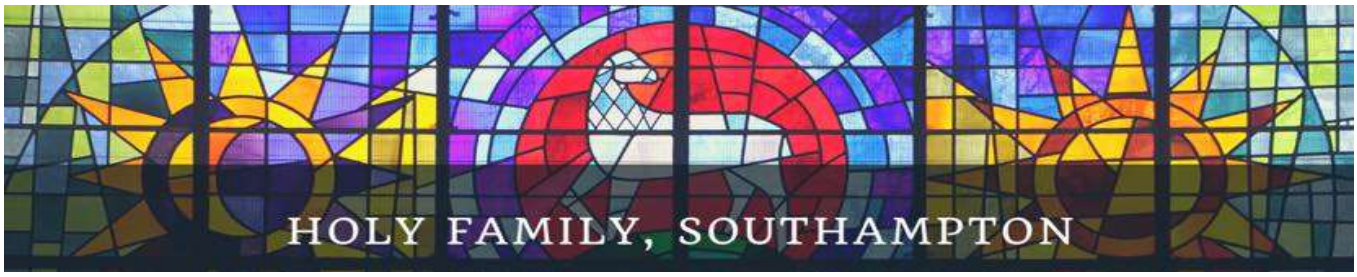
15TH PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND

We can take digital donations via the Dona collection plate at the back of the Church

or via the Parish Bank Account

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COULD YOU HELP CHILDREN FLOURISH?

Holy Family Catholic Primary School needs new governors. Could this be a way for you to serve our Parish community? You don't need to be a teacher or an expert in education. We welcome people with different backgrounds, experiences and skills who care about children and are willing to listen, learn and ask thoughtful questions. Experience of finance, law, buildings or managing people is useful, but so is the understanding you bring as a parent, grandparent, employee or volunteer.

Governors support and challenge the school's leaders, helping to ensure that every child receives the best possible education and care. We celebrate what is going well, ask where things could improve and help ensure that our Catholic faith is reflected in everyday school life.The governing body meets six times a year, usually early in the morning, with online participation often possible. There are papers to read beforehand and occasional school visits.

It is a meaningful commitment, offering the satisfaction of working with others to help children flourish. For our church community, it is also a practical expression of faith: using our time and gifts in the service of others.

Please give prayerful consideration as to whether this could be for you. An informal conversation carries no obligation.

To find out more, contact Dominic Boddington, co-chair of governors, Holy Family Catholic Primary School
Email: dboddington@holyfamilylive.net **Telephone:** 07725 896882

ADORATION

Can you spend one hour with Our Blessed Lord?
We are looking for a generous soul to spend one hour in Adoration on
Saturdays afternoons from 1pm until 2pm for the next couple of months as temporary cover for one of the Faithful Adorers or Our Blessed Lord.
Please, if you could exchange one hour of your busy life for one hour of tranquillity,
contact Angela ministry@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk or
Catherine office@holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

November Memorial Candles are now available in the repository and in the office. We are keeping these at £5 each so as to make them affordable to everybody.

We have spaces for **Sanctuary Lamp** intentions until the end of the year. Again, by keeping the cost at £10 each we hope this will make them affordable for everyone.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Please leave names of your deceased relatives and friends in an envelope in the basket at the back of the Church so that they may be included in Masses and prayers for the dead during November.
Please do not put cash in these envelopes.
If you would like to book a Mass Intention for deceased relatives and friends please use the Mass Intentions envelopes and place in the collection basket or give to Fr Ephraim or Catherine.

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH

We are enormously grateful to those who have offered to join the cleaning teams. If you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group to join the cleaning rota please contact the office.

We are still in **urgent** need of **Catechists** for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We would also be grateful for help counting collections once a month after Mass on Sundays

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY

Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION: Holy Souls				
31 Oct	Sat	Our Lady on Saturday	9.15am (OF)	Healing and Recovery
		In anticipation of	6.30pm (OF)	People of the Parish
1 Nov	Sun	**ALL SAINTS**	9.00am (EF)	Catherine Russell
	Sun	**ALL SAINTS**	10.30am (OF)	Mary James (RIP)
2 Nov	Mon	**ALL SOULS** **ALL SOULS**	9.15 am (OF) 7.30 pm (EF)	HOLY SOULS HOLY SOULS
3 Nov	Tue	St Martin de Porres	9.15 am (OF)	Ibrahim Mahama (thanksgiving)
5 Nov	Thu	Holy Relics Honoured in Churches of Diocese	7.30 pm (EF)	Deceased Members Smith and Merrifield Families
6 Nov	Fri	feria	9.15am (OF)	Blaise & Celestine Shannon (RIP)
7 Nov	Sat	Our Lady on Saturday	9.15am (OF)	Maria Siu Pero Vong
		in anticipation of	6.30pm (OF)	People of the Parish
8 Nov	Sun	**5th after Epiphany**	9.00am (EF)	Amy Hawkins (birthday/conversion)
		THIRTY SECOND ORDINARY	10.30 am (OF)	Maria Nguyen Thi Suu & Peter Le Van Vong (RIP)

Please place Mass intentions in the collection basket. Whilst there is no obligation to make an offering for a Mass intention, the offering does make up a considerable part of a priest's income. Thank you

Confessions (when there is Mass)
Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm
Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm
Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am
Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm
Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations
Sunday: 4.30 pm
St Joseph Devotions—Tuesdays after Mass

Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite
RCIA - Mondays at 7.00pm
Parish Prayers* **Last Tuesdays 7.00-8.00pm**
Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm
Sewing Group - Fridays at 10.00am
Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon:
Next Lunch :
Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm
*This group prays for the intentions in the Holy Family Prayer book and for all additional intentions brought to the group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1st Blessing of Graves 2pm Hollybrook **2nd All Souls Masses at 9.15am (OF) and 7.30pm (EF)** **8th Blessing of Graves 2pm Hollybrook**	**8th Immaculate Conception** **15th Carols by Candlelight** **9th Jan 2027 Parish Ceilidh**

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