



## St Clement's Church, Ewell

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### 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 is the Thirtieth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading, from the prophet Jeremiah, describes the return of the Chosen People to their ancestral land after their exile in Babylon. In the Gospel, from St Mark, we hear the story of the cure of the blind man Bartimaeus, who is saved by His faith in the Lord and his persistence in calling out to Him. Jesus is going up to Jerusalem from Jericho and Bartimaeus, newly cured, follows him. In Jerusalem Jesus will suffer, die and rise again for our salvation. Bartimaeus is one of the several named characters in the Gospel which shows that he would have been known to many of the original readers.

### Liturgical notes

We are in the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is also the month of prayer for the missions. On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate the Mass for the Propagation of the Gospel. On weekdays, we shall recite the Rosary after the morning Mass. November, coming soon, is the month dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed.

On days when there is no feast we shall be offering the daily Mass for the dead.

**Monday** is the feast of **Saints Simon and Jude**, apostles. Very little is known about either of them. Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. In two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a nationalist and extreme Jewish sect. Just why Simon was so called, and how he gained this nickname, is not known.

**Thursday** is the **Vigil of All Saints, and Mass is at 7pm.**

**Friday** is the **Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation.** Mass is at 10am. On this day we commemorate of all those who are saints, and dwelling in the presence of God, though they might not be recognised as such as yet, if ever. Among them, we hope, are many of our friends and relations who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

**Saturday** is the **Commemoration of All Souls**, otherwise known as the Day of the Dead, when we are urged to pray for the faithful departed, or Holy Souls. We will gather at the cemetery in Ewell village – the opposite side of the road to the Anglican church – at 12 noon for prayers; after which Fr Alexander will at your request visit and bless individual graves.

A plenary Indulgence is granted to all those who visit to a cemetery and pray for the Holy Souls, along with Confession and Holy Communion, applicable to a soul in Purgatory, during the first week in November.

A similar indulgence is granted to all those who visit a Church on this day.

**Next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**, the 10.30am Mass will be offered for all who have died this year in the parish.

All who have lost someone this last year are invited to their commemoration at the altar of God. Also next Sunday, after the 10.30am Mass, we are having the parish open meeting. Fiona Perks will organise the agenda and the minutes.

If you have any items for discussion, please send them to her via email directly, or through the parish office.

### There are two lists in the sacristy.

The first is for all those coming to the face to face mandatory **safeguarding training** on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 11am in the Tivey Room. This is for parish volunteers, those who might like to volunteer in future and all who are interested. Space will be limited. The second is for **Altar Servers** to signify their attendance on the

**Training, Pizza and Games night on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.**

**On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, the deanery clergy meet as usual; but before the meeting there is a Mass for the deceased clergy who have served in this deanery at 11am in St Michael's in Ashtead, to which you are all invited.

That very same evening, the parish core teams of the whole deanery have been invited to

St Andrew's school for an evening of prayer and reflection, from 7-9pm.

### Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November, (9am to 2pm). Tickets for the grand draw, with lots of exciting prizes, will be available after all Masses on the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November and up until the fair. The grand draw is an important church fundraiser so please make sure you get your tickets. There will be lists in the narthex for stallholders to sign up and for donations of goods for the fair. Donations should be left under the stairs in the narthex, we particularly need prizes for the grand draw and wheel of fortune, bottles, toys, selection boxes, unwanted gifts and curios, cakes etc. Please no jumble or books.

### 'An A to Z of Catholicism' has reached 'C is for Communion'

This is not about the Blessed Sacrament, but the far more recondite subject of who is and who is not in communion with the Church and what it means to be excommunicated. All are welcome. This will take place after the 7pm Mass on Thursday. The talk will be recorded and put up on the internet, via YouTube, and shared to our Facebook group.

### Hall Hire

We have placed our Hall under management, and bookings are now being handled by **Praetorium**, who specialise in this field. We are obviously keen to take bookings. The office number is **01372 457651** and their email is: **office@lowcosthalls.co.uk**. The office is open from 9am-5pm Mon-Fri. To the left of the Hall door is a key safe, newly installed. (Thanks to Rod.) The code can be made known on application of your booking.

### Catholics are urged to contact their MPs today to stop the legalisation of Assisted Suicide

To find out more about the Bill and contact your MP please visit: [www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now).

**Thoughts on Assisted Dying/Suicide, part two.** When someone commits suicide, it used to be the Coroner's verdict that they did so when the balance of their mind was disturbed; in other words that suicide was never a rational act. Nowadays people who are suffering a great deal may indeed want to die because the pain may be so unbearable, but our response should in the first place be to relieve their pain, which is the goal of palliative medicine. Huge strides have been made in this field in recent years, and hospices are skilled in helping people to have a 'good', that is, serene and dignified, death. One reason we are against 'assisted dying'/euthanasia is because it is in the vast majority of cases simply unnecessary. People in severe pain can be given the appropriate medication, even when this medication effectively shortens their lives, as long as the treatment is intended as pain relief, not to kill them as such. But deliberately taking steps to kill someone is an entirely different matter. In addition, when people are dying, it is quite allowed to let nature take its course, and not to take extraordinary steps to prolong life; though one must continue with ordinary care such as nourishment and hydration where possible.

### Advent Reflection Course

Fiona Perks will be running an Advent reflection course on Friday 22nd November and the following three Fridays at 2pm at St Clement's school. The course will follow the same Sycamore programme as the Lent group held earlier this year.

All parents and parishioners are welcome. If you are interested please let the school office know. If you would like to have more information on the course content please use the following website link.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

From the Weds 27th Nov & the following 3 Weds there will be an **Advent Reflection Group** in the Tivey Room from 11:15am-12noon. All Welcome Also the same as above on Zoom from 27th Nov from 7:30pm-9pm. Details to follow.

### Final Call for Confirmation Programme 2025

If you would like to make your Confirmation next year then please take an application form from the Narthex and complete asap. The programme will be starting shortly, so don't miss your opportunity to be Confirmed in 2025.

### Christmas Card Sale 16th & 17th November in the Narthex

#### Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	31 Oct	Vigil Mass of All Saints, <b>7pm</b>	
Thurs	31 Oct	A to Z of Catholicism - Communion, <b>7.30pm</b>	
Fri	1 Nov	Mass of All Saints, <b>10am</b>	
Sat	2 Nov	Finance Committee meeting <b>9am</b>	
Sat	2 Nov	Feast of All Souls Blessing of Graves <b>12 noon</b>	
Sun	3 Nov	Parish Open meeting, <b>11.30am</b>	
Weds	6 Nov	Safeguarding Training face to face <b>11am</b>	
Thurs	7 Nov	Funeral Mass of James Hugh Delahunt RIP <b>11am</b>	
Thurs	7 Nov	A to Z of Catholicism - the Devil, <b>7.30pm</b>	
Sat	9 Nov	FHC 3rd Session, <b>11am-12pm</b>	
Sat	9 Nov	FHC Catechists Meeting, <b>12pm-1pm</b>	
Tues	12 Nov	Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, at St Michael's Ashtead <b>11am</b>	
Thurs	14 Nov	Parish Core Group meeting, <b>7.30pm</b>	
Sat	16 Nov	FHC 4th Session, <b>11am-12pm</b>	

### Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thurs- day, Mass is at 7pm.

**Confessions are on Saturday mornings at  
10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest).**  
During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be  
exposed for silent Adoration.

### The October winners for the 200 Club are:

Sandra Feltham	No.77	£30
Antony Crouch	No.89	£20

### CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse & the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal & support our local Caritas partners in Gaza & Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

### Mass Intentions October 2024

Sat	26	6pm	Vigil Mass	<b>In thanks Norton Lock</b>
Sun	27	8:30am	30th Sunday in OT	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sun	27	10:30am	30th Sunday in OT	<b>Richard Nicholls RIP</b>
Mon	28	10am	Sts Simon & Jude	<b>GE Mrs Lepore</b>
Wed	30	10am	Mass for the Propagation of the Gospel	<b>GE Mrs Lepore</b>
Thu	31	7pm	All Saints	<b>Jean Marshall RIP</b>
Fri	1	10am	All Saints	<b>GE Mrs Lepore</b>
Sat	2	6pm	Vigil Mass	<b>GE Mrs Lepore</b>
Sun	3	8:30am	31st Sunday in OT	<b>Jacinta Fahy RIP</b>
Sun	3	10:30am	31st Sunday in OT	<b>For all parishioners &amp; all the dead</b>

### Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for: Louise Charge, Kitty  
Cusack, Steve Kamm,



Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen,  
Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez,  
Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares,  
Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft  
and Sally Mason.