

## Today's Gospel

The Gospel is Matthew's presentation of the spiritual platform Jesus will stand upon and to which He will invite others to join Him there. These are His basic invitations for real living as did Moses present his laws-for-life upon a mountainside. These are the characteristics of those who desire a participation in the life He would live and for which He would die.

Holy are the "poor in spirit" because of God's goodness to them and through them. What is "poor of spirit" is precisely that they know they have received what they are.

Holy are they who "mourn". Grieving is a most human sense of loss. This dramatic invitation flows from the same spirit of poverty. The holiness of God shared with us does not deny the feelings of our hearts. The Lord gives us life so as to lead us beyond this living. Happy then are the holy who know that they love enough to cry. The holiness of God allows a holy meekness which does not need to raise a defensive fist, but an open hand to receive life as it is offered. That holiness, blessedness, is generous in the face of oppression, humble or honest as it confronts mystery. It is not passive in response to life, but shows up in the presence of obstinate power.

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness participate in the love of God Who seeks orderliness. Justice is a rightness. It invites a life of gratitude to God who has given everything and actually does not belong to anyone exclusively. Self righteousness is different. It is a life based on the belief that our actions are what make us righteous. This thirsting on our part is a reflection of the desire for God to share what godliness we can handle.

Happy are they who reveal the mercy and healing of the divine Peacemaker. Happy those whose hearts are pure enough to allow God to be seen. This last one is a doozy. Being insulted and persecuted we are invited to rejoice when we experience falsehoods spoken against us. We can be, by the way we live and make choices, insulted and denounced. This happens when others are insulted by our being who we are. The rejoicing comes from our being intensely identified as followers of Jesus. Being persecuted, insulted and lied about is an indication of just how closely we do follow Him who so knew who He was that "sticks and stones" could break His bones, but falseness never hurt His name.

*"Let us all rejoice in the Lord and keep a festival in honour of all the saints."*

## Saint Paul the Apostle, Tottenham

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### The Solemnity of All Saints



#### Hymns this week

Preparation : 163, 300  
 Mass: 80, 65, 66, 126, 88, 316, 224, 354  
 Missal: p. 962

### The week at Saint Paul's

Mon 2	ALL SOULS' DAY	12noon 7.30pm	Mass Sung Mass
Tue 3	S. Martin de Porres	7.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary Mass
Wed 4	S. Charles Borromeo	12noon	Mass Coleraine Club
Thu 5	weekday	9.15am	School Mass
Fri 6	Of the Sacred Heart	7.30pm	Mass Social Club
Sat 7	Of our Lady	9.00am 10.00am	Mass Office Hour
Sunday 8	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00am 10.00am 5.15pm	Mass Parish Mass Mass

## Notices this Week:

A warm welcome to all who are visiting or new to the Parish. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall after Mass.

Thanks once again to all those who helped with Friday night's confirmation. Thanks, too, to Marietta and Zena, who prepared our candidates.

Many thanks to those who contributed to last night's very successful Starlight Concert.

**Tomorrow is All Souls' Day**, when we give thanks for and pray for all the souls of the Faithful Departed, including our own loved ones. There will be a Mass at 12noon and a Solemn Mass at 7.30pm. If there is anyone you wish to be remembered by name, please print this on the sheet in the corridor in Church.

**The Apostle is out today: please take a copy home with you.**

**Tuesday at 7.30pm: our monthly Healing Mass, with anointing and laying on of hands.**

**Standing Committee:** a further Standing Committee of the PCC will meet on Wednesday 11 November in the Vicarage.

**International Evening: Saturday 21 November from 6.30pm.**

**Looking Ahead:**

Saturday 5 December from 2.00pm: Our Christmas Bazaar

**Collection last week: Plate: £135.70 Envelope: £461.16**

### Rotas next week:

Eucharistic Ministers:	Maurice & Ariel
Sidespersons:	Pauline, Edna, Celis, Serwah
Teas & Coffees:	Beverley & Myrtle
Cleaning:	Esther & Emma
Readers & Intercessor:	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



**The Church:** The Dominican Order

**The World:** The European Union

**The Community:** Park Lane Children's Centre

### In Hospital or Sick:

Camillia Boll, Dennis Hurley, Gwen Bailey, Vincent Wheatle, John Davy, Valerie Munroe, Anetha Langford, Hilary Stoughton, Rita Mason, Grace Adjekum, Norma Campbell, Hilary Robinson, Ruth Williams, Edna Henry, Myra Lea, Pat Nurse, Magdalen Octave, David Brown, Mary Edwards, Benjamin Browne, Hugh Davis, Ken Lovell, Joe Salmon, Pearl Welsh, Mary White, Franklin Farrington, Chanel Jones, Rheama Ivy Nhyira Wimfrey-Dallas, Ama Achiah, John Duah, Francis Layne, Olajumoke & Toyin, Charles Bryceland, Mary White, Cynthia Myers, Veta James, Henry Robinson, Tumpa Rahman, Denise Robotham, Cheryl Codrington, Baby Freddy Hearn, Jacob Sear, Shenelle Dyal, Florence Lan-George, baby Josh, Oliver Lewis, Patricia Salmon, Winifred Gordon, Sharon Roberts, Edward Agyeman, Shaun Tyrell, Selvin Grant, Elaine Mitchell.

*Please use the 'Prayer Request' card when commending someone for prayer.*

### Those who have asked for Prayers:

Olive Blagrove, Enid Davy, Jermaine, Sandra Davis, John Duah, Danah Grant-White, Sylvia Dabriel, Eunice Markum Riley, Marcia Ford, Hyacinth Brown, Gaynor Brown, Carl Sealy, Matilda-Owusu Ansah, Yvonne Tyrell, Stanley Hayes, Prince Lewis, Laura Regisford, Jurelle Hayles, Houston Jones, Daniel Stevens, Celis Jacobs, Kwame Fosu-Gyemsi, Cyril Layne, Mrs Ogunsiakan, Paula Simms, Kim, Charlene, Daphne Hayles, the Schroyögg family, Fedora Karoma, Frank Piper, Mr & Mrs J Atulomah, Yaw Antwi-Boasiako, Khalon Hayesman, Temitope Oluwa, Marietta Gilkes,, Elise Hayles, Ama Achiah, Kofi Appiah, Derrick McDonald, Suzanne McDonald, Pat Thompson, Christine Mullan, Anastasia Anstey, Sally Eyres, Zena Cudjoe, Osei Owusu, Brian Kennaby

**Faithful Departed: Angela Bedford**

**Anniversaries: Percy Fletcher, Cordelia Forbes (1<sup>st</sup>); Francis Franco, Tiny Black (2<sup>nd</sup>); Charles Stoughton, Julie Barton (3<sup>rd</sup>); Anthony Young, Samuel Lock, Doris Benham, Arlene Patterson (4<sup>th</sup>); Susan Miller (5<sup>th</sup>); Hubert Lynam (6<sup>th</sup>)**