



LITURGY

First reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14

Response to the Psalm: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Second reading: First Letter of St. John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12



Dear Parishioners

Today's Feast of All Saints is a feast of encouragement, celebrating that we are called to be saints. The biblical meaning of 'saint' is a person who is trying to live a life of holiness for the Lord. Our modern idea has restricted the term to those who are in heaven. Just the same we still use the term 'Communion of Saints' to refer to the union of all members of Christ in the Church militant here on earth and the Church suffering in purgatory, as well as the Church triumphant in heaven. The “communion” or “fellowship” which we have with each other comes from our union with God. We do not come together to form a community and then begin to worship. Rather, we come to worship, and by that worship we are formed into a community. And we must always see our Communion of Saints in the context of Christ. Only through, with and in him do we have communion with each other and with the saints in heaven. So we should not visualise our relationship with the saints as their being so many functionaries through whom we must go to get to the boss. Our relationship with the saints is a circle, not a hierarchical bureaucracy. The saints intercede for us, just as we intercede for each other.

**God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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All Saints Year (A)

Week commencing Sunday 1st November 2020

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Masses

Sat 31 st Oct		All Saints	Zita, Harold & Sollis Family Deceased
Sun 1 st Nov		All Saints	People of the Parish
Mon 2 nd Nov			
Tue 3 rd Nov			Fallon & Gartland Families
Wed 4 th Nov		St. Charles Borromeo (m)	Clewlou & Barton Families
Thur 5 th Nov		RIP EBC Rel. etc.	Barbara Flowers
Fri 6 th Nov			Stephen Wardle
Sat 7 th Nov	5.00 pm	32nd Sunday Year A	For the fallen in all military conflicts, their families and friends and
Sun 8 th Nov		32nd Sunday Year A	for all the departed parishioners of St. Mary's

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Pamela Young, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross.

Those who have recently died:

Jennifer Harvey, Anne Nora Finnegan, Mary Hadley, Barbara Flowers, Gerald Clarke, Alma Clarke, Eric George Dunton, Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney, Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Gemma Holdsworth

Information and Prayers

In November it is traditional to pray for those who have died in our parish and our families. Due to the covid 19 restrictions we are unable to leave out the Holy Souls Mass offering envelopes.

However, if you do wish to have Mass offered during November for someone who has died please put the name on a piece of paper together with your Mass offering in an envelope & pop it through the presbytery door.



PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love You above all things

and I passionately desire

to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers.

God Bless you.

On the welcome page of our website you will find a button marked 'Please sign up for our Bulletin Mailing List.' Please do so *Because Neil and I will be unable to send out the bulletins after the end of November due to diocesan regulations concerning GDPR!*

There has been a definite change in the weather and autumn is certainly here.

We are required to have the windows open in the church during Holy Mass & Sacramental Services to allow for adequate ventilation. Unfortunately, this does mean that the church may be a bit chilly. I would, therefore, encourage you to come prepared! If it is chilly outside – it will probably be chilly in the church – and a coat will help to keep you warm.