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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Rev. 7:2-4, 9-14

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

**Second reading:** 1John 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

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Dear Parishioners

Today's Feast of All Saints is a feast of encouragement, celebrating that we are all 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 (B)

Week commencing Sunday 31st October 2021

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Masses

Sat 30 th Oct	5pm	ALL SAINTS	Derek & Janet Sollis Golden Wedding Ann.
Sun 31 st Oct.		ALL SAINTS	People of the Parish
Mon 1 st Nov			
Tues 2 nd Nov		The Faithful Departed	Pamela Jones RIP
Wed 3 rd Nov			Zita & Harold Sollis & Family RIP
Thur 4 th Nov		St. Charles Borromeo (m)	
Fri 5 th Nov			Private Intention
Sat 6 th Nov	5pm	32nd Sunday (Year B)	Kathleen & John O'Brien RIP
Sun 7 th Nov		32nd Sunday (Year B)	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily.

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:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards

Those who have recently died: ,

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, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons.

Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse

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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

INFORMATION

Prayers for the Sick

If you wish to have someone added or removed to/from the prayer list please let Father know and keep him informed as the list will be updated every three months. Thank you