

Sunday
3rd November 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalter week 111
Year: B

Deut 6:2-6, Ps 17,
Heb 7: 23-28, Mark 12: 28-34



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Wednesday: 10am to 12noon

November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory

MASSES AND SERVICES

Saturday 2 nd Nov	<i>All Souls - Feast</i> Mass 9.30am Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 3 rd Nov	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am
Monday 4 th Nov	<i>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>
Tuesday 5 th Nov	Children's Rosary 6.30pm followed by St Anthony's Devotions & Mass 7pm
Wednesday 6 th Nov	Mass 9.30am <i>Adoration: 10am – 11am – after Mass (see note below)</i>
Thursday 7 th Nov	<i>St Willibrord, Bishop</i> Rosary 9.10am Mass 9.30am
Friday 8 th Nov	Mass 9.30am
Saturday 9 th Nov	<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast</i> Mass 9.30am Adoration 4.30pm – 5.30pm Confessions: 5.30pm – 5.55pm Vigil Mass 6pm
Sunday 10 th Nov	<i>Remembrance Day: Special Day of Prayer for all Victims of War</i> 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions: 9am – 9.25am Mass 9.30am

INTENTIONS

People of the Parish

Bart Bradshaw RIP

Cicuttin Family
Teresa Cicuttin's mum RIP (KC)

Rosemary Prendergast

Will Prendergast

People of the Parish

Dot Bell RIP

PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION IN A BUSY WORLD: Adoration of the blessed Sacrament will take place after Mass on Wednesday (10 to 11 am), the plan would be to extend this time of prayer before the Lord into the early afternoon, however folk would need to sign up and commit to an hour or half an hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME: Percy Kelly, Marie Howard, Rosemary Prendergast, Rose Kilshaw, Ruby Donnelly and Rose Hewitt.

THE SICK, ELDERLY, HOUSE BOUND and those in care homes are important members of our parish community: Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Peter Lloyd, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Michael Darby and Andrea Burns.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30am MASS: This week it's Jenny and Reta with proceeds to fund refurbishment of the Parish gardens and borders. Next week it is Sue with proceeds to Cafod.

OUR MISSION TOGETHER: At all Masses this weekend, Fr Patrick will be making an important announcement about Our Mission Together, a Diocesan planned giving campaign that started in 2016.

ST CLARE'S SVP CONFERENCE: We helped with the movement of some small furniture items to a beneficiary this week as well as completing payment of a carpet. We have an afternoon tea event on Saturday 9th Nov at St Columba's Church Hall. Let us know if you would like to attend. Thanks for your help always. God bless. Steve

CAN YOU HELP? A family of 4 who currently live in a village near Kyiv need to flee their normal home in Ukraine. The wife needs to get out on medical grounds and her husband has been granted permission to leave to accompany her. They are both aged 40 with 2 sons, one aged 15, one aged 5. They are seeking a sponsor who can accommodate them under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. If you can help, please ring Robin Green on 01244 671532 for further information. Thank you.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: *For Anyone who has Lost a Child:* We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The first Holy Communion course will be starting on the first Sunday in Advent, if parents could please enrol their children on the program before the end of November. Fr Patrick

TALK BY CARDINAL MICHAEL FITZGERALD: St Werburgh's Church (CH1 1QJ) on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 pm. Cardinal Fitzgerald has spent all of his working life as a missionary on the interface between Islam and Christianity, heading important Vatican departments in this field and working in key Middle East postings, including Egypt and Jerusalem. He will be at St Werburgh's to talk about "Muslim-Christian Relations Today", and to answer questions. All very welcome. 7.30 pm start, 8.15 pm Questions and Answers, 9.00 pm finish.

THE NEW LECTIONARY: The new lectionary will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent and ours has arrived, many thanks again to an anonymous Parishioner who kindly donated the full cost of the new copy. Canon Christopher Thomas, General Secretary of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, is encouraging Catholics to be patient, to sit with the text – a text designed for proclamation – and to see its beauty. He says:

"We'll be using the *English Standard Version – Catholic Edition*, which is a beautiful text. It will be different from the *Jerusalem Bible* that we've used since 1970. There is a deeper theological understanding, a sense of freshness because we are looking at a text that has been developed. It's not the same as the Bible. Think of new shoes, you put them on, they're not the same as an old pair that was soft and worn. They rub a bit. But you stick with them, keep wearing them, your feet begin to mould to them. I hope that this lectionary will stand the test of time for many years to come."

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: At the end of 9.30am Mass on Sunday 10th November there will be a short Act of Remembrance during which a wreath will be laid on the Altar steps. Do we have a serving, or ex-service, member of the Forces among our Parishioners who would be willing to do that on behalf of the Parish? Please email: patriddell31@aol.com or call 07941839161

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Mass on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm: for the recently bereaved and those members of our Community who have died in the last 3 years.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY: A 'Children's Rosary Group' will take place every first Tuesday of the month starting this week 5th Nov at 6.30pm before the evening Mass. The 'Children's Rosary' helps children to grow in holiness and become leaders in their faith. There will be a small 'treat' celebration for the children after the Mass in the Parish room. Please bring children 2-14 yrs. Any questions please contact Janka on jankawhitlock@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS: Calling all young people (& not so young people!) Are you interested in becoming an Altar Server? Fr Patrick would love to hear from you or contact Mike Darby: m.darby@appliedsoftware.co.uk

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