

November and praying for the Dead

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- **Mass on Monday** will be offered for all deceased members of our parish.
- **Masses for the Dead.** Envelopes are available at the offertory table for those who wish to arrange a 'November' Mass for deceased family and friends.
- **Blessing of Graves/Prayers at the graveside.** There are no Deanery services this year. But the following pattern of prayer can be used by anyone visiting a grave at this time.

Introduction

We come to pray for those we love who have died and gone before us. As we remember the death of our loved one(s) we pray in faith that by the new creation they may bear the image of Jesus who was raised to glory.

Reading

St Paul wrote:
We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

Romans 6:8-9

Prayer

Eternal God, we give thanks for N. We come to remember *him/her*, for the bonds of love are not unravelled by death. Keep us all one in your love and care so that at the last, we may be gathered together with N., in your loving embrace. O God, when memory is sad, hold us gently in your hand. When memory is sweet, give us grace to thank you. Watch always over N., and at the last may we all be united in your glory. These things we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Those gathered in prayer might like to now sprinkle the grave with Holy Water, or place flowers on the grave.

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

All say: Our Father....

Eternal rest grant unto *him /her*, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon *him/her*.

May *he/she* rest in peace. **Amen.**

May *his/her* soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

Fratelli Tutti is a timely and hopeful (and long) letter from Pope Francis on how our world is and how it is called to be - and on our proper part in it all.

Before Covid-19 - if you can remember that far back - a number of *Owning Our Faith & Calling* groups were meeting monthly to help us all reflect on our lives in the light of our Christian faith and vocation.

These paused as the Pandemic hit. But *Fratelli Tutti* is an opportunity to start those groups up again, in our changed circumstances. Materials for a series of 10 meetings to support a slow reading of *Fratelli Tutti* have begun to be posted on the parish website..

If you would like to take part in a Zoom group as a participant then either contact your previous group leader or email Fr Allen. Or use the resources by yourself or with your family or friends (observing the rules about social distance!).

Guiding People to Free Debt Advice

A webinar run by Advice4Renters on 11th Nov from 6.30pm to 8.30pm aimed at helping those who advise on problems of personal or household debt. The workshop covers the causes of debt problems and how to respond when someone tells you they're in debt. Join online by signing up at <https://bit.ly/3k4M5GH>

On-line Support for Prayer

- Weekly parish Zoom prayer meetings - Sun at 4pm for Lectio Divina and Mon at 7pm for Rosary.

Zoom links are posted on the parish Blog on the day. Do join us - especially if you are not confident in returning to church for Mass.

- Reflections on the Readings and Prayers of the following Sunday's Mass are posted daily on the parish Blog (Weds to Sun). *Spending time with the readings and prayers before Mass is a good way of helping Mass be more fruitful for us.*

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for November is that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

More information at www.popesprayer.va

Now it's back, what do we call it?

As you know our former parish church, until recently leased out as a community centre, was known as *The Carpenter's Arms*, during the time of that lease. Now it's are back, what do we call it? To suit its new role for Church outreach and service of the local community?

One suggestion has been *The Newman Centre* in honour of St John Henry Newman who celebrated Mass in our first chapel on Boldmere Road.

What do you think? If you have suggestions, please share them with Fr Allen.



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- **Mass this Friday** will be offered for everyone who has died during the past year: parishioners, family, friends - everyone. The circumstances of the year have meant that often people have not been able to attend funerals. This Mass is an opportunity to come together to spend time together and with the Lord and pray for them.

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Please keep John Garvey in your prayers.

He is to be ordained deacon by Archbishop Bernard at St Chad's Cathedral this Sunday at 3pm.

In normal circumstances our parish would have all sorts of ways in joining with John in the ordination and celebrating it afterwards. But we are not in normal circumstances.

So, sadly, we cannot arrange for a group of parishioners to attend the ordination, but the Mass of Ordination is being live streamed and can be viewed on the Cathedral webpage or <https://bit.ly/34jVuF8>.

Sadly, too, we cannot yet arrange a parish party to celebrate with John and his family. But we look forward to the time when we can.

Do please pray for John - and also for Dirk Hermans and Dominic Kerr who are being ordained together with John for service as deacons elsewhere.

John will serve as deacon here at St Nick's at the Sunday Masses on Nov 7th/8th (Sat 6pm and Sun 9am and 11am).

Can you support local Catholic schools by serving as a Foundation Governor.

All sort of skills can be of great benefit to a Board of Governors - financial, personnel, admin, legal.

For a brief outline of the role go to <https://bit.ly/35sn153>

More information - and a form to apply - is available from Fr Allen.

NB The 4pm Masses on Saturdays (1st Mass of Sunday) will resume on 28 Nov, after the 1st Communion Masses on 7, 14 and 21 Nov)



Present Arrangements for Mass

Face coverings: Regulations require members of the congregation, aged 5 and over, to wear face-coverings over their nose and mouth throughout the time we are in church. *If you have an exemption certificate please confirm in advance with Fr Allen, so that appropriate seating to be arranged for you and to safeguard others.*

Social distancing: If you are attending Mass with others, then the group you attend with should not exceed more than six people. Your group of six can be made up of people from outside your household, but strict social distancing must be maintained between members of different households at all times.

Offertory: There is no offertory collection at present, but there is a basket for your offerings on the table just inside the church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

MASS DURING THE HEALTH CRISIS

On days when there is no public Mass (because no volunteers for stewarding/cleaning) Fr Allen celebrates Mass 'privately' in the church usually at 0830.

Day	Time	Location	Notes
Sa 31	4pm	ALL SAINTS <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	Mary Gavin RD (Wilkinson)
	6pm		
Su 1	9am	ALL SAINTS <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	Aidan Redmond RIP (Redmond) For the parish
	11am		
M 2	10am	All Souls	For dec'sd members of the parish
T 3	10am		Mary Gavin RIP (Green)
W 4		St Charles Borromeo	
Th 5			
F 6			For all who have died in the last year
Sa 7	4pm	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	Mary Gavin RIP (Mooney) Decsd members of Li and Nheu families For the parish
	6pm		
Su 8	9am	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	Mary Gavin RIP (Mooney) Decsd members of Li and Nheu families For the parish
	11am		

Sacrament of Reconciliation The current restrictions make it impractical to celebrate the Sacrament in the Confessional room. However, if you wish to celebrate Reconciliation, please contact Fr Allen who will be happy to arrange a time and place to celebrate this sacrament of mercy with you.

Please pray for sick parishioners including Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke. Please pray for Mary Joan McGill who died recently and for Nancy King, Bridget Broom, Edna Murray, William Pearce, Margaret Dines, Robert Pillely, Peter Dunn and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Mass of **All Saints**

The Introductory Rites

The Introductory Rites help the faithful to come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The Penitential Act

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the people of the covenant shared in Christ, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. The proclamation of the word is essential to the Mass

A brief time of quiet after the readings allows those present to take the word of God to heart and begin to prepare a prayerful response to what we have heard.

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four an-

imals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Psalm 23(24):1-6

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful (omitted at the Bishop's request)

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.

The Offertory

There is no offertory collection at this time. Instead, you are invited to place your offerings in the basket at the entrance to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Eucharistic Prayer, the centre and summit of the entire celebration is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father

The Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world,

for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE COMMUNION RITE

Eating and drinking together of the Lord's Body and Blood in a Paschal meal is the culmination of the Eucharist.

The themes underlying these rites are the mutual love and reconciliation that are both the condition and the fruit of worthy communion and the unity of the many in the One.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Please follow guidance on when to come to Holy Communion and keep social distancing in an orderly queue.

As you approach the priest, please do so with arms at "full stretch" to keep a good distance between you and the priest.

Communion will be given silently, and in the hand only. (Your hands - palms upwards, one of top of the other - should be extended as flatly as possible).

Prayer after Communion

The Concluding Rites

The brief Concluding Rite sends the people forth to put into effect in their daily lives the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ which they have celebrated. Their mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

Blessing

Dismissal

Retiring Collection today for the diocesan Clergy Training Fund. *This is our last retiring collection until December.*

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- **GIFT AID** allows the Church reclaim tax paid on your offering, to raise a further 25% for the church at no further cost to you.
- **STANDING ORDERS** are a helpful way of making your offering. *Forms for GA and SO are available from Fr Allen or the parish website.*
- **GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** Numbered envelopes are available or those in the Gift Aid scheme who still use the envelopes.