



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5th November 2023

Second collection - Sick & Retired Priests'

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility.

Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS CHURCH TEACHING ON PURGATORY

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved. November 2nd is All Souls Day, also known as the Day of the Dead.

The souls in purgatory died in the mercy of God, this is why they are called holy; however, because they still had attachment to sin at the time of their death, they must undergo a spiritual purification of their souls before they are able to fully love God with their whole heart, mind, and soul for all eternity.

The holy souls are "saved souls" - they will enjoy the reward of heaven - but during their lives they were not the perfect souls that Christ commanded them to be (Mat. 5:48), and for which he provided every grace and means for them to become. We are meant to die after living as saints. Those who die in the love of God but fall short of holiness due to habitual sinful clingings must be pure before being admitted to the beatific vision, that is, the vision of God that the saints in heaven enjoy for all eternity. Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, they must rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf. As they

are nevertheless part of the Communion of Saints, they depend upon us to help ease their suffering and quickly advance them through their purification so that they can join the saints in heaven. Prayers for the faithful departed please God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls that He loves.

Contactless Payment Machine

We have recently upgraded our Contactless Payment Machine situated at the back of the church. You can now make a donation (plus add Gift Aid), pay for your Repository items and also make a donation for a Mass Intention using the machine. For a Mass Intention, please continue to fill in one of the brown envelopes and add the named intention to the list on the Notice Board in the porch.

Hearing Loop

The Hearing Loop (for those parishioners who wear hearing aids) was upgraded last week. Hopefully you will now enjoy an even clearer sound from the Sanctuary!

Gardening Group

A big thank you to the small team of people who have been doing so much work in the church grounds. This is a real demonstration of 'Stewardship' in action and there is always room for more volunteers. Why don't you think about adopting a small area to maintain?

Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje

Dear children! Winds of evil, hatred and peacelessness are blowing through the earth to destroy lives. That is why the Most High sent me to you, to lead you towards the way of peace and unity with God and people. You, little children, are my extended hands: pray, fast and offer sacrifices for peace - the treasure for which every heart yearns. Thank you for having responded to my call. (October 25, 2023)

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is the month when we think about the holy souls and especially from our own families, those close to our hearts. There will be a **book of remembrance**, which will be present at every mass. We will offer Holy Mass for deceased. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church with a list of those to be entered into the Book. Please fill out the list provided of your deceased parents, relatives and friends and all you wish to pray. The Church prays for everyone who has passed on to the next life marked with the sign of

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FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE: Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis. **ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** is our Catholic Parish Primary School.

Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER

Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS

Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

faith. Let us remember them, our faith tells us that they are very much alive, and our prayers can help them. They can pray for us while we can pray for them.

OPEN MORNING - St John's Catholic Primary School

We are holding an Open Morning on Friday 1st December between 10.00 am and 11.00 am for children who will be starting school in September 2024. For more information please visit stjohns4.herts.sch.uk or call the school office on 01462 892478.

'Witness to Hope'

Four online talks by Fr John Deehan focusing on the Prayers and Gospels of the Christmas Masses 23rd November:

The Vigil Mass

30th November:

The Night Mass

7th December:

The Dawn Mass

14th December:

The Day Mass

The talks are open to all and a donation of £5 is requested per talk.

Further details on enquiry. Please register with Warren Brown catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

THE CHURCH HALL

The hall is available for hire. If you are planning an event do now consider this venue with excellent parking and access. Contact: Parish Office 01462 893127

CRAFT & CHAT

(formerly Knit & Natter) We hold our meetings on the first Friday of the month, 9.30 to 11am in the Holy Family room. We welcome any adult crafters who enjoy

knitting, hand sewing, embroidery etc. £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund. Any queries please phone Mary 07366 596671

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Patrick Sarsfield and Celia Sheehan, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, especially Fr Tim O Connor, John Southwell and Donal Hickey and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Ida O'Leary; Margaret Doyle; Josephine Woodruff; Elizabeth Richardson; Bridget Labrum; Florence McHugh; Zena Garrod; Paul Miller; Sean Walsh; Ellen Gannon; Alexander Zybulska; Cecily Copping; Robert Byrne.

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY. There will be a good supply of Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, candles and other items on sale here in the church from the weekend 18th/19th November. You will be able to pay cash or by card for any item.

Sat 4 th	6.30pm	Emma Targett RIP
Sun 5 th	8.30am 10.30am	Anthony Targett RIP Claudia Pater
Mon 6 th	10.00am	
Tue 7 th	10.00am	
Wed 8 th	10.00am	
Thu 9 th	10.00am	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Fri 10 th	No mass	St Leo The Great Pope & Doctor

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**. For more information, please go to the Parish website. The Wednesday word is available via: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

RED MISSION BOXES

Please could Red Box Holders bring in their boxes for counting and leave them on the small table at the back of the Church. Many thanks - Pam

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