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



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All Saints 1st November 2026

The Call to Holiness

The Solemnity of All Saints invites us to lift our eyes beyond the ordinary concerns of daily life and rejoice in the countless men and women who have found their way to God. Some are well known to us through the Church's calendar; many more are known only to God. Today we celebrate them all, giving thanks for their witness and remembering that holiness is not reserved for a chosen few.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers us the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit … blessed are the merciful … blessed are the peacemakers." These words turn many of our usual ideas upside down. The world often admires wealth, power, success and recognition. Jesus points instead to humility, mercy, purity of heart and a hunger for what is right. He shows us that true happiness is found not in putting ourselves first, but in loving God and our neighbour.

The saints were not people who never struggled or made mistakes. They were ordinary human beings who allowed God's grace to work in their lives. Some served the poor, some suffered persecution, some quietly cared for their families, and others showed extraordinary courage in difficult circumstances. Their paths were different, but they shared a desire to follow Christ faithfully.

The first reading from the Book of Revelation gives us a vision of a great multitude from every nation, race, people and language, standing before the throne of God. This reminds us that God's family is wonderfully diverse and far greater than we can imagine. The Church is united not by background or status, but by the saving love of Christ.

Saint John reminds us in the second reading that we are already children of God. Holiness, therefore, is not simply a distant goal; it begins here and now, as we learn to live more fully in the love we have received.

As we celebrate All Saints, let us ask ourselves: where is God calling me to greater holiness today? It may be through forgiveness, patience, generosity, prayer or a simple act of kindness. We do not need to perform extraordinary deeds to become saints. We need to be faithful in the ordinary moments of life.

May all the saints pray for us, encourage us on our journey, and help us to keep our hearts fixed on Christ, until we too share in the joy of God's eternal kingdom.

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 a Holy Mass for the 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 for. The Church prays for everyone who has passed on to the next life marked with the sign of faith. Let us remember them, our faith tells us that they are very much alive, and our prayers can help them.

CHURCH FLOWER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urgently need more people to join the flower arranging team. The commitment would be **one hour or so every five or six weeks**. You might like to work with a friend as a pair, which would make the job quicker. If you would like to help please contact Veronica on 01462 892640 or email: Baldock@rcdow.org.uk

CRAFT & CHAT. Our next meeting is this Friday 6th November. This group is for any adults who are interested in knitting, crochet and other handicrafts. We meet on the 1st Friday of each month in the Holy Family room, 9.30 to 11am. Price per session is £2.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! Christmas cards, Advent candles and calendars will be on sale from the weekend 14th/15th November here in the church. All are very reasonably priced. Contactless payments and cash are both accepted now for all goods.

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2026 Parish Dates for your Diary

All Souls Day 2nd November 7.30pm:

November is the month of Holy Souls, when we pray for our deceased loved ones and those who we remember in our book of remembrance, in which we place the names of our family and friends who need our prayers.
As we have our service of blessing the graves in August, I thought that it might be a nice idea to celebrate a special mass in November this year. Do come and join us and if you know of anyone who has lost a loved one and would like to join us please do invite them to the Mass.

Confirmation 2026-2027

If you are in year 9 or 10, please consider if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish. The first meeting will take place in December 2026. Subsequent meetings will then take place on a Saturday evening before Mass.

RCIA 2026 – 2027

Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. The course consists of regular weekly meetings in the Holy Family room; the first meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm, if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127.

Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic Ministers Day

There is a change of date for this day; it will now take place on Saturday 7th November from 10am till 12.30pm, followed by lunch.

Celebrating 50 Years of the New Parish Church. Sunday 13th December.

The Archbishop of Westminster Richard Moth, will celebrate Mass with us and bless the foundation stone as we celebrate fifty years of the new church built here in Baldock.

Your Prayers Are Asked For:

We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish; *and* for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently; especially Lorna Sexton and Keith Britter, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Water Pickering, Maria Muria; Luigi Scarlino; Irene Hunder; Antoni Bonja; Maura McMahon; William Thomas Crone; John Allum; Richard Hill, Ida O'Leary; Josephine Woodruff; Elizabeth Richardson and Bridget Labrum.

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Mass Times and Intentions

Sat 31st	6.30pm	Angelo Mbeutcha
Sun 1st	8.30am 10.30am	Michael Mc Dermot RIP Robert & Claudia Pater RIP
Mon 2nd	10.00am 7.30pm	**All Souls -** Ron Mitchell RIP *For holy souls of the parish.*
Tue 3rd	10.00am	Robert Pater RIP
Wed 4th	10.00am	St Charles Borromeo Christine Brosnan -sick
Thu 5th	10.00am	
Fri 6th	No Mass	

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.

Children's Liturgy: Takes place during the 10.30am Mass except on the First Sunday of the Month (Family Mass) and during school holidays.

The Vigil Mass (6.30pm) and the Sunday Mass (10.30am) can be watched online via the Parish Facebook Page: ***Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury***.

GLUTEN FREE ALTAR BREADS.

Are you aware that we have gluten free altar breads? If required please make yourself known to Father Denis before each Mass that you attend.

Contacts

Parish Safeguarding Officers have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk within the Parish.

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Baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Weddings and Funerals for further details please speak to Fr. Denis, look at the website or contact the parish office.

Church Hall Bookings the church hall is available to be booked for groups or celebrations. Please contact the parish office for more details.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group for boys & girls aged 6-14. Contact:
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