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32nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 12th November 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12-12:30pm (*and on request*)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7-8pm (animated by HAKUNA eucharistic group)

During the whole month of November, a **Book of Remembrance** is kept by the statue of the St Joseph, Patron Saint of a holy death.

Write down, by hand, on a sheet of paper the names of your beloved ones who have died and place it in an envelope voluntary donation. A **blue envelope** (if you can gift-aid) or **brown envelope** (not gift-aided). Return it to Fr. Ivano or through the Presbytery letterbox.

We will pray for all our loved ones who have died.

Parents and grandparents. Husband and wife. Brothers and sisters.

Friends and all those whose memory we cherish.

We will pray for those who in life we have found hard to love, or impossible to forgive.

Those who hurt us and did cause us to suffer. Our enemies.

Through prayer and faith, we can be reconciled with those who have died.

If you still wish to contribute to the year's collection for the sick & retired priests of our Diocese, do pass on your donation to Fr. Ivano.

Are you engaged? Are you serious about your relationship? Are you thinking about marriage? This Parish will run a **Marriage Course** in February - March 2024.

Let Fr. Ivano know if you wish to take part.



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Sunday donation.
Thank you.

"out of that prison of suffering"

Every Sunday at Mass we say, "I believe... the communion of Saints". Communion between heaven and earth, between the living and the dead. There is an 'osmosis between souls', made of sufferings and joys; sins and forgiveness of sins; ties and freedom.

These extracts are from the *Diary* of Saint Faustina Kowalska.

"I saw my Guardian Angel who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. The flames which were burning them did not touch me at all. My Guardian Angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in PURGATORY. The souls call her "The Star of the Sea." She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my Guardian Angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering."

"One night, a sister who had died two months previously came to me. She was a sister of the first choir. I saw her in a terrible condition, all in flames with her face painfully distorted. This lasted only a short time, and then she disappeared. A shudder went through my soul because I did not know whether she was suffering in PURGATORY or in hell. Nevertheless, I redoubled my prayers for her. The next night she came again, but I saw her in an even more horrible state, in the midst of flames which were even more intense, and despair was written all over her face. I was astonished to see her in a worse condition after the prayers I had offered for her, and I asked, "Haven't my prayers helped you?" She answered that my prayers had not helped her and that nothing would help her. I said to her, "And the prayers which the whole community has offered for you, have they not been any help to you?" She said no, that these prayers had helped some other souls. I replied, "If my prayers are not helping you, Sister, please stop coming to me." She disappeared at once. Despite this, I kept on praying. After some time, she came back again to me during the night, but already her appearance had changed. There were no longer any flames, as before, her face was radiant, her eyes beaming with joy. She told me that I had a true love for my neighbour and that many other souls had profited from my prayers. She urged me not to cease praying for the souls in PURGATORY, and added that she herself would not remain there much longer. How astounding are the decrees of God!"



Last Monday, November 6th, was the Feast of St Leonard of Limoges, Patron Saint of prisoners. You can see him, in this painting, holding an iron bar under his arm.

Is your soul in chains because of a lie you believe in?

Is there a part of your life which is under lock, not yet in the truth?

Are your hands or feet fastened with manacles of additions or spells?

We pray for every soul, in Purgatory and on earth, in need to be set free from "that prison of suffering".

In manus.

Father Ivano