MASS TIMES THIS COMING WEEK

30th October—5th November 2023

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 30TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS MARY RICHARDS
TUES 31ST VIGIL	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM** **7.30PM**	MICHAEL MOORE RIP THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
WED 1ST NOV	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS MARY RICHARDS **ALL SAINTS DAY**
THURS 2ND	8.30AM	**9.00AM**	INTS CATH GORMAN & FAMILY **ALL SOULS**
FRI 3RD	10 TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
SAT 4TH	9 TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	INTS OF DAMIEN **CONFESSIONS AND EXPOSITION AFTER MASS** **ST CHARLES BORROMEO**
SUN 5TH		**6 PM SAT** **9.30 AM** **11.30 AM**	MARY KELLY RIP INTS LAURA BYRNE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE: Mon—Thurs 9.30 to 12 noon **Administrator:** Tessa Maude



PRAYING FOR THE SICK To help make sure the lists are current, names that are added for our prayers in the newsletter and the bidding prayers at mass, will initially be included for a month. If you made the request, please let the parish office know at the beginning of each month, if you would like them to be added again.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS During the month of November, there will be a number of masses offered for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones to be included in these masses, please complete a sheet with their name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church. Your offering can also be placed in the envelope. If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form too. Envelopes can be placed in the box by the altar from 1st November.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL If there is anyone who may still be interested in the PPC and the Secretarial role, please speak to Anthony Inglese or Fr Martin this week. Details are available on the PCC update sheet at the back of church or on line.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION If your child is in year 3 or above and you would like to enrol for the First Reconciliation and Holy Communion programme, please complete both the application form and medical form found in the narthex or download them from the website. (found under Parish Life / Sacraments.) The closing date for applications is **30th November.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Life Ascending Group meeting next on **Wednesday 1st November** at 2.30pm in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.

St Vincent De Paul Society The next meeting will be on **Sunday 5th November,** after 9.30am Mass in the Library room, at 10:45am. All are welcome to come along to the meeting and to learn about the work of the SVP. They help individuals and families locally who are in need. Thank you for supporting the SVP Summer raffle - the draw took place on 27th September which is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. Please find a list of winning tickets in the Narthex.

Foodbank Thank you for all the contributions. The next collection will be on **Tuesday 14th November.** They are currently seeking donations of noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll, fruit puddings. Thank you.

Save the date : An evening of song for Christmas-led by the Folk Group **Saturday 2nd December** 7.00 for 7.30pm start. Bring your own food and supplies. A sign up list and further details to follow.

SUNDAY 29th October 2023 +30th Sunday Ordinary Time+

MASSES THIS WEEKEND

28TH/29TH OCTOBER



06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL)
INTS SR TERESA HARRINGTON

09:30AM INTS KYLA EGAN

11.30AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FOR OUR PRAYERS



SICK PARISHIONERS
Pauline Fitzgerald, Caroline Donnachie, Angela Fahy, Josie Butler, Lynn Larson, Harriet Moxon, Laura Swan, Mary Cullen, Audrey Farrell, Phyllis O'Brien, James Bradley, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Paula Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Kundan Singhoraya and Sarah Dunning; and those in our local nursing homes especially Mary Richards, Kitty Goldie, Dolores Walsh, Sarah Joyce and Katie Loftus.

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY
Peggy McMahon ,Norma Kolakowska, Yvonne Grasso and Hilda Minoli,
(Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list)

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME
John Mcmahon, Peter Hutchinson, Mary Kelly, and Clair Wheeler

RECENTLY DEPARTED



Sydney Home

Dear Parishioners,

"… love the Lord, your God, with all your heart… love your neighbour as yourself."

In this week's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that invite us to ask: Do we love God with all our heart and do we love our neighbour as our self? If we do, then it means that our hearts and minds are caught up with the mind and will of God, as we continuously seek to understand him and all that he has revealed to us about his love. It means we are willing to accept what God has said: "I have loved you with an everlasting love." By doing this, we will then be able to act as an instrument of God's love to those around us. The glorious nature of our love for God is such that, the more love we offer to God, the more love we have to give away to others. When we give our love to God, he does not take it away from us and keep it for himself. Instead, loving God transforms our ability to love in such a way that we have even more than we started with. We are limited creatures and we are limited in our ability to love. God is infinite and his love is infinite in nature. Therefore, when we give our limited love to God, we receive back from him his infinite love. This love is then able to overflow from our lives and can be distributed without reserve. Ideally, the first and greatest desire of our souls will be these two greatest commandments. These are in fact the two deepest God-given desires of our hearts. However, we love God because he has loved us first. Through Jesus we have come to understand God's love; a love that is willing to be offered up on a cross for us. This is how God proves his love for us and gives us a model to follow in our lives. Let us reflect, today, upon this high and definitive calling we have been given, to love God with every fibre of our being and love our neighbour as our self. Let us pray that we can allow ourselves to experience what it means to be open to the infinite power of God's transforming love. God has commanded this so it must be possible. This is the Gospel and it is needed in our world just as much now, if not even more, than when Jesus first spoke these words.

God Bless You

Fr Martin

CLOCKS- Clocks go back this weekend, another hour of sleep!



TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS There will be training after both the 9.30 and 11.30 Masses today. If you have already made your First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server please see Liam after Mass.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AFTER 9.30AM MASS We still need volunteers and someone to put a rota together and check supplies every term. Anna, who currently runs the rota and can no longer continue from December, will be serving coffee today after 9.30 mass and would be happy to chat with anyone to let you know what is involved or if you would prefer, please e mail: annaellul@live.co.uk or contact the parish office for more information.

ALL SAINTS DAY—1ST NOVEMBER. Wednesday is All Saints Day and a Holy day of Obligation. Masses for the feast day will be: Vigil Mass Tuesday 31st October 7.30pm and 9.30am on Wednesday 1st November.

100 Club– The draw for October takes place this weekend. Winners will be announced and in the newsletter next week.

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND There will be a collection after the masses next weekend 4th/5th Nov.