SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026 + ALL SAINTS +

MASSES THIS WEEKEND



31ST / 1ST NOVEMBER

6.00 PM (SAT)	PADDY MOLLOY **RIP**
9.30 AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11.30 AM	JOE AND MARGARET CUNHA **RIP**

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK / IN NEED
Izabel Malheiros, Tom Cole, Josephine McRae, Ida Houlden, Teresa Collins, Audrey Farrell.

THOSE IN OUR NURSING HOMES especially
Sarah Joyce, Katie Loftus, Hilda Minoli, Bill Garvey , Ray & Elizabeth King, Angela Johnson,

FOR OUR HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS
especially Marie Hardy**,** Pat Faille, Flora Zudthipunmare

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AROUND THIS TIME : Mary Kelly



RECENTLY DEPARTED : We pray for the repose of the soul of **John Moore** recently departed.

THE CANDLE FOR THE SANCTUARY LAMP



has been donated this week for the repose of the soul of

LINDA GRIMES

RIP





THE VIGIL LAMP AT OUR LADY

burns this coming week in loving memory of

MARY O'SULLIVAN

RIP

Dear Parishioners,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven……."

This Sunday, on the Solemnity of All Saints, the Church invites us to lift our eyes to the glorious communion of saints and angels in heaven where all those present behold the beatific vision of God, gazing with awe and love upon the infinite mystery of his divine trinitarian majesty. By God's mercy and grace, we too can be counted among those who share in this eternal destiny. When this life is ended, we will know that every act of prayer, every sacrifice and surrender and every loving thought and deed in this life was worth it. The beatific vision of God will fill us with such radiant joy that all earthly attachments and vanities of this world will have been dissolved forever. Riches, possessions, earthly honours and status will be all gone. None of it will matter. All we will carry into eternity is the love we have lived; a love that was often purified through suffering, tested by obedience and offered as a sacrifice. The path to heaven challenges our natural instincts and our tendency to see only what this world puts before us - especially when this is so often unsettling, divided, discordant and destructive. We need God's help therefore to be guided by divine wisdom rather than human reasoning. Today's Gospel reading of the *Beatitudes* reveals that wisdom: *the truly blessed are the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemakers, and those persecuted for Christ*. To know what this life looks like we have all the saints, those known and unknown, of our tradition. Each one of them embodies the principles of the *Beatitudes* in some way, most especially Mary, the Queen of all saints. However, the *Beatitudes* are not simply a list of qualities, they are in essence a person, Jesus Christ, God made man. In his life, death and resurrection, Jesus reveals the wisdom, power and love of the *Beatitudes* as the way through this world to heaven. Let us reflect today on all the saints in heaven. They were not all always necessarily perfect on earth but they were faithful and they allowed divine charity to take root in their hearts and they persevered through every trial. Let us ask this Sunday: *"Do I truly want to be counted among the saints in heaven?"* If our answer is *'yes'* then let us live the *Beatitudes* today and every day with heaven as our only goal.

God Bless You, ***Fr Martin***

SVP—Will meet this **SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER** after the 9.30 mass in the Library.



ALL SOULS DAY –2ND NOVEMBER, there will be a special evening mass at **7 pm** for all those bereaved who will have the opportunity to remember their loved ones and light a candle for them during the mass.

LINDA GRIMES **RIP** Fr Martin and Fr John Deehan will be celebrating her funeral mass at the larger **SACRED HEART CHURCH,** on **TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER** at **11.30 AM.** All are welcome to attend. Family flowers only but donations in her memory can be made using the following link: https://lindagrimes.muchloved.com
+ We pray for the repose of Linda's soul that she may be given eternal rest and that the family will be sustained and consoled by God at this very sad time. +

MASS OF HEALING— SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 3PM with Fr Joseph Victor from the community of Jesus the Divine healer in India. All welcome to attend.

100 CLUB– the draw for the month of October will take place this weekend.

MASS TIMES

2nd November—8th November

DAY	CHURCH OPEN	MASS TIMES	INTENTIONS / DETAILS / FEAST
MON 2ND NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	ALL SOULS' DAY
		7.00 PM	ALL SOULS' DAY
TUES 3RD NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	DANNI MARIE ANDRAOS– **THANKSGIVING**
			ST MARTIN DE PORRES
WED 4TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JOSH & MANAR **INTS**
			ST CHARLES BORROMEO
THURS 5TH NOV	10 AM TO 11 AM	**NO MASS**	**ROSARY AND EXPOSITION**
FRI 6TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	HOLY SOULS
SAT 7TH NOV	9 AM TO 11 AM	**9.30 AM**	JEREMY HALL **INTS**
			ST WILLIBRORD
			FOLLOWED BY EXPOSITION AND CONFESSIONS
SUN 8TH NOV		**6.00 PM (SAT)**	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
		9.30 AM	MARY KELLY **(A) RIP**
		11.30AM	HOLY SOULS
		3.00 PM	HEALING MASS
			32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

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NOVEMBER DEAD LIST –MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS -please complete a sheet with the name/names on and place in an envelope found at the back of church with your offering, If you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aid for your offering and complete the blue gift aid form. The names will be placed in a box, which will remain on the altar for the month of November.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - if you are in year 9 school year or above and would like to receive the sacrament of confirmation in **June 2027,** applications are now open. Forms can be found as you come into church or on the parish website**.**

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 the forms found in the narthex or download them from the website. The closing date for applications is **30th November.**

LOOP SYSTEM IN CHURCH The volume of this has been adjusted this week. If you use the system with hearing devices, we have been advised that the strongest signal will be around the perimeter of the church or at the back closest to the wall where the cabling is secured. Please let the parish office know if you are still having a problem with sound.

MESSAGE FROM MARIAN MELHUISH, CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE have you thought about reviewing your contributions to your church to help with our increased costs? Are you able to increase your monthly giving? Just £1 extra per week would make a huge difference. If you are a UK taxpayer and haven't signed a Gift Aid form, please consider doing so. It costs you nothing, but ensures the Church can receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. In this way you are deciding how your tax is utilised. You sign up just once and we do the work! Have you thought about leaving something in your will to the church which you love? In the last year we have benefitted from one legacy which paid for the upgrades in the Narthex and a lifetime donation which paid for the wonderful frieze of the Lord's Prayer round the church. What legacies! Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



FOODBANK next collection will be **MON 2ND NOVEMBER** They are in urgent need of sugar, long life milk, tinned vegetables & fruit, juice, noodles, jams, honey, condiments, tinned meat, soup, tomatoes, tinned puddings, rice, cereals. Thank you.

THE LIFE ASCENDING GROUP The next meeting will be **Wednesday 11th November at 2.30 pm** in the Library and every fortnight thereafter. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years.