



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY, OF THE ROSARY

+ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - 12 November 2023

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Past, Present and Future

When someone is canonised or declared a saint by the Church it is not because the Pope woke up one morning and made this arbitrary decision. Rather, since miracles occurred by asking the intercession of someone who lived a holy life, the Church understands that their soul must be in the presence of God in heaven. Hence, they have God's "ear" if you like, and by granting a miracle at their request, God reveals, for our good, that they are with Him in His Kingdom.

But have you noticed that while this can occur quite soon after their death, it often takes many years or even decades for this revelation to be made known to us? Of course, this could be because God's ways are beyond our ways—hence the feast of All Saints when we celebrate those in Heaven known to us and those unknown— and God is outside linear time. But equally, we might consider the well-known phrase, "Every saint has a past and very sinner has a future."

Pope Saint John Paul II told us not to be afraid to be saints. But why would we be afraid of this? Part of the reason is the past that each of us has. And I suspect, that like me, you would not be the first to declare your past perfect in every respect—indeed, I'm struggling to find one tiny area that is even remotely sinless. That said, we all strive to be good people but at times we stray off that narrow path to Heaven. When we do, while we are forgiven by God through the Sacrament of Confession and assured of eventually being one with Him for eternity, those sins leave a scar on our souls that needs time to be removed before we can sit at peace in the presence of pure Perfection Himself. This cleansing takes place in Purgatory which is part of the final journey to Heaven. And there, while these holy souls can see God, they rely as St John Henry Newman puts it, on "prayers in Heaven" (by the saints) and "Masses on the earth" by us to bring them to the eternal life for which they were made.

Thus, no matter the past of those we love, writing their names on the November Dead List and having four Masses a week offered for them in the present might assure them of a glorious future. And remember to ask others to do that for us when we leave them here while those we have helped become saints will pray for us in Heaven. *Fr Kevin*

Mass Times

Sunday

8:30am

11:00 am (Sung Family Mass)

6:00pm (Sung)

Monday to Friday

12:30pm

Saturday

12:30pm and 6:00pm (Vigil

Mass of Sunday)

Confessions (Saturday)

11:45am—12:15pm

5:00pm—5:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Saturday)

5:00pm-5:30pm

Benediction at 5:30pm

Music for Sunday

- 9 Abide with Me
- 348 Lead Kindly Light
- 288 I Watch the Sunrise
- 896 Nearer My God to Thee

Sunday Readings,

Book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 62

Thessalonians 4:3 –18

Matthew 25: 1—13

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Parish reminder. Mass times are changing from 27 November 2023. Mass will be at 12:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil Mass of Sunday) and Sunday 11:00am.

Coffee morning is next week 19 November hosted by Rachel and David De Sousa

First Holy Communion. The next First Holy Communion class will be on Sunday 19 November

If you are applying to Catholic nursery , infant and primary schools, follow this link to Admissions: <https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions> and read the Guidance for Clergy document. If you can meet these criteria then please contact Lorraine in the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

A day with Mary on Saturday 18 November at Mount Carmel & St George, London Road, Enfield. This is a day of instruction, devotion & intercession, based on the message, given at Fatima 1917.

Holy Souls. November is the month of the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the piece of paper provided, place it in the envelope with any offering you would like to make, and return it to the presbytery. Each week in November three Masses will be offered for all those Holy Souls listed in our parish.

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. If you did not get the chance to donate, it is not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or you can give online at: www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or telephone 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you.

Domestic Assistant at Allen Hall Seminary. Do you have experience working as a domestic assistant or house keeper? Would you like to make a real difference, using your skills to support the Allen Hall Seminary? Please email allenhallreception@rcdow.org.uk

Upper Room Leadership Programme for those aged 18-22 years old, run by *Westminster Youth Ministry*, is a training programme for young Catholic leaders, taking 20 young Catholics on an exciting leadership training course. It will begin at the start of Advent and culminate in a pilgrimage to Lourdes in July, during which the young leaders will support the Redcaps as they accompany sick or elderly pilgrims. Be quick as applications close on 16 November via: <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/programmes/upper-room-leadership-programme/> or email youth@rcdow.org.uk for more

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024 will take place from 19—26 July 2024. The Sanctuary's theme for the year is '*Come here in procession*'. Please see the poster in the porch.

'Witness to Hope' Four online talks by Fr John Deehan focusing on the prayers and Gospels of the Christmas Masses.

23 November: The Vigil Mass

30 November: The Night Mass

7 December: The Dawn Mass

14 December: The Day Mass

The talks will be delivered via zoom, and are open to all. Further information or queries, contact Anna, annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk.

To register: please contact Warren Brown catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Feasts

Thursday 16 November St Edmund of Abingdon

Collections for last weekend

Envelopes £167.80

Loose plate £506.81

£674.61

Sick and retired priest collection £368.90

Many thanks

Have a blessed week