**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10th 2019 THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**MASSSES AND SERVICES THIS WEEK**

SATURDAY 9th*[Dedication of the Lateran Basilica]*

 18.00 **Carmine & Giuseppe Noviello RIP**

SUNDAY 10th **[32nd Sunday OT (C) ]**

09.00 **Netta Van Den Berg (Anniv)**  11.15 **Holy Souls / War Dead**18.00 **People of the Parish**

*Weekday 10 am Masses preceded by Morning Prayer at 9:45*

MONDAY 11th  *[St Martin of Tours]*

 10:00 **Holy Souls**TUESDAY 12th *[St Josaphat]*

 10.00 **Holy Souls**

 10:30 – 11:30 Exposition [no Benediction today]
WEDS 13th  *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Holy Souls**

THURS 14th *[Feria]*

 07.30 **Holy Souls**FRIDAY 15th *[Feria]*

 10.00 **Holy Souls**SATURDAY 16th *[St Margaret of Scotland ]*

 10.00 **Fr Mark O’Donnell (Intn)**

 *10:30 – 11:30 Exposition (Confessions Avail.)*
 17:00 – 17:45 *Confessions* 18:00 (Vigil)  **People of the Parish**

SUNDAY 17th **[33rd Sunday OT (C)]**

09.00 **Rafael Pino (Intns)**
11.15 **Norman Figueiredo (Intns)**18.00 **Holy Souls**

**GENERAL PARISH NOTICES**

**PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK**

SUNDAY 10th  **12:00** **Mass time change - not 11:15**

Tuesday 12th 19:00 Confirmation Class continues

Wednesday 13th 10.30Prayers for our Children *(Church)*

Thursday 14th 12.30 Bible Timeline continues *(Fr Bebb Rm)*

Friday 15th13.30 Prayer Group (*Fr Bebb Rm)*

**COUNTERS**

This week 10th C Quirk & P Tonra am
Next week 17th M & J Ferguson am

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION(S)**

Offertory collection: £ 933.23

Church Hall Fund £ 181.31

Many thanks, as always, for your generosity.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION**

The annual collection for the support of the sick and retired priests of the diocese will be taken up this weekend.

**PARISH SICK LIST**

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Rosemary Roberts,Teresa Bingham-Daly, Don Williamson, Anne Anderson, Amy D’Souza, Victor Kumaratharsan, Jean Vaughan, John Cash, Mrs Klavkowski, Michael Enskat, Laura Everest, Curzio Pirfo, Czeslaw Czaprowski, Mary Hodgison, Alexandre Silva, Bella King, Margaret Tso, Gerard O’Brien, John Donohoe, Margaret Saines, Mary Ahern, Dominic Manley, Cecil Cain, Eileen Murray, Kathleen Wood, Duncan Webster, Lisa Walker, James Elton, Michael Coyle, Timor Yonel, Jason Jackson, Luke Slater, Anna Benton, Joe Da Silva, Emma Quirke, Mary Wallace, Jacob Nuske, Susan Birley, Barrie Jervis, Ann Kelly.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED**

We pray especialy for Olivia and Miguel who were both Baptised this weekend in our Church. We congratulate their families and assure them of our prayers.

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER**

There is an ancient and pious Christian practice of praying in November for those who have died. One Mass a day will be celebrated for the Holy Souls, and envelopes are now available to record the names of loved ones, in the manner of previous years.

**Remembrance Sunday today** We pray especially for those who have The usual 11:15 Mass will be moved back to **12 noon**, to accommodate the civic Commemoration at the War Memorial.

**Blessing of Graves Saturday - Nov. 16th** will take place Northwood Cemetery at **2pm,** Gathering at the War Memorial in the Cemetery.A special invitation is extended to those who have buried relatives or friends there in the last twelve months, or who have fresh headstones to be blessed.

Ten-hour votive candles to leave at graves that have been visited will be available for a suggested donation of £5.00.

**FORTY-HOURS DEVOTION**

As in previous years, there will be a traditional *Qarant’Ore* devotion celebrated in the parish in the days leading up to the Solemnity of Christ the King. (24th November). This will be a wonderful way for us to prepare for the season of Advent. Precise dates and times are being finalised and further information, along with sign-up sheets for adoration are being prepared and will be available in the Church Porch.

**PARISH OFFICE UPDATE**

The repainting and renewal of the parish office is almost complete and we will be back to full operation this week, once the office furniture has been repositioned. We are very grateful for everyone’s patience during this disruption. We are taking this opportunity to review the hours of operation of the parish office and more information will be available soon.

**ACCESS TO TOILET FACILITIES ON SUNDAYS**

As an experiment, we will now open the Parish Hall facilities during Sunday Masses. These facilities are fully accessible, are closer to the church entrance than the facilities in the office area which we currently use, and are better equipped for the larger numbers that we have on Sundays. Any feedback on this minor alteration will be welcomed.

**DO YOU HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH NORTHWOOD HQ?**

Do you know that mid-week Mass is celebrated at the Base every first and third Tuesday of the Month at 12:00 in the Chapel? Anyone working there is welcome to attend.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**Christmas Mass and service schedule:** We hope to have the times of the Christmas Masses finalised by next weekend, and we will produce flyers for distribution in the neighbourhood.

**DATE CLAIMER: Sunday School Carols and party: Sunday 15th December.** This celebration of Christmas music readings and prayers will be led by the Sunday-School children. The time and further details will be advertised very soon.

**Christmas traditions in the home:** There are many wonderful ways in which we can prepare in our homes and families for the celebrations of Christmas that allow us to focus on the true meaning of our festivities. **Advance notice:** On the 3rd Sunday of Advent (December 15th), Fr Brian will bless family Cribs and nativity scenes. We invite anyone who to bring these items to the Church on that day. Some nativity scenes and cribs are available from the repository shop, along with religious Christmas Cards.