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Masses: Tuesday to Friday 12:30pm
Thursday 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sunday 9am & 11am

ALL SAINTS 2025



“Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matt 5: 3

Pope Leo says, “As the English priest Robert Hugh Benson wrote after his conversion to Catholicism: ‘If there is anything clear in the Gospels it is this – that Jesus Christ first and foremost desires our friendship...Now the consciousness of this friendship of Jesus Christ is the very secret of the Saints.’”

Now that we know this secret, let’s make sure we use it well!



All Souls. A plenary indulgence, applicable to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) on one of the days from 1 to 8 November visits devoutly a cemetery or simply prays mentally for the dead; (2) on All Souls’ Day visits a church or chapel with devotion and there recites the Our Father and the Creed.

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book at the back of the church or put their names in the envelopes provided. We shall pray for them throughout November.

“We are all weak, I confess; but the Lord God has given us means with which, if we wish, we can be strengthened with ease.”
 Saint Charles Borromeo

We welcome Fr Aloyce who will be supplying for our Masses on 2nd and 16th November whilst I am away with Communities from our parish. Please pray for us as we shall pray for you. Thank you! *Fr Oscar*

Mass Schedule

Sat 1st November	8:15pm The Neocatechumenate
Sun 2nd November	9am Pro Populo
All Saints	11am Enrique & Jeanne Lanusse and children RIP
Mon 3rd November	7am For all the faithful departed
All Souls	
Tue 4th November	12:30pm Sr Pauline’s intentions
St Charles Borromeo	
Wed 5th November	12:30pm Jimmy Toasey RIP
Thu 6th November	12:30pm Seamus Carolan RIP
	6pm Raymond Theis RIP
Fri 7th November	12:30pm For all the faithful departed

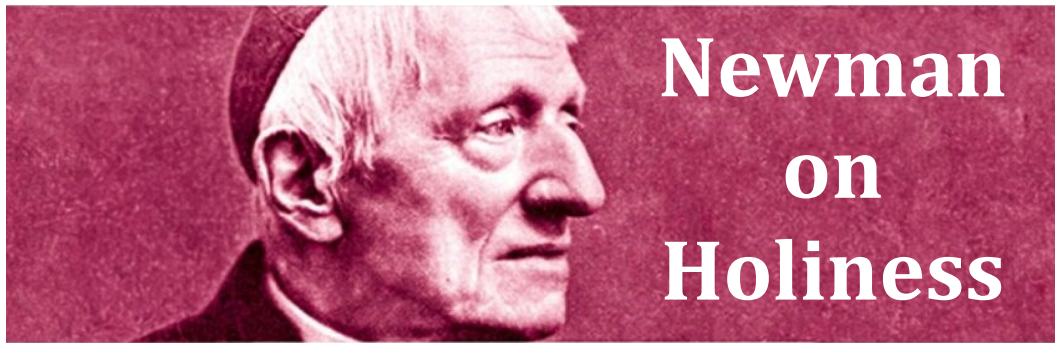
CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH
Every Monday and Thursday at 8pm
in the crypt. Everyone is welcome!

The **Solemnity of St Charles Borromeo** will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 9th November. There will be a ‘bring and share lunch’ after the 11am Mass. You are all very welcome to join our celebration of the Titular Saint of our parish and to bring some food and drink to share. Make sure to save the date!

Music in St Charles Borromeo

Join our WhatsApp group to find videos and music for the hymns to be sung the following Sunday.





Beloved,

Once a young boy asked St John Henry Newman: "Which is greater, a cardinal or a saint?" He reflected on this question for a few seconds and then replied, "Cardinals belong to this world and saints to heaven." [from 'Newman: His Life and Spirituality' by L. Bouyer, Burns & Oates, London 1958, p. 387]

We need to become saints to enter heaven. "Now someone may ask," Newman writes, "Why?...Man is confessedly weak and corrupt...Why is he required to become 'a new creature'? Since he is by nature what he is, would it not be an act of greater mercy in God to save him altogether without this holiness?"

And he answers, "If a man without religion...were admitted into heaven...he would sustain a great disappointment...When he arrived, he would find no discourse but that which he had shunned on earth, no pursuits but those he had...despised...He would be in the presence of [God] whom he never on earth could bring himself steadily to think upon and whom now he regarded only as the destroyer of all that was precious to him...The Holy God would be no object of joy to him...None but the holy can look upon the Holy One." [from 'Parochial and Plain Sermon, Holiness Necessary for Future Blessedness']

And how do I become holy? Newman's answer can be summed up in this way: discover your calling and be faithful to it.

He says, "God knows me and calls me by my name. God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. [I shall be sanctified and fulfil my mission in life] if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling." [from 'Meditations on Christian Doctrine', March 6 1848]

Newman sees sanctity as an achievable goal made up of small deeds of faithfulness to Christ's calling: "Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising; give your first thoughts to God; make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament...Eat and drink to God's glory; say the Rosary well...Keep out bad thoughts...Examine yourself daily; go to bed in good time, and you are already perfect." [from 'Meditation on the Short Road to Perfection', September 27 1856]

A Christian, "who is in a state of acceptance with God, is he, who, in such sense, has faith in Him, as to live in the thought that He is present with him – present not externally, not in nature merely, or in providence, but in his innermost heart, or in his conscience." [from 'Parochial and Plain Sermons, Sincerity and Hypocrisy'] It is there where Christ "calls us again and again, in order to justify us again and again – and again and again, and more and more, to sanctify and glorify us."

The holy Cardinal and Doctor of the Church exhorts us Christians: "Thou art chosen to be His, even above thy fellows who dwell in the East and South." [from 'Parochial and Plain Sermons, A Particular Providence as Revealed in the Gospel']

Whether you are a cardinal, a student, a parent, a single person, a worker or a pensioner, you have a greater call still because all these states 'belong to this world and saints to heaven'.

Fr Oscar