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Mass this Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 24th October 2021

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9 The gathering of the people back to the Lord is a sign of the homecoming that God desires for each one of us.

Hebrew 5:1-6 Christ, the high priest, offers prayer and intercession to the Father that we might have life in its fullness.

Mark 10:46-52 The healing of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is a sign of the gift of faith which alone comes from Jesus so that we may be his friends.

Mass This Week

Saturday 23rd 6:30pm

Sunday 24th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 26th 7:30pm

Sts Chad & Cedd

Wednesday 27th 9:15am

Weekday

Thursday 28th 9:15am

Sts Simon & Jude

Friday 29th 9:15am

Weekday

Intention

Elizabeth Grange (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Angela Ansell (RIP)

Paddy Behan (intention)

In Thanksgiving (MR)

Brigid Nolan (anniv)

The Barrett Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a private intention (CO)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Next Steps Thank you to everyone who contributed to the discussion of our next steps. We will discuss our road map through the winter at our AGM on November 6th with a view to clarifying our expectations for Advent.

From October 30th we will:

- use hymn books again;
- re-introduce rotas for those who take on roles at the Sunday mass;
- re-introduce Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and use two Ciboria to facilitate communion for the greater number of people now attending - *Communion will however, for the time being, remain in one kind only;*
- re-introduce the collection within Mass; and

- re-introduce the Bidding Prayers at the weekday masses.

Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) Fr Philip is away from October 18th to 26th October. There is a sign up sheet for Fr Philip's availability in the very last week of October – but this of course is getting very close to the deadline of October 31st for secondary transfers.

Synod Pathway. In our Parish we will have an open meeting, which will include our AGM, beginning at 2:30pm on Saturday 6th November in Church. There will be the opportunity to contribute for those who cannot make that time. More information can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and www.rcdow.org.uk/synod

The Prayer of the Synod: *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

Among questions for us to be thinking through are:

- How is 'journeying together' happening today in our local Church?
- How can we better listen to each other?
- Do we need to revise how our Parish pastoral Council and other consultative bodies work?
- What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'?
- How is God calling us to be as church?

RCIA We will soon be starting our journey of faith with adults seeking to explore catholic believing and belonging and preparing for baptism and/or confirmation and/or reception into the catholic Church. If you or someone you know wishes to be part of this please fill in the enquiry form available in the Sacristy as soon as possible.

With a Father's Love The booklets for faith sharing groups for the *Year of St Joseph* have arrived and are in the sacristy The pdf of the booklet is available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/mission-and-discipleship/small-communities/> One group is intending to meet in the Presbytery 7pm from November 4th.

CWL Coffee Morning At long last the CWL will be holding a Coffee Morning next weekend. We will be serving refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses **next** weekend. There will also be a Cake Stall and a Gift Stall . Please come and join us but also please be respectful of mask wearing when walking about.

November: Month of Holy Souls. The sheets for you to add the names of those you wish us to pray for in November and the envelopes are in the Sacristy. It is our intention to have a special requiem mass for all those who have lost their lives during the pandemic period on Tuesday 16th November at 7:30pm

We will sing the first two verses of this hymn at the beginning of mass as our Introit and the last three verses at the Offertory.

- 1/ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2/ Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3/ Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armor, be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my strong tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 4/ Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!
- 5/ High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.