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Mass this Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 27th October 2024

Today's Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9 The people shout out in joy, because God has bestowed salvation on them, comforting them in their tears and guiding them so they do not stumble.

Hebrews 5:1-6 Christ did not give himself the glory of becoming a high priest. Rather he was chosen, called as God's son, to act for all humans in their relations with God.

10:46-52 Despite being admonished and asked to stay quiet, Bartimaeus persists in his attempt to seek healing from Jesus, who tells Bartimaeus that his faith has saved him.

Mass This Week

			Intention
Saturday 26 th	6:30pm BST		Tony Menezes (anniversary)
	<i>Enjoy the extra hour overnight as the clocks go back!</i>		
Sunday 27 th	9:00am GMT		James Gilhooly (anniversary)
	10:30am		For Our Parishioners
Tuesday 29 th	6:00pm	Weekday	Families on Half Term
Wednesday 30 th	9:15am	Weekday	Canon William Gordon (RIP)
Thursday 31 st	9:15am	Weekday	Marilyn Ross (RIP)
Friday 1 st	9:15am	ALL SAINTS	Fr Horace Tennant (RIP)
	7:30pm		The Synod on Synodality
Saturday 2 nd	12 noon	ALL SOULS	The Faithful Departed

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in Memory of the Departed Members of The Villa/Stables Family (RIP)

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

Please note our intention is to livestream the 9am Sunday mass and most weekday masses.

All Saints As is our custom for Holy Days of Obligation, there will be mass for All Saints at 9:15am and 7:30pm next Friday

All Souls There will be mass at 12 noon on Saturday 2nd November, after which there will be the blessing of graves in the Melbourn Rd graveyards.

November: Month of Holy Souls Envelopes, and the sheets for you to add the names of those you wish to be remembered are available in the sacristy.

Our new Lectionaries have arrived! We will use them from Advent Sunday.

There will be a **Parish study afternoon** to look more closely at the new translations on Saturday 9th November at 3:30pm. Whilst this is for everybody and all are welcome, it would be very good for readers and musicians especially to come along to be introduced to the new books we are to use.

Books for use at home and in the pew on Sundays will be released shortly. There are three main editions becoming available:

- CTS <https://www.ctsbooks.org/lectionary/> (Scroll down to *People's Missals*)
- Redemptorist Press <https://www.rpbbooks.co.uk/your-new-sunday-missal-esv>
- The Hodder Sunday Missal (ESV-CE and Abbey Psalms)

Children's All Saints Party - Saturday 2nd November 2- 5pm Church Hall. Come along for a fun filled afternoon. We will have a fashion show, games and crafts for the children and some good fun together. We invite children to come dressed up as their favourite Saint, and kindly ask you to bring savoury or sweet snacks (no nuts please) to share.

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School (1) A representative from our parish is invited to join SJHN Parish Ambassadors to build links between our school and the parishes. The date for the meeting is **Thursday 7th November, from 10.30am to 12pm.** Parking is available in the first car park and refreshments will be provided. Fr Philip is unable to go to this: is anyone willing to be our Parish Representative? Please see Fr Philip if you can help.

The Saint John Henry Newman Catholic School (2) currently has a vacancy for a foundation governor, who would need to be a practising catholic and also **not** have any children at the School. The role of Governor is an essential element of managing a school of this size and is key to their success, as recognised in the Schools recent Ofsted report. If you would be interested in this role, or like to know more, please contact Mrs Leslie Radcliffe radcliffel@jhn.herts.sch.uk

Offertory By Credit Or Debit Card A second card reader has been installed. It can be used for offertory, candles or any other donation. There is a slot on the top of the reader for non-contactless cards. Although the screen displays three possible amounts, you can take an option to enter any other specific amount, up to £100. If you are a taxpayer, please take the **Gift Aid** option. You will be asked for your details only **once for each card.**

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Clear & Simple Book Club

"How to Have Conversations That Lead to Conversion" by André Regnier is a response to Pope Francis's challenge in The Joy of the Gospel, for the Church to "dream of a 'missionary option'" We shall read parts of the book together and discuss how we can use it. There will be two options from 30th, 31st October:

Registration for Wednesday afternoons (2-3pm): [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-6srzMuHdTnmd1P4WyGzlvWJHTwiz86)

[6srzMuHdTnmd1P4WyGzlvWJHTwiz86](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0uf-6srzMuHdTnmd1P4WyGzlvWJHTwiz86)
Registration for Thursday evenings (7:30 - 8:30pm): <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcu-tpiwjG905Hq-G30shho2Fm-mXCvau>

Justice and Peace Commission Lecture

Friday 1st November at 7pm in Farm Street Church, will be given by The Rt Hon Baroness Scotland, the Commonwealth Secretary General, on the topic 'Delivering Peace in a Multi Polar World'. In her address Baroness Scotland will reflect on how we might contribute to building a culture of peace and not war in a world where there is on-going conflict in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen and elsewhere. Tickets are free and can be booked with Eventbrite. A donation of £5 is recommended to cover the cost of refreshments.

New Encyclical Pope Francis has issued a new Encyclical *Dilexit Nos* on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus. This may be found at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>

World Mission Sunday Thank you for your donations to the World Mission Sunday appeal. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Please continue to pray for all who share the love and hope of Christ with our sisters and brothers in need throughout the world. To support mission year-round, visit mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755