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Sunday 31st October 2021

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THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



Welcome to all at mass today and especially anyone who is new. Please take this Newsletter home with you. You may wish to share it with family and friends. This newsletter can also be found via our website. We asks God's blessing on you and your loved ones this week and know that we pray for you all each day.

GEORGE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SUDBURY

Sunday Cycle **ReadIngs Year B**

Weekday Readings Year | Week 31

Divine Office Week 3

For children. download a weekly sheet: http://www.sdc.me.uk/ sundayliturgy/

THIS WEEK

Sun 31 Oct 6.15pm (Vigil) 8.30am 9.45am 11.15am 5.30pm	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Alice Rebello (Thanksgiving on her birthday) Pasquina Fernandes (1st Anniv.) Michael Harrach RIP Colleen Feeney RIP (Anthony Carlton Lett 10th Anniv.) THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
Mon 1 Nov 9.30am	Votive Mass for All the Saints Spencer Coomarewel RIP & the Holy Souls
Tues 2 Nov 9.30am	ALL SOULS Leo & Olga Barco RIP & The Souls in Purgatory andthose who have no one to pray for their Souls
Weds 3 Nov	S. Martin de Porres
9.30am	Ray Lorenzato RIP
Thurs 4 Nov	S. Charles Borromeo
9.30am	Sr. Anita Godinho RIP
Fri 5 Nov 9.30am	Of Requiem Therese Isaacs RIP & Kathleen Anderson RIP
Sat 6 Nov	Of Our Lady
9.30am	Mary Walsh RIP (11th Anniv.)
Sun 7 Nov	32ND OF THE YEAR
6.15pm (Vigil)	Daniel Fanning RIP
8.30am	Patsy Nelson RIP
9.45am	Fr William Hannon RIP
11.15am	THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5.30pm	Julianne Murphy RIP

TODAY'S MASS



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. These can be understood as a framework for Christian living.

Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4,9-14

John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials worship the Lamb.

Responsorial Psaim: Psaim 24:1-2.3-4.5-6 Those who seek the face of the Lord shall be rewarded.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3 We are God's children now.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.

SPIRITUAL OUOTE OF THE WEEK "What saint has ever won his crown without first contending for it?" St. Jerome

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

DAILY MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASS: 6.15pm (Saturday Vigil), 8.30am, 9.45am (Family) & 11.15am (Solemn), 5.30pm. WEEKDAY MASS: Monday - Saturday 9.30am. HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION: 9.30am, 8.00pm. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Friday 9.00-9.30am, Saturday 5.15-6.00pm. CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5.15pm - 6.00pm. and any time by appointment. DIVINE MERCY: Tuesday 10.30am. ROSARY: Daily after Mass.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida,

RECENTLY BAPTISED: Joshua Redhead, Aleksander Godzhev-Currie.

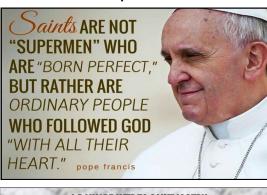
RECENTLY DEPARTED: John Baptiste Carbon, Fr David Irwin

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED: Anthony Carlton Lett RIP (10th), Mary Walsh (11th).

SANCTUARY LAMP Intentions of Maria

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM Pereira Family

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER: People Who Suffer from Depression We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen. The Solemnity of All Saints is a well known feast-day, but do we understand its significance in the life of God's Church? God's ultimate plan was to create a family that would share in the boundless love and joy that is the life of the Trinity. The "Communion of Saints" that is essential to the faith we profess in the Creed each Sunday is the ongoing realisation of that plan. Today we celebrate the reality of that family. Although we have not reached the end of our journey, where we "shall see God as he really is", we already have a genuine fellowship with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all those who have completed the journey, a fellowship that has been an encouragement in the life of the pilgrim Church since the beginning.

The Gospel reading today, the Beatitudes with which Matthew opens the Sermon on the Mount, can help us set aside the palms and haloes and think of the saints as friends and fellows who have made the journey before us. This summary of Jesus' teaching gives expression to the heart and spirit of the life to which Jesus calls us. True happiness, Jesus declares, will be found by those for whom their relationship with God means more to them than earthly goods - a "poverty of spirit", a "meekness" and "gentleness" after the example of Jesus, a "hunger for justice" that shapes what we do according to the values of the Kingdom, in sum "a pure (i.e. an undivided) heart". These are the ideals that have inspired the saints honoured by the Church, and those countless others known only to God. Today's historical studies make it clear that the saints honoured by the Church have struggled against difficulties of temperament and character; but in the end they gave over to God, as the Holy Spirit taught them the lessons of the Beatitudes. As we make the same journey, let us recognise that we shall take into eternal life hearts that have been shaped by the quality of our response to the challenges of life. Though the hearts of all God's family will be filled with joy, some will be narrow hearts and some will be great and generous hearts.

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Thank you for wearing your face covering in church and for considering others



THE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR THIS WEEKEND.

WELCOME to all at Mass today and a big welcome if you have not been to Mass for a while due to the covid restrictions. At present we invite you to continue to wear your mask but this is a choice for you to do or not. If you wish to social distance the stewards will direct you to where you can go.

KEEP St GEORGE'S COVID SECURE: you will have heard in the press, that Covid infections are on the increase again. If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID, even if asymptomatic (i.e. without symptoms), please refrain from coming to the Church. It is still possible to pass Covid on even to those who have been double vaccinated. Additionally, it may be helpful to know, that the Catholic Bishops have fully endorsed the UK Vaccination Programme. The more people who are vaccinated, the less risk there is to us all.



A CALL TO LISTEN AND WALK TOGETHER: SYNOD 2022-2023 Pope Francis has announced a Synod for the whole people of God. As part of the preparation for the Synod, the Pope has called every diocese to enter into a time of preparation, listening and discernment. Our diocese has produced a simple document . If you didn't pick it up last week, please do so today and think and discuss its contents with your friends and family.

NICE & WARM FOR WINTER Our church heating system has now been replaced and we will be warm for winter. Please make sure you always close the door behind you-especially if you come for weekday Mass. Remember we can afford to heat the church but not all of the Harrow Road!!

SUPPORT WEEKLY FLOWERS AT ST. GEORGE'S

How you can help? Give a general donation in an envelope handed to Monsignor or one of the Flower Team (these can be found at the back of the Church).

A special donation of arranged flowers for one week. Perhaps for a Wedding Anniversary, Birthday or in Memory of a loved one. An indication of costs follows:- Please place donations, name and words in an envelope and hand to Monsignor or one of the Flower Team. (Envelopes are at the back of Church).

REBUILDING OUR PARISH: After months of restrictions we now need to carefully and slowly rebuild many of the ministries that have not been possible. Can you continue where you left off? Would you like to start in a new ministry? If our parish is to thrive, we need YOU to help and think clearly where you might use your talents in the rebuilding of our community.

FUNERAL MASS of John Baptiste Carbon on Friday 12th November at 1.00pm followed by burial in Carpenders Park at 2.30pm. May he rest in peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - After Half-Term the children will be continuing to prepare for their First Reconciliation (Confession) in Session 4 by reflecting on 'Repairing our relationship with God'. Thank you for arriving promptly for the session's start at 7pm.

NEWS UPDATE

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY (VIGIL MASS) - All being well, the Children's Nativity will once again be taking place at St. George's at the Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Commitment is required for rehearsals on Saturday 18th December from 10.30-11.30am & Sunday 19th December from 2.00-3.00pm. If your children (in Year 3 or above) would like to take part or you would like to help please contact Bushra on 07843 053 076 / <u>bushrakhosla@yahoo.co.uk</u>.

SIGING SCHOOL FORMS in the parish centre: (Secondary Schools is now closed)

Primary Schools 6.00-8.00pm Friday 10th December All in the parish centre. Please obtain the Certificate of Catholic Practice & a supplementary form from the back of church. <u>These must be completed beforehand.</u>

VOTIVE CANDLE PRICES sadly during the lockdowns the companies making church votive candles suffered with a lack of demand. As a result the prices of our votive candles have shot up. Very reluctantly we have had to raise the price. So please note: LARGE CANDLES:£1.50, SMALL CANDLES 50p.

PARISH CENTRE & CAFÉ: this will be slowly opening up for small groups and we hope to have it all up and running as usual by Advent Sunday. This is also an important date when the bishops have restored the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass. Please note there will be NO commercial lettings of the hall until 2022.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be open for booking Masses etc every Thursday and Friday after 10.00am–3.00pm.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - Young people in **Year 10** & above are welcome to join our Confirmation Programme to prepare to receive this Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are a young person wishing to be confirmed in 2022, please join us in the Parish Centre with a Parent/Carer for the **Confirmation Information Evening at 7.30pm on Monday 10th January 2022** when Registration Forms will be provided to those attending wishing to be confirmed.

NOVEMBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. In life we pray for our loved ones, in death we pray for the repose (the resting) of their souls. During the whole of November, we will remember the faithful departed in our families and amongst our friends. Envelopes and lists are available so that you can give us the names of those departed for which you wish us to pray and to make the customary offering.

PREPARING FOR MY FUNERAL: a leaflet for you to prepare your funeral is available also at the back of the church.

DATES FOR THE FUTURE:

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES at Alperton Cemetery on Saturday 13th November at 12.00noon

ALL SOULS Tuesday 2nd November Mass at 9.30am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 14th November Requiem Mass at

11.15am MASS AT ST MARY'S CEMETERY, KENSAL GREEN: This will take

place on Saturday November 6th at 10 am.

VOLUTEERS FOR FRIDAY HOSPITALITY - We are hoping to restart Teas & Coffees in the Café Bar after the Friday Mass on Friday 3rd December. Following the COVID pandemic, a number of our generous volunteers have had to step down so we are seeking new volunteers. If you might consider helping please contact Angela Traynor at angelatraynor@btinternet.com

CHURCH CLEANING - Church cleaning takes place on Mondays after the 9.30am Mass. All are welcome! Thank you for all who are already helping out.

ALTAR SERVING - If your child would like to help with Altar Serving at Mass please note that you must first complete an Altar Serving Form, providing Parental Consent. Blank forms are available for completion from the Sacristy. Only once this form has been completed can your child begin serving at Mass.

CHURCH LAMPS: These have now been rehung and the ship lamp at Our Lady of Walsingham has been restored. These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office. We have several empty gaps!

RCIA-Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults. Do you know

anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

The Sick & Retired Priests' collection is next week The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospitals, hospitals, by supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests' who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEACHERS: On-line event 23rd Nov 6pm-7.30pm. Our Diocesan Education Service is hosting this event to meet with Catholic teachers and leaders currently working outside of Catholic Education, to support them on their Journey into Catholic education and teaching. See the QR code on the poster by the church entrance for registration.

JOB VACANCIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE. On the diocesan website you can see a number of job vacancies that are available. For more details go to https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MARRIAGE? Founded in the Diocese of Westminster, Marriage Care provides a donation only counselling service for couples who need some support. Marriage courses for those who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, are also available. For more information go to: https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/

ROOM TO LET-3 minutes from the church. Phone: 07504 739081

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PRIMARY EDUCATION? Our primary school, St George's, wishes to appoint Foundation (diocesan) governors to support the running of the school. If you have experience of school governance, experience of teaching or a keen interest in education, you may wish to apply for governorship. The Diocese and the current Board will give full training for new governors and hold refresher courses for experienced governors.

The school website can be seen at <u>https://</u> www.stgeorgesprimary.org/welcome/

Please get in touch with the Chair of Governors, Maria Barrett, via the school office. Telephone: 020 8422 1272 Email: office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk

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Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

MACMILLAN COLLECTION: Please see 'Thank You' note, for donation of $\pounds 1,100$, on the noticeboard in the church porch.

PRAYER FOR THE COP26 CLIMATE SUMMIT

Loving God, We praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.



SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one Celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading: Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

R/. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R**/.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. *R/.*

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. *R/.* Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:28

Allelula, allelula l Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and l will give you rest, says the Lord. Allelula l

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall havemercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Mt 5: 8-10

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord.

Second reading: 1 John 3:1-3

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