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27 th October 2024 Psalter Week 1		Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-9 <i>I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.		
Second Reading	Hebrews 5:1-6 <i>You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and forever.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mark 10:46-52 <i>Master, let me see again.</i>		
Saturday 26 th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 27 th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Chapman family RIP)	
Monday 28 th October Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Catherine Bott Int.)	
Tuesday 29 th October Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Tom (Chas) Harris RIP & Ann Harris Int.)	
Wednesday 30 th October Feria		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 31 st October Feria	7.00pm	Youth Mass – (Solemn Rosary - for the Young People of our Parish)	
Friday – 1 st November + ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation	9.15am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration & Confessions Mass – (Brian Barrett RIP) Mass – (Canon Michael Griffiths RIP)	
Saturday – 2 nd November ALL SOULS DAY	10.00am 12.00pm	Mass – (Holy Souls in Purgatory) Mass – (Memorial Mass for Parishioners)	
Thirty-First Sunday of the Year			
Saturday – 2 nd November +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday – 3 rd November +	10.30am	Mass – (Denise Barnes Int.)	

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

- Offertory: £327.15
- Digital Collection Plate: £30.00
- Standing Orders of £487.00
- TOTAL: £844.15

Many thanks for your continued financial support



All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation

This coming **Friday 1st November**, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, when the Church celebrates all those who have reached the full glory of heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation which means that the Feast is so important to our Faith that we are to treat the day like a Sunday as far as we can and so we come to Mass. There will be two Masses scheduled – **at 10.00am and 7.00pm**. Please do come along to celebrate the saints with the saints – since at every Mass heaven and earth unite and all the saints are present.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS



All Souls Day – 2nd November

On Saturday we celebrate All Souls Day when we especially pray for all who have died and who are not yet enjoying the Beatific Vision in heaven – but they are on their way in that place or process which we call Purgatory. We pray for all our loved ones especially today and throughout the month of November. All Souls Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation; however there will be Mass at **10.00am**.



✠ **Brian Barrett RIP – Thursday 30th October** marks the second anniversary of when Fr David's father, Brian, was called home to the Lord. We continue to pray for the repose of his soul and offer our prayers for Fr David, his dear mum and to all his family during this time of sadness and reflection.



Catholic Grandparents Association – One of the many blessings in our parish is the existence of the Catholic Grandparents Association. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 30th October as usual at 2pm in the Parish Hall**. Do please come and join us for refreshments and an opportunity to consider another aspect of grandparenting and to pray together for grandparents and grandchildren. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.



Calling all the Young People of our Parish! - your presence in our parish is a great blessing to us all. In recognition of this Fr Biju & Deacon Peter extend an invitation to all our young people to a special Mass of Thanksgiving for them – this will be held here at Our Lady's on **Thursday evening 31st October at**

7.00pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. It would be wonderful to see as many of our young people as possible, particularly those who received their First Holy Communion earlier this year; along with those who were Confirmed; our young Altar Servers; the young members of the Choir, in fact all of you! See you there....

Mass Intentions – as Catholics it is an ancient and noble practice to pray for the living and the dead at Mass. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption made present to us. Therefore, so many of us seek to book a Mass intention for our loved ones. We have a number of available weekday dates during the coming weeks – if you would like to book a Mass please complete one of the Mass Offering envelopes available in the porch.



In Memoriam Mass 2nd November 12 Noon

This Mass will be celebrated for our loved ones who have died. During the Mass Fr Biju will read out the names of your loved ones and you can, if you wish, light a candle in their memory. Please let Denise have any names **no later than Thursday 31st October**. If you wish to bring a picture of your loved one to place by the candles that will be lit, please feel

free to do so. Fr Biju, Deacon Peter, and the SVP look forward to welcoming you to give thanks for their lives and to pray for the repose of their souls. **We also invite you to lunch in the Hall afterwards**. For catering purposes, it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers – if you wish to stay for the lunch please sign up on the list at the back of the church. We are happy to provide transport if needed - please let us know by email at veronicatarrant@aol.com or by phone at **07469 717760**, or in person to any member of the SVP.



CASPAR – Along with the parishes of our Diocese, this weekend we are launching a new parish database system. We would like to keep in contact with each of you in a more effective and efficient way. In order to do so we would like you to sign up either via the web page: www.caspar.church/me?!D=56071 or by scanning the QR code here (also available in the porch). If you are not confident in using the internet or don't have an email address,

please contact Denise who will help you to sign up.



Newsletter – Deadline - Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise no later than **5.00pm on Thursday afternoon**. Whilst we will do our best to include your item this cannot always be guaranteed.

Reflection on All Saints and All Souls



All Saints - Who are we? St. John answers that beautifully in our second reading today:

“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...”

The Solemnity of All Saints reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unknown to us, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers each one of us. The saints encourage us in our own struggles because, like us, they also endured immense hardships, but they grew from strength to strength, they matured in the Lord as they grew in years. We also see this journey of growth in the great people of the Bible. We could think of Abraham whom Genesis tells us pretended his wife was his sister because he was afraid, but Abraham grew to become our father in faith. Moses had a speech impediment and had murdered and protested being called by God but he led his people to the Promised Land. In the Gospels Peter is impulsive and does not want the Lord to suffer but in Acts he is totally transformed and considers it an honour to suffer for the Lord. Interestingly in Acts even Peter's shadow is a source of healing, something which is not said of Jesus in the Gospels. Obviously, Peter's Formation Adviser was out of this world!



All Souls - After judgment three choices await us: hell, purgatory or heaven; hell, for those who have rejected God, heaven for those who die as saints and purgatory for everybody else. We would all like to go immediately to heaven when we die but we need to ask ourselves, are we living in such a way that we will die as saints? Would it be more realistic for us to expect to spend some time in purgatory being purified? Only perfect love can see God face to face, so in purgatory we are purified that we may see God face to face. On the solemnity of the Holy Souls, we especially pray for all the souls who are still in purgatory

undergoing purification and growing in love before they are ready to see God face to face in heaven. It is out of our belief in purgatory that the commemoration of the Holy Souls springs for if we did not believe in purgatory the commemoration of the Holy Souls and our prayers for them would not make sense. We believe that God is all merciful and that Jesus' passion, death and resurrection saved us but that does not excuse us from being purified. Jesus has saved us but we still need to make amends for the sins that we have committed and we need to be purified. This expiation for sin must be made either in this life or the next. During life we receive many opportunities to expiate sin through the sacraments and through our sufferings but after death any unexpiated sin needs to be purified. This is what Purgatory is, purification for unexpiated sin, being healed of the negative effects of sin which do not leave us totally open to grace.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, pray for us.

With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Pet