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LATEST NEWS

1ST NOV – THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

10.30AM THE PARISH MASS

Please see ticketing details to attend

Mon 2nd Nov - Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

12 NOON REQUIEM MASS

Tue 3rd Nov - St Winefride, Virgin

Wed 4th Nov - St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

11.30am Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for an end to the pandemic and for the Holy Souls
12 noon Mass

Thur 5th Nov - Weekday in OT

Fri 6th Nov - Weekday in OT

Sat 7th Nov - St Willibrord, Bishop

8TH NOV – 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A (Remembrance Sunday)

10.30AM THE PARISH REQUIEM MASS FOR THE FALLEN

THE SUNDAY MASS READINGS are made available at the end of this bulletin for the Solemnity of All Saints. You are invited to pray with them before coming to Sunday Mass to prepare to meet Our Lord present when these scriptures are proclaimed. You might also wish to use them when preparing to make a Spiritual Communion at home.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS today we celebrate the glorious feast of All Saints, the multitude of those who are now in heaven. During the year, the Church celebrates one by one the feasts of the saints. Today she joins them all in one festival. In addition to those whose names she knows, she recalls in a magnificent vision all the others "of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood." The Solemnity of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some we have known, perhaps a mother, a father, a grandparent or friend. We ask them to pray for us and with us.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – 'All Souls Day' is celebrated on Monday 2nd November. We pray for all the faithful departed (the Holy Souls) in Purgatory on this day as they journey towards the glory of heaven. Purgatory is the state of being cleansed and perfected before we enter heavenly glory. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... thus made atonement for the dead that

they might be free from sin." It seems we rarely discuss Purgatory. Yet, the Church tells us it is the place where departed souls go to prepare to fully enter the presence of God. The purification of Purgatory is important because Scripture teaches us that nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in Heaven. Most of us die with venial sins or other transgressions lingering on our souls. Therefore, Purgatory is a place of beauty as it is a place of healing. There is only one way from Purgatory and that is to heaven! **A Requiem Mass will be offered at 12noon. (Please book)** Do come and pray for your departed loved ones on this special day.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Is next Sunday the 8th November. Remembrance Sunday falls on the Sunday nearest Armistice Day, 11 November, which marks the end of the First World War. On this day we remember all those who gave their lives for their country, all who suffered and died through acts of war and those who were left behind to grieve and mourn. We celebrate a Requiem Mass for the fallen next Sunday with a short act of Remembrance. “When you go home tell them of us and say: for your tomorrow we gave our today.”

PRIESTS’ RETIREMENT FUND - ANNUAL APPEAL The annual appeal, in support of the Priest’s Retirement Fund, will take today. During their years of service to parish congregations, many priests did not have the opportunity to prepare adequately for retirement. The support received for this appeal each year is a great reassurance to them that they are not forgotten. There are currently twenty retired priests in receipt of financial support, which includes funding for retirement properties, retirement grants and care home fees, amounting to over £250,000 per annum. Your support for this important collection is much appreciated by our retired priests, who continue to give great help in many parishes by offering services as supply priests.

HOLY SOULS BOOK Please feel free to write the names of deceased family and friends in the Holy Souls Book. This will then be placed next to the Paschal Candle next weekend for the duration of November, the month of the Holy Souls. Holy Souls envelopes are also available in Church if you would like a Mass celebrated for a departed loved one during the month of November. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MICROSOFT TEAMS PPC MEETING will take place on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK - Are currently promoting a Stand up and Smile Campaign to protect babies with cleft-lip and club foot. Please include their intentions with the following prayer: “As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn. Lord hear us”

NHS TEST & TRACE CODE We encourage parishioners to scan the NHS Test and Trace QR code via the NHS COVID-19 App (See the Notice Board in Church) Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Please contact Fr Michael if you need to make your confession and a time can be arranged in Church in a Covid19 safe space. Please remember to wear your face mask. Do celebrate this wonderful sacrament of God’s love and mercy. If it has been some time since you celebrated the sacrament and you have forgotten the prayers, they are available on the Parish Website, but do not worry for the priest will gently guide you through the celebration.

A PERIOD OF QUIET PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT People have commented how much they enjoyed coming together on Wednesdays before Mass to pray the Rosary for an end to the Covid19 pandemic. As a result, we will continue with a little period of prayer during November (the month of the Holy Souls) with just 30 minutes of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the Holy Souls and for an end to the Pandemic. This will begin at 11.30am. Do come along and spend a while with our Lord present in the Holy Eucharist.



PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES In view of the uncertainty regarding the Covid19 crisis and low numbers attending Mass, we are looking ahead to scheduling masses for Christmas. We are planning to celebrate Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve and at 10.30am on Christmas Day. If you are planning to come to Mass at Christmas, we ask you to book a place now, so that we can ascertain numbers early and plan accordingly. Please book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-corsham-30646123644> Thank you.

SUMMARY OF POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE last Wednesday, October 28th. Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now turn to the life and teaching of Jesus. The Lord chose to begin his public ministry by being baptized in the Jordan river. It is significant that this great event took place in the midst of a community, in an atmosphere of communal prayer and repentance. Sinless himself, the eternal Son of God was baptized by John as a sign of his loving solidarity with sinful humanity. Saint Luke tells us that, after his baptism, as Jesus prayed, the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the voice of the Father proclaimed him as his beloved Son. By our own baptism, we become sharers in Christ's sonship through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are thus enabled to share in Jesus' own prayer, the eternal expression of his dialogue of love with the Father. At every moment of our lives, even those in which we feel the weight of the cross and the burden of our sins, may we persevere in prayer, confident that, as Christ's brothers and sisters, beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, the gates of heaven are always open to us. Full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va

THE SUNDAY PARISH MASS 10.30AM Please remember to book a ticket using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-patricks-catholic-church-corsham-30646123644> Please do not come to Mass without a ticket as once we have reached distancing capacity people will be unable to enter. If you book and then find you are unable to come, do let us know as we can then make the tickets available to others. Tickets are also available online for the Wednesday celebration at 12 noon. If you do not have access to the web, please call Fr Michael or Lorraine Miller to reserve a place.

YEAR OF COMMUNION Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, which brings into focus all those who lead good and holy lives but are not officially recognised by the Church as being 'Saints'. The church introduced this feast to recognise the early Christian martyrs, many of whom were never known by name but who lived faithful Christian lives and who died for their faith. We may not have known anyone who has died for their faith but most of us have met people who have devoted their life to living the values of the Gospel. They are the people who strive to live generously and compassionately. These people are not heroic in the normal sense of the word, but their lives often are heroic. They are the people who are ready go the extra mile for others and then slip away un-noticed. When we think of holiness what do we imagine? Perhaps one definition of holiness is the capacity to live without hankering after the past or imagining the future but being able to focus on the present moment. Such people are attentive to what is going on around them and in doing so can respond to whatever is asked of them. During the pandemic we have seen many such people, heroically giving endlessly to meet the needs of others. These are the blessed people. Today's Gospel invites each one of us live humble, peaceful, and wholesome (holy) lives with Christ at the heart of all our actions and words.

CHURCH CLEANERS AND STEWARDS We are grateful to those who have volunteered as stewards. We still need more stewards to be able to celebrate more Masses and continue to keep those Masses we already have. Please see contact Lorraine Miller who is coordinating the list.

PARISH GIVING Thank you to all who are continuing to support the parish financially at this difficult time. We still need to pay our levy every week to the Diocese and winter will bring higher heating and lighting costs. We need to continue to purchase the necessary requisites for Mass, office materials, sanitizers and Covid19

protection equipment, whilst also maintaining the Church, grounds, house and hall. So, thank you for your generosity. A particularly big thank you to those who have signed up for new standing orders and gift aid. If you have not so far committed to giving to the parish by standing order, could you please urgently consider this? It is by far the safest way of giving regularly. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the parish.

RUH If you or a loved one is going into the Royal United Hospital please let the RUH Chaplaincy know on 01225 428331 or email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

Saint Patrick's Community at Prayer



***‘The earnest prayer of a righteous person
has great power and produces wonderful results.’ James 5:16.***

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Maeve Heffernan, James Gallagher, Terri Yates, Karen Lucas, Rob Jones, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, John Hunt, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price and Christopher. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

Recently Departed: John Roberts

Pope Francis November Prayer Intention: Artificial Intelligence. That the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Ss Luke & Teresa, Wincanon with Mere, Milbourne Port, Castle Cary and Bruton

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: St Patrick's Church

Coronavirus Prayer



A prayer for NHS staff and carers who have died as a result of COVID 19

Heavenly Father, whose loving care
extends over all things and over all time,
hear our prayer for those
who have dedicated their lives to the service and care of others
especially those of the NHS, caring professions and emergency services
who, by tending those infected with the COVID virus
have themselves fallen prone to the disease and died.
Receive our sorrow, penitence and gratitude;
comfort those who mourn;
strengthen, guide and protect those
who continue to care for those who are sick and in need,
as we commend the departed to your loving and eternal care;
we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praying for the Faithful Departed



Immortal God, holy Lord,
Father and Protector of all You have created,
we raise our hearts to You today for those
who have passed out of this mortal life.

In Your loving mercy, Father of all,
be pleased to receive them in Your heavenly company,
and forgive the failings and faults
they may have done from human frailty.

Your only Son, Christ, our Saviour,
suffered so cruelly that
He might deliver them from the second death.
By his merits may they share in the glory
of His victory over sin and death.

For all the faithful who have died we pray,
but in particular for those dear to us,
parents, relatives and friends.
nor do we forget all who did good to us while on earth,
who helped us by their prayers, sacrifice and example.
We pray also for any who may have done us harm,
and stand in special need of Your forgiveness.

May the merits and prayers of our Virgin Mother,
Mary, and those of all the Angels and Saints,
speak for us and assist them now.
This we ask in Christ's name.

Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion



“My Jesus, I believe that You are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I desire You in my soul. As I cannot receive you sacramentally now, come at least spiritually into my heart. And, as You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Let me never be separated from You.”

An Act of Contrition



O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you: and I detest my sins most sincerely because they displease You, my God, Who are so deserving of all my love for Your infinite goodness and most amiable perfections: and I firmly purpose by Your holy grace never more to offend You, to avoid all occasions of sin and amend my life. Amen. I further resolve and promise to go to sacramental confession as soon as practicably possible.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Solemnity of All Saints

First reading

Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(24):1-6

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

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.

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.

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.

Second reading

1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 have mercy 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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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