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LATEST NEWS

THE WORD THIS SUNDAY

(Sunday Readings are available at the end of this bulletin)

Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14: For persecuted early Christians, in language crafted to conceal its meaning from the persecutors, we hear a confident prediction of God's triumph.

1 John 3: 1-3: For communities struggling with doctrinal disputes and membership issues, a Christian sage offers some consoling advice at the highest level.

Matthew 5: 1-12: Like a new Moses, Jesus ascends a mount, in order to deliver a new law. It will contrast significantly with the old. The Beatitudes give us a design for life.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is the beautiful celebration of all those who have died and gone to heaven. We believe that all people in heaven are saints. This includes all saints, not just those who are known to us (those canonized by the Church). A saint may be a mother, father, aunt, uncle or friend. We, the faithful on earth, celebrate their triumph and seek to learn from their example in what it means to live holy lives. We also ask them to pray for us as we journey through the Christian life. The word, "Halloween" comes from the vigil of All Hallows Day, now known as All Saints Day. On Tuesday, All Souls Day, we remember and pray for those who have died who are in purgatory. Souls in



in purgatory are being purified in order to enter heaven. On both days we pray for ourselves, that the Lord may help us to become pure of heart now, purified by the trials we endure for Christ now, holy now and saints in the life to come.

31ST OCTOBER 2021

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

9am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Mon 1st Nov - Weekday in OT

No Mass

Tue 2nd Nov - COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

12noon Requiem Mass (Corsham)

6pm Requiem Mass (Chippenham)

Wed 3rd Nov - St Winefride, Virgin

No Mass

Thur 4th Nov - St Charles Borromeo

12.10pm Mass (Chippenham)

Fri 5th Oct - Weekday in OT

12noon Mass (Corsham)

Sat 6th Oct - Our Lady on Saturday

7TH NOVEMBER 2021

32ND SUNDAY IN OT (YEAR B)

9am Sung Mass (Pro Populo)

Confessions are heard after weekday
mass or at call.



SILVER GILT AWARD St Patrick's has won a Silver Gilt award, and the trophy, in this year's Best Place of Worship category in our local Corsham in Bloom competition. Our grateful thanks go to Keith and Ewan for all their hard work over the past year maintaining the grounds so beautifully and have made this award possible.

THE FIFTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR will be on Sunday 14th November 2021. Pope Francis, on the first World Day of the Poor in 2017, implored that our service to the poor, "...lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life." This call to engage the poor among us as our brothers and sisters, and not to treat them as abstract, transactional relationships, reminds us of the love that Christ demonstrates for us. A 9 -day Novena has been prepared by Caritas Social Action Network.

PREPARING FOR SYNOD Our local preparation session is on 6th November, 10am -12noon: St John's Centre, Trowbridge www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367

MUSIC GROUP does not meet this week. The next gathering is Wednesday 10th November at 4.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Application forms for the 2022 FHC of children who are baptised Catholics and in Yr 3 or above are now available in Church. Please return asap to Fr Michael if you wish your child to begin preparation in January. The closing date for receipt of completed forms is Sunday November 14th, 2021. We look forward to seeing our young people at Mass as they prepare to begin their journey to first Holy Communion.

COP26 Pope Francis has said 'COP26 represents an urgent summons to provide effective responses to the unprecedented ecological crisis and the crisis of values that we are presently experiencing, and in this way to offer concrete hope to future generations.' Do keep this major summit of world leaders in your prayers over the coming days. For more information please the www.cbcew.org.uk or www.cafod.org.uk.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Each week, we have a wonderful opportunity to come into Our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and quiet prayer before midweek mass. Come into the peace and stillness of the Lord. Come and rest with the Lord a while in his healing presence. The gift of the Eucharist is at the very heart of our Catholic faith.

BAPTISMAL PREP TEAM Thank you to Tom Martin who has offered to help with our new baptismal preparation ministry. We need just one more person who would be able to assist with this important ministry. This will involve giving a presentation to parents ahead of the baptism and offering support as they introduce their child to the Mass. All course materials and DVD's etc will be provide. Please see Fr Michael if you are interested in helping.

PRAYER GROUP Friday November 5th Prayer Group in the Church at 9.30 followed by coffee in the hall.

STAYING SAFE As we have several clinically extremely vulnerable people in our Church family, we ask that you continue to sanitise your hands on entering the Church, wear a mask, socially distance and observe our one-way system. Thank you.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

The Sick: Peter Power: Ann Saba: Coleen Milne, Tony Tredgett, Richard Keat, Karen Lucas, Sheila Taylor, Christopher Brawl, Julia Wright, Pauline Feeney, Margaret Brown, Lindsay Price. Pray for all suffering with Coronavirus, all in our hospitals, nursing homes and those who care for them.

The Holy Father's November Prayer Intention: 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.

Diocesan Prayer Link: St Mary, Swindon

Christians in Corsham Prayer Link: All other Christian Communities

November – Month of the Holy Souls



November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. It is a time when we are particularly conscious of those in our parishes who are grieving and all those families who have lost loved ones in the past year.

We mark this time of year in our parishes with events like the blessing of the graves, the celebration of remembrance services as well as commemorating All Saints' and All Souls' Day.

The November book of Remembrance is placed by the baptismal font and paschal candle. Please do add names of departed loved ones to be remembered this month.

Prayer for the Dead

**Into your hands, O Lord,
We humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.**

**The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping nor pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.**

Amen

**Lord God,
whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting,
keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown.
Let your Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice,
that we may serve you in union with the whole Church,
sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love.
And when our earthly journey is ended,
lead us rejoicing into your kingdom,
where you live forever and ever.**

AMEN

(Order of Christian Funerals, 332)

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

Also available to download in 13 different languages at www.virc.at



First reading

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

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.'

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 5:1-12

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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