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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th October 2022

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October: A Church Open to Everyone - We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Sun 30th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	A Kennedy R.I.P.; K Scully R.I.P. R Kras R.I.P. M J Pinto R.I.P. M L Barria Int People of the Parish	
Mon 31st	Feria	B Moran R.I.P.; A Wright Int	
Tues 1st	All Saints	9.30 a.m. C McDermott R.I.P. 7 p.m. People of the Parish	
Wed 2nd	All Souls Day	9.30 a.m. Holy Souls 12 noon N D'Andrada R.I.P. 7 p.m. Holy Souls	
Thurs 3rd	St Martin de Porres	R Wimberley Thanksgiving	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 4th	St Charles Borromeo	M McNicholas R.I.P.; T Hamilton Int; Holy Souls	First Friday 7 p.m.
Sat 5th	Blessed Martyrs of Douai	B Broughton R.I.P.; E, E C Ojukwu A Oloke Int	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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Made to belong and to share

In the presence of Jesus, Zacchaeus, the little man with a big story, found out who he, really was and, what he was made for. That's the way it is with Jesus.

His big story wasn't impressive. The whole town knew of his corruption, and his exploitation, many could tell a story of being diddled by him into paying more tax than was just. He carried this burden all the time and somehow the arrival of Jesus impelled him to climb a tree so that his life would be changed. Our stories are all a mixture of good and evil. We carry burdens of guilt and sin and hurt and anger. We need to get free and be the self we can be.

Zacchaeus found he wasn't the mean person he had been showing all his life. He found that restoration of ill-gotten gains, and a promise to help his neighbour, would bring more happiness than his past. He found in meeting Jesus the acceptance that allowed him to change, to go public on his change, and to continue a changed life no matter what others thought.

He was made for community, belonging and sharing; not for isolation, loneliness and greed. He knew now he was made for love for he found himself loved by God in Jesus, so that the one everyone was talking about visited his house now.

It didn't make Jesus popular. They blamed him for going to the house of someone like that. It's often like that; we would like Jesus to look down on the ones we look down on. The only time Jesus looks down on us is from his cross - to raise us up to the heights of love and humanity we are made for.

*Lord Jesus we are made in your image;
 help us to live in your likeness.*

- **All Saints Day** is on Tuesday 1st November a **Holyday of Obligation** Mass at 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- **All Souls** is on Wednesday, 2nd we will have Mass at 9.30 am, 12 noon and 7.00 p.m.
- **November** envelopes are available in the porches for your offering and the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered on All Souls Day and at daily Mass during November.
- **Sunday 6th November** - Blessing of Graves at Carpenders Park Cemetery at **1.30 p.m.**
- **We will celebrate** a Mass especially for the family and friends who have lost loved ones over the past two years. Mass will be on **Wed 16th Nov at 7 p.m.**

- **Fr Albert** will be available on Mondays from **6.00 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.** to see parishioners regarding non urgent matters, including the signing of passports and other forms. **(Not school forms.)**

- **Confirmation 2023:** There will be a meeting for candidates and parents on Wednesday, 9th November after evening Mass.

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. (Parishioners welcome) Donations for the foodbank can be dropped at the school or the parish. Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

- **Benefit Dance** at the Claddagh Ring in Hendon on Friday 18th November. Music by Mary Rose and Her Band. Proceeds to send 2 Children to Lourdes and English Martyrs Hall. Tickets on sale now cost £10. See Mary or Theresa Kinsella.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify us.
 Body of Christ, save us.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate us.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash us.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen us.
 O Good Jesus, hear us.
 Within Thy wounds hide us.
 Suffer us not to be separated from thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend us.
 In the hour of our death call us.
 And bid us come unto Thee,
 That with all Thy saints,
 we may praise thee
 Forever and ever.
 Amen

Saint Nicholas of Tolentine

Prayer for the Deceased

Lord, God of holiness and light.
 You do not allow any shadow of darkness
 or evil in your sight,
 and so in your mercy you grant to those
 who have left this world
 burdened with sin,
 a time of purification,
 applying to them the spiritual treasures
 of your holy Church.
 Hear our prayer and through
 the merits of Christ,
 the Blessed Virgin, the saints,
 and all your faithful people
 bring to an end this time of waiting
 for our beloved dead.
 In your providence
 you have chosen Saint Nicholas
 as a special intercessor on behalf of the
 departed.
 Hear also his fervent prayer
 for those whom
 we recommend to you through
 his intercession.
 Amen.

- **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** on Friday at 7 p.m. **Do you have an hour to spare to join us in prayer?**

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, hospices and parishes. 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.