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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6th November 2022



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November: For children who suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Sun 6th	(Sat) 6 p.m. 9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6 p.m.	A Headley R.I.P. G Nash R.I.P.; M Yelumeu Mendy R.I.P. R Fernandes Int: V Okafor R.I.P. B McNicholas R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Mon 7th	Feria	Holy Souls; M & M McNicholas R.I.P.	
Tues 8th	Feria	C McDermott R.I.P.; D Da Costa R.I.P.	
Wed 9th	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	S Fernandes R.I.P.; G Joseph Int	Confirmation Candidates & Parents
Thurs 10th	St Leo the Great	P McNicholas R.I.P.; E Rodrigues R.I.P.	Exposition until 11 a.m. First Communion Children 6 p.m.
Fri 11th	St Martin of Tours	N Gaulle R.I.P.; Holy Souls	
Sat 12th	St Josaphat	N Kenny Int.; Holy Souls	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

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A New Breakthrough

The big question is what it will all be like? Jesus gives no details. We live in hope and die in hope. We are to be alive forever in the love of God. God keeps love safe. When life ceases, love stays.

God is God of life, the Gospel says; To him all are alive/ even the dead,

God breaks into life in a new way at our death. It happens in small ways every time we are transformed a bit - when we forgive, make peace, really help another, when we promise ourselves to someone or some cause, we are in resurrection mode. But the final one is a gift unlike any earthly gift.

We need to share this hope with each other. The peace you may have felt at the death of someone, the dream where the loved one was happy, the thanks you feel for another forever - all brings hope even if their death is sudden or self-inflicted or at a young age. As we place our candle at the altar for our loved ones in November, we are letting them go off into what death really is - our finding our way to the arms of God.

Words of Pope Francis - "*Hope is not looking at a half-full glass, which is simply optimism, which is a human attitude that depends on many things. Hope is a gift of Jesus, of His very self, His very name is hope. It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. This is the eternal hope, which is the root of our joy even in the losses of our lives.*"

Lord, give us this day a renewal of faith in eternal life.

- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: (RCIA)** We have an enquiry group that meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., so if there are any non-Catholic adults who wish to be baptised or who wish to be received into the Church then let us know. Likewise, Catholic adults who may not have made their first communion or been confirmed. Please have a word with Fr Albert.

- **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.
- **Today, Sunday 6th Nov** - 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 this 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

- **Parish Finances:** Envelopes £528: Loose Plate £677
- **Building Fund:** £110: **Mission Sunday:** £901 **Thank you**

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.

Filipino Mass next Sunday 13th Nov at 3 p.m.

- **Carpenter wanted.** Please have a word with Fr Albert if you can help in the parish.

- **The Sick & Retired Priests' collection** is this week Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow.
- Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also 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, reducing the risks to everyone of handling cash. Thank you in advance for your kindness.