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3rd November 2024 is the Thirty-First Sunday of the Year

In the first reading, from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses tells the people that keeping the law will guarantee their happiness and flourishing, and he also sums the Law up in the following way: "Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart." It is important to note that we are urged to listen, to love, and to have the Law engraved on our hearts (as opposed to merely on our lips.) In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus quotes these words from Moses and adds that we should love our neighbour as ourselves. He also adds that we should love God with "all your mind" which may be important. Love is the essence of the Law, but how are we to keep the Law? We know what we have to do, but how can we ensure we do it? The answer is through the strength of the Holy Spirit that has been poured into our hearts.

This Sunday, the 10.30am Mass will be offered for all who have died this year in the parish.

All who have lost someone this last year are invited to their commemoration at the altar of God. Also this Sunday, after the 10.30am Mass, we are having the parish open meeting. Fiona Perks has organised the agenda and will keep the minutes. Andrew Perks will be in the chair. The meeting will last less than an hour.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, being the Sunday closest to 11th November

The 10.30am Mass will be our Requiem for all the Dead of War. The Uniformed Groups of our parish will be represented and will lay a wreath at the start of Mass, and we will observe the 2 minutes silence. Do please wear your poppy. The other Masses that weekend will be of the 32nd Sunday of the Year.

Liturgical notes: We are in the month of November, which is the dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed, otherwise called the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those who are being purified before they can see God.

On days when there is no feast we shall be offering the daily Mass for the Dead.

Monday is the feast of Saint Charles Borromeo (1538 – 1584). He was the Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584 and was exemplary in his rule of his large and populous diocese. He spent his energies setting up seminaries for the education of future priests, visiting parishes, holding synods, and preaching. He ensured that the reforms ordered by the Council of Trent were carried out. When plague struck Milan, he was assiduous in bringing comfort to the afflicted.

He spent long hours in prayer, and died at the age of 46, exhausted by his pastoral labours.

Thursday is the feast of Saint Willibrord, bishop (658 – 739). He was an Englishman born in Northumbria who became a monk and was sent to evangelise the Frisians, living in what we now call the Low Countries. He was made the first Bishop of Utrecht by the Pope of the time, Pope Sergius. After his death he was immediately venerated as a saint.

This Thursday we have an 'extra' Mass, namely the requiem for the late James Delahunt RIP.

It starts at 11am. All are welcome. Please remember that the burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy, and it is particularly appropriate to go to funerals in November.

Remembering Our Dead

Our Memory Book will be on display in the church for the month of November, when we pray especially for our dead.

If you would like a name to be added to the book, please write it clearly on a piece of paper and leave it in the basket, to be written in by our calligrapher.

Looking ahead.... After the clocks go back, things can seem a bit dull, but be of good heart. We have lots to look forward to. The season of Remembrance is upon us as well as the month of prayer for the faithful departed. Remembrance is something anyone can do, but it is particularly appropriate for Christians, who follow the Lord who said '*Do this in remembrance of me.*' Please make a special effort to buy & wear a poppy, & encourage children to do so too. It is important that this tradition (another important Christian word) is cherished. We also have several important feasts coming up: St Clement our patron, on November 23rd; Christ the King, the last Sunday of the year, on November 24th; St Andrew, patron of Scotland on November 30th; then the season of Advent, starting on December 1st and all the things that go with preparing for Christmas. In Advent we celebrate the big feasts of the Immaculate Conception, this year on December 9th, and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. Christmas is on the 25th December, as we all know, and the celebrations continue for 12 days, until the Epiphany, celebrated on 5th January.

There are two lists in the sacristy. The first is for all those coming to the face to face mandatory safeguarding training on Wednesday 6th November, at 11am in the Tivey Room. This is for parish volunteers, those who might like to volunteer in future and all who are interested. Space will be limited. The second is for Altar Servers to signify their attendance on the Training, Pizza and Games night on Sunday 17th November at 6pm. **PLEASE SIGN UP!**

The Winter Fair is coming up! This is not purely a fund-raising exercise, but also a way of introducing local people to our parish & community without actually inviting them to a Church service. Lots of people like these sorts of occasions, so publicity is key. To this end, do please take a poster (from the back of the Church) & either display it in your window, or wherever people will see it; and/or ask friends, shopkeepers, public noticeboard, administrators to do the same. In addition, please invite friends & neighbours to come along; they may well appreciate the invitation. Word of mouth is invaluable, as is the personal touch. We have invitation sized notices as well for you to pass on. Finally, please share the poster on Facebook with your own friends or with local Facebook groups.

Catholics are urged to contact their MPs today to stop the legalisation of Assisted Suicide

To find out more about the Bill and contact your MP please visit: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now.

Thoughts on Assisted Dying/Suicide, part three. We have been told that many people choose to end their lives when they are terminally ill, but the law prevents them from doing so. But this statement is presuming that choice is to be taken at face value. A sick person may feel unloved and unwanted, and a burden, and thus pressurised into ending their life, even though nothing is said openly on the subject. What may look like a choice at first sight may, on investigation, be the fruit of hidden pressures to conform to what is expected of the sick person. After all, no one wants to be a burden. We need to ask ourselves: do we treat the sick as a burden, a drain on resources, or as standing between ourselves and our inheritance or our self-determination? If we are honest, this can be a temptation. But we need to remember the way of the saints who dedicated their lives to the service of the sick, and we need to remember the example of Lourdes where the sick are treated as the most important people present, and emphatically NOT burdens. Talk of the cost of health care, of people becoming 'bed-blockers' and similar language betrays an inhuman, and unchristian, way of thinking. We need to value people as people, whatever their state of health.

An A to Z of Catholicism' has reached 'D is for the Devil'.

Satan, or the Devil, gets a lot of coverage in the modern imagination, but what does the Bible say about him, and what do we believe and why? The truth is rather surprising. All are welcome. This will take place after the 7pm Mass on Thursday. The talk will be recorded and put up on the internet, via YouTube, and shared to our Facebook group.

Advent Reflection Course

Fiona Perks is running an Advent reflection course on Fri 22 Nov & the following three Fridays at 2pm at St Clement's school. The course will follow the same Sycamore programme as the Lent group. All parents and parishioners are welcome. If interested please let the school office know. For more info on the course content please use the following website link. <https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

From the Weds 27th Nov & the following 3 Weds there will be an **Advent Reflection Group** in the Tivey Room from 11:15am-12noon. All Welcome. Also the same as above on Zoom from 27th Nov from 7:30pm-9pm. Details to follow.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Donations: Many thanks for your generous response to the appeal. £518. 26 was raised via the fast day envelopes and the coffee morning. By giving to CAFOD you have helped fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so that people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo can learn skills, such as carpentry, and provide a better future for their families.



Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for: Louise Charge, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Bancroft and Sally Mason.



Christmas Sing-along

On Sat 7th Dec, we will be holding a Christmas Sing-along evening, singing a selection of well-known Christmas favourites & traditional carols. Doors open at 7pm, entrance is free. Included will be a welcome glass of wine & some festive nibbles. (Bring your own extra drinks.) This event is for children too – we would encourage them to come in their nativity/Christmas costumes. Please gargle before you come as we'll be looking to identify the best singers!

Mass Intentions October 2024

Sat 2	6pm	Vigil Mass	GE Mrs Lepore
Sun 3	8:30am	31st Sunday in OT	Jacinta Fahy RIP
Sun 3	10:30am	31st Sunday in OT	For all parishioners & all the dead
Mon 4	10am	St Charles Borromeo	WPLS Int
Wed 6	10am	Daily Mass of the Dead	Available
Thu 7	11am	Funeral Mass of James	Hugh Dalahunt RIP
Thu 7	7pm	St Willibrord	WPLS Int
Fri 8	10am	Daily Mass of the Dead	Available
Sat 9	6pm	Vigil Mass	Frank Pawley RIP
Sun 10	8:30am	32nd Sunday in OT	Available
Sun 10	10:30am	32nd Sunday in OT	People of the Parish

Dates For Your Diary

Sun	3 Nov	Parish Open meeting, 11.30am
Weds	6 Nov	Safeguarding Training face to face 11am
Thur	7 Nov	A to Z of Catholicism - the Devil, 7.30pm
Sat	9 Nov	FHC 3rd Session, 11am-12pm
Sat	9 Nov	FHC Catechists Meeting, 12pm-1pm
Sun	10 Nov	Mass for the War Dead 10.30am
Tues	12 Nov	Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery, at St Michael's Ashtead 11am
Tues	12 Nov	Deanery core groups meeting St Andrew's School 7-9pm
Thur	14 Nov	Parish Core Group meeting, 7.30pm
Sat	16 Nov	FHC 4th Session, 11am-12pm