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Solemnity of All Saints – 1 November 2020

“Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called
sons of God.”

Matthew 5, 9

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember and pray for all those who have died especially those family members and friends who have been dear to us and have been an important part of our lives. This year the Mass of Remembrance, when we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish, will happen on **Wednesday 11th November @ 19.30**. The families of those whose funerals have taken place in the parish have been specially invited and during the Mass a named candle will be lit and the names of the dead will be read out. If you have a family member or friend, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are warmly invited to add their name to the list and a candle will be provided. Please pass on this information to the parish office by Wed 4th November.

ALL SOULS

All Souls Day will be Monday 2nd November as usual. Public Masses will be celebrated at 09.15 and 19.30. No pre-booking required but please arrive early ready to give your name to the stewards.

HOLY SOULS The box which is traditionally placed in front of the altar every November will be there as usual. If you would like to add names of your deceased love ones, please write them on a piece of paper and leave it in the basket as you come in to church at the weekend. Names will be transferred to the box by a steward. Please do not include money.

BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

To keep everybody safe, there are only 26 pews available for seating in the church so we have set up booking online through [Eventbrite](#). If you are able to use the internet, please book yourself in each week. If you are not able to access the internet please ring the office before 3pm on Thursday. Please try to arrive at least 10mins before Mass starts to allow for the stewards to seat everybody. ***If you are not here five minutes before Mass starts, your seat may be given away to somebody who is waiting.***

DONATE TO THE PARISH WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE

The parish has signed up with a charity called The Giving Machine, part of a portal called Churchmarketplace which is sanctioned by the Archdiocese. Just sign up to TGM and nominate Our Lady & St Anne RC Church as your charity. We have a designated number of **267066**

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/how-tgm-works/>

You can download a Shop and Reminder app on your phone from Google Play. When you land on a TGM site a little reminder will pop up. Click on it and then shop as normal.

CHANGES AT CHURCH

The collection basket is now available at the entrance so you can make your donations as you come in through the door. Please leave the building promptly to allow those behind you to stay a safe distance apart. Thank you.

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy> or by request from the parish office.

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Solemnity of All Saints (Year A – Matthew): Last year the Archdiocese of Birmingham celebrated the canonization of John Henry Newman: a new saint was added to the “canon”/list of the saints, yet another name in the Litany. Yet today is not the feast of all those who have been canonised or whose feasts are marked in the liturgical calendar. It is the feast of all the saints. Many churches, including ours, have stained glass windows and some of them depict saints {OL & St. Anne has windows depicting St. John the Evangelist, SS. Peter & Paul, St. William of York, St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi and St. Charles Borromeo}. A charming story is told of a mother accompanied by her small child entering the church on a sunny day, the light pouring in through the stained glass. Fascinated by how beautiful the stained glass is, the child asks who those people were: they are the saints, replied mother. The following day at school the teacher asked her class who the saints were. The child, with the experience of yesterday’s visit to the church fresh in their minds replied: saints are people through whom sunlight shines on the world. And in that simple reply the child articulated a profound theological truth. Today we think of and give thanks for the countless people who in their lives brought God’s light into the world. They set us a great example. They were people just like us, they had similar strength and weaknesses just like ours. Their lives prove to us that we too can legitimately aspire to sanctity.

First Reading (NT): Apocalypse/Revelation 7, 2 – 4. 9 – 14: This text was written at a time when the Christian Church, albeit modest in its membership, was enduring persecution in the Roman Empire. The beleaguered Christians were looking for hope and a reassurance that God might rescue them. The author of the Book of Revelation drew inspiration from the promises made to the people of the Old Testament by the prophets: God would not abandon them nor leave them over to the fate their secular authorities had determined for them.

Second Reading (NT): 1 John 3, 1 – 3: The message here is very simple. We are all children of God and so long as we live in the knowledge that we have God as our Father (something we recognise several times a day as we pray the Our Father) then we can rest secure that we shall one day be like him. We do not need to be canonised nor have our sanctity formally recognised by the Church. We recognise on this day that those who have gone before us, who have lived as children of God, are now enjoying the fullness of life.

Gospel: Matthew 5, 1 – 12: The text of today’s gospel reading is one of the most celebrated texts of the NT. It is understood as Jesus’ up-dating of the Ten Commandments and it has certainly inspired people in every Christian generation to work toward the fashioning of a better world. It outlines the many ways in which we can already recognise sanctity in this world and suggests the rewards that await all those who aspire to the ideals the Beatitudes set. Vatican II reminded us that there is the universal call to sanctity, all of us, regardless of what role we may have in the Church, are called to holiness. The Beatitudes chart the way.

Masses and Intentions

Week Thirty-one of Ordinary Time

Fr Patrick celebrates most of these Masses on his own.

Tues, Thurs and Sun Masses are open for up to 26 households to attend.

Saturday	31 st October	10.00	People of the parish
Solemnity of All Saints			Year A
Saturday	31 st October	17.30	Stevie Phillips
Sunday	1 st November	10.00	Michael & Nora Daly
Monday	2 nd November	<u>09.15</u>	Arthur & Sara Taylor RIP
	<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>	<u>19.30</u>	Repose of Holy Souls
Tuesday	3 rd November	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
	<i>Memorial of St. Martin de Porres, Religious</i>		
Wednesday	4 th November	09.15	Eileen Leahy
	<i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>		
Thursday	5 th November	08.00	Richard (Dick) O'Brien
	<i>Feria of Week 31 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Friday	6 th November	12.30	Holy Souls
	<i>Feria of Week 31 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday	7 th November	10.00	Deceaseds of Catenians
	<i>Memorial of St. Wilibrord, Bishop</i>		Reading Circle
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Remembrance Sunday			
Saturday	7 th November	17.30	Zygmunt Poweicki RIP
Sunday	8 th November	10.00	Deceased of 2 World Wars