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Solemnity of All Saints – 30/31 October 2021

“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.”

1 John 3, 1

CONGRATULATIONS

At the Sunday 10am Mass this weekend, we welcome into the family of the Catholic Church: Rebecca, Terry & Sonia. Please keep them in your prayers.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember & pray for all those who have died especially those family members and friends who have been dear to us. This year the Mass of Remembrance, when we particularly focus upon those who have died recently in this parish, will happen on Tuesday 2nd November.
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COFFEE AFTER 9.15 MASS ON TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Everyone is welcome to stay for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat in the Cenacle after the 9.15 Mass on Tuesday 2nd November.

MONEY SUNDAY

Next weekend, Damian will give an update on parish finances. If you gift aid your donations please let the office know if your situation has changed eg you no longer pay tax, you have moved house.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

This will take place at Henley Road on Sunday 14th November. Meet outside the chapel for a short service at 3pm followed by blessings.

ROSARY AND EVENING PRAYER

This will be starting again on Saturday evenings at 16.45 beginning Saturday 30th October, the solemnity of All Saints. Everybody most welcome.



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit for:
Kate & George Heaford

SIGN UP TO THE NEWSLETTER

If you have access to the internet, sign up to the newsletter on the front page of the website by clicking [here](#).

CONTACTLESS GIVING IS COMING, CASH COLLECTIONS ARE GOING

Support for your Catholic community made quick, simple and best of all safe. One tap with your card and it's done. More info to follow in the next few weeks, watch this space.

BEWARE OF SPAM EMAILS!

The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests.

These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts.

Proactive action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts. Diocesan clergy and staff should now be using email accounts that end in **@rcaob.org.uk**

Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email please contact your parish priest / parish office and check.

Solemnity of All Saints (Year B – Mark): The scripture texts of today’s Mass focus on the times and on the world to come. Truth will be revealed, people will recognise God and they will themselves reach fulfilment. This is the world for which we hope and is as yet unknown to us and beyond our earthly experience. It is graphically described for us, especially in the Book of Revelation/Apocalypse. The most wonderful artistic depiction of this world comes from the early 15th century in the triptych by Jan Van Eyck whose Lamb of God we find in the cathedral of St. Bavo in Ghent. It is one of the masterpieces of western art. The Lamb which has been sacrificed occupies the central position, the heavenly Jerusalem (in architectural terms not unlike Ghent in the 15th century) provides the background, and people come to the Lamb from all directions. Today, as this painting so poignantly illustrates, is the feast of all the saints, of all those from the Old Testament world as well as from those who have responded to the call of Christ, including all men and women of good will, who are now in heaven. It is not the feast of all those who have been canonized and are venerated by the Church as saints, although they are not excluded from the compass of the feast, but of all those who enjoy the beatific vision and are with God. Today is the feast of our own parents, relatives and friends who have gone before us and are already in heaven. It is a feast which reassures us about our own earthly journey, holds out the promise of eternal life to us and joins us to the “communion of saints”.

First Reading (NT): Apocalypse 7, 2 – 4. 9 – 14: The language that the author of the Apocalypse uses and the images we find in his writings are strange to the modern reader. This unique NT script emerged from the Judaeo-Christian world at a time of persecution of the early Church. They lived still in the conviction that the end times had dawned and that the return of the Lord was imminent. Despite all the persecution the emperors Nero and Domitian had inflicted on them, the early Christians still lived in hope of the salvation that came from Jesus Christ.

Second Reading (NT): 1 John 3, 1 – 3: The awareness of being children of God was deeply impressed on the early Christians. Not infants and helpless children, but people alive in faith, mature in their approach to life and to themselves, yet aware that our paternity originated in God who has embraced us in his love and called us, to salvation. One day we shall see Jesus Christ as he truly is.

Gospel: Matthew 5, 1 – 12: Poverty, hunger, thirst, mourning and persecution are not ideas we can easily associate with a state of human blessedness. On the contrary, these are things we seek to avoid. We associate all these things with human misery, keenly aware today than many of them result from the phenomenon of climate change. Is the world at last taking this seriously, we may well ask on this All Saints Day (the COP 26 opens today). Even Jesus tried to rectify such situations during his earthly life. And yet in the Beatitudes he is trying to impress on his listeners that those who suffer such afflictions are the very people who have their eyes open to God.

Mass Intentions for Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of All Saints

Year B

Saturday	30 th October	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	31 st October	10.00	Nora & Michael Daly
Monday	1 st November	11.00	Requiem – Mike Cash
<i>Monday of week 31 in Ordinary Time</i>		<u>18.30</u>	People of the parish
Tuesday	2 nd November	09.15	Souls of the faithful departed
<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [All Souls]</i>		12.30 19.30	Souls of the faithful departed Souls of faithful departed parishioners and friends of the parish
Wednesday	3 rd November	18.30	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Martin de Porres, Religious</i>			
Thursday	4 th November	08.00	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>			
Friday	5 th November	12.30	Holy souls
<i>Friday of week 31 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Saturday	6 th November	10.00	Deceased brothers & families of the Reading circle of the Catenians
<i>Saturday of week 31 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	6 th November	17.30	Noreen Mansfield RIP
Sunday	7 th November	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Starting Saturday 30th October:

Evening prayer, Rosary:	16.45	Saturday afternoon
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