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<b>30<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b> <b>Psalter Week 3</b>	<i>Thirty-First Sunday of the Year</i> <b>Year of Luke (C) – Ferial Lectionary: Year II</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Wisdom 11:22-12:2</b> <i>You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.</i>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>2 Paul to Thessalonians 1:11-2:2</b> <i>The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 19:1-10</b> <i>The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.</i>	
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)</b>
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Fr John Fowler RIP)</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b> <i>Feria</i>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November +</b> <b>ALL SAINTS – Solemnity &amp; Holy Day</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass – (Eddie Friel Int.)</b> <b>Mass – (Fr Brian Leatherland RIP)</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>ALL SOULS</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass – (Daisey Grinter RIP)</b> <b>Mass- (Canon Michael Griffiths RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Holy Souls A-B</b> <b>St Martin de Porres – Religious, op mem</b>	<b>6.15pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Mass – (Ann O'Connor RIP)</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Souls C-D</b> <b>St Charles Borromeo, Bishop - mem</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Mass – (Throckmorton family RIP)</b>
<b>Saturday – 5<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Souls E-F</b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am-</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Andrea McManus RIP)</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Confession</b>
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>		
<b>Saturday – 5<sup>th</sup> November +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (Vera Devereux Int.)</b>
<b>Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> November + Holy Souls G-H</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (For the Parish)</b>



## All Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> November – Holy Day of Obligation

This coming Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, is the Solemnity of All Saints, when the Church celebrates all those who have reached the full glory of heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation – which means that the Feast is so important to our Faith that we are to treat the day like a Sunday

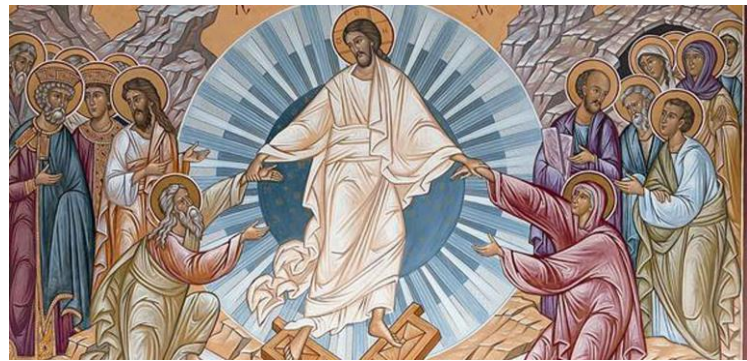
as far as we can and so we come to Mass. There will be two Masses scheduled – at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Please do come along to celebrates the saints with the saints – since at every Mass heaven and earth unite and all the saints are present.



## NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

### All Souls Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> November

On Wednesday we celebrate All Souls Day. Today we pray for all who have died and who are not yet enjoying the Beatific Vision in heaven – but they are on their way in that place or process which we call Purgatory. We pray for all our loved ones especially today and throughout the month of November. All Souls Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, we will have two Masses scheduled for parishioners to attend if they so wish. There will be Mass at 10.00am and again at 7.00pm.



**Envelopes for the Holy Souls** - If you are yet to return your envelopes for the Holy Souls, can you please get these to us during the week as soon as possible.



**Br Herbert Kaden RIP** - The Requiem Mass for Br Herbert will be on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 12noon at All Saints Church, Turvey.** It is hoped to have the Mass ‘Live Streamed’ and extra car parking in place. Refreshments will be available in the monastery afterwards. A cremation service will take place in Bedford at 1.45pm.

Br Herbert was a good friend to so many people and to our parish. We are grateful for his long years of service and witness. We pray for God’s blessing and comfort for Br John, the two communities at Turvey and on all Br Herbert’s friends and family.

**Milton Keynes Foodbank** – Thank you for your continued support for the MK Foodbank. The staff tell us that there are experiencing particularly difficult times at the moment with stocks running very low. If you can please support our brothers and sisters who are in need.

**Parish Accounts** – A copy of the latest Parish Accounts are available to view on the noticeboard in the narthex. Many thanks to our Parish Administrator for all the work she does, to our Finance Committee for their oversight and to the Chair of the Committee for putting together the display of accounts on the notice board.

**Second Collection** next weekend for the **Bishop's Maintenance Fund**

**Are you New to the Parish?** - If you have recently moved into the parish, can you please contact Denise, the Parish Secretary, to ensure that we have your details.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** – SUNDAY MASS ON THAT DAY WILL BE AT 9.30AM TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE TOWN REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



### Parish Forum

We have not been able to hold a Parish Forum meeting since before the beginning of the pandemic back in March 2020.

Fr David is very keen to hold a Parish Forum meeting next month on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.**

The Parish Forum provides a useful platform for parish groups and parishioners to share ideas and communicate views for the benefit of the whole

parish. Everyone is encouraged to attend this informal gathering to have their say and to look on the Forum as a way of becoming better informed about what is going on in the Parish, the Deanery and the Diocese and to plan for the future.



### New Bishop for East Anglia

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Reverend Canon Peter Collins, a priest of the Archdiocese of Cardiff, as the Fifth Bishop of East Anglia. On 13<sup>th</sup> March 1976, by decree Quod Ecumicum, Pope Paul VI formed the Diocese of East Anglia out of the Diocese of Northampton and as such we still have a long and treasured associated with our brothers & sisters in East Anglia. Please hold Bishop Elect Peter Collins in your prayers as well as Bishop Alan, the Priests, Deacons, Religious and the laity of East Anglia.



*All Saints* - Who are we? St. John answers that beautifully in our second reading today: *"We are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him..."*

The Solemnity of All Saints today reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate today all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unknown to us, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers each and every one of us.

The saints encourage us in our own struggles because, like us, they also endured immense hardships but they grew from strength to strength, they matured in the Lord as they grew in years. We also see this journey of growth in the great people of the Bible. We could think of Abraham whom Genesis tells us pretended his wife was his sister because he was afraid but Abraham grew to become our father in faith. Moses had a speech impediment and had murdered and protested against being called by God but he led his people to the Promised Land. In the Gospels Peter is impulsive and doesn't want the Lord to suffer but in Acts he is totally transformed and considers it an honour to suffer for the Lord. Interestingly in Acts even Peter's shadow is a source of healing, something which is not said of Jesus in the Gospels. Obviously, Peter's Formation Adviser was out of this world!

*All Souls* - After judgment three choices await us: hell, purgatory or heaven; hell, for those who have rejected God, heaven for those who die as saints and purgatory for everybody else. We would all like to go immediately to heaven when we die but we need to ask ourselves, are we living in such a way that we will die as saints? Would it be more realistic for us to expect to spend some time in purgatory being purified? Only perfect love can see God face to face, so in purgatory we are purified that we may see God face to face. On the solemnity of the Holy Souls, we especially pray for all the souls who are still in purgatory undergoing purification and growing in love before they are ready to see God face to face in heaven. It is out of our belief in purgatory that the commemoration of the Holy Souls springs for if we didn't believe in purgatory today's commemoration of the Holy Souls and our prayers for them would not make sense.

We believe that God is all merciful and that Jesus' passion, death and resurrection saved us but that does not excuse us from being purified. Jesus has saved us but we still need to make amends for the sins that we have committed and we need to be purified. This expiation for sin must be made either in this life or the next. During life we receive many opportunities to expiate sin through the sacraments and through our sufferings but after death any unexpiated sin needs to be purified. This is what Purgatory is, purification for unexpiated sin, being healed of the negative effects of sin which do not leave us totally open to grace.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of the Rosary, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Martin de Porres, St Winifred, St Charles Borromeo, and all the Saints in Heaven pray for us all.

With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter