



St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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Sunday 1st November 2020

Prayer on the Beatitudes

Lord Jesus, you said, "**How happy are the poor in spirit, theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**" Keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods, and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice.



"Happy the gentle, they shall have the earth for their heritage." Help us not to be ruthless with one another, and to eliminate the discord and violence that exists in the world around us.

"Happy those who mourn, they shall be comforted." Let us not be impatient under our own burdens and unconcerned about the burdens of others.

"Happy are those who hunger and thirst for what is right, they shall be satisfied." Make us thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness, and actively spread your influence in our private lives and in society.

"Happy the merciful, they shall have mercy shown them." Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn.

"Happy are the pure in heart they shall see God." Free us from our senses and our evil desires, and help us to fix our eyes on you.

"Happy the peacemakers, they shall be called sons of God." Help us to make peace in our families, in our country, and in the world.

"Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right, theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." Make us willing to suffer for the sake of right rather than to practice injustice; and do not let us discriminate against our neighbours and oppress and persecute them. Amen

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us how as Christians we should live our lives. We pray for the insight to listen to his words and in our own lives to be patient, generous, forgiving, compassionate and non-judgemental

Lord hear our Prayer

We pray for the health workers tending the seriously ill. Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. Amen.

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ALL SAINTS' DAY			
1	Sunday	9.00am	Families
2	Monday <i>The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i>	9.15am	Holy Souls
3	Tuesday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
4	Wednesday <i>St Charles Boromeo</i>	7.00pm	Audrey Bentley
5	Thursday		Mass at St. Cuthbert's at 9.30am
6	Friday	9.15am	Robert Parkinson
7	Saturday <i>St Willibrord</i>	9.15am	Vincent Rea
32nd Sunday of the Year			
8	Sunday	9.00am	Joseph & Marie Roe, Kay Tolley, Harold Roe.
Anniversaries:		Mary Ford, Edna Nugent, Veronica Casey,	
		Riska Okninski Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd. Rose Marie Bruno, Teresa Carrick	



Compassionate God, we remember before you those who have died and ask that they may know the Joy of Salvation and Eternity in your presence.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .

- **First Reading ~ Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 23:1-6**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 John 3:1-3**
- **Gospel ~ Matthew 5:1-12**



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November: Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



Thank you to all who support the Parish Shop. £160.00 has been donated to St Patrick's SVP to help those in need at this time. The Parish Shop remains closed at present.



ALL SAINTS' DAY . . . Today is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. All Saints' Day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. From the very beginning the church has honoured and revered its martyrs and heroes. What began on a popular and local level gradually became woven into the liturgy, beginning around the fourth century in the Eucharistic Prayer. In the fifth century a feast honouring all the saints was declared in some Eastern churches and from there the celebration was taken up in Rome. In 835, Pope Gregory IV declared All Saints' Day a feast for the entire church.

Saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honours responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.

God of life, we give thanks for the love you have shown to the world through all your saints, and we celebrate our continuing communion with them whenever we worship. We look forward to being around your throne in Heaven on the last day. In the meantime keep us looking to Jesus and help us to keep giving a clear witness to him, living the holy lives you have called us to live by the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus holy name we pray. Amen



On all Souls Day we pray for all people who have died. We ask God to bring them to the joyful banquet of heaven to be with God and the saints forever.

We pray for those we have known, worked with, laughed with and wept with. They are not famous, but their pictures are in our homes and their stories alive in our community, and in us. We know of their goodness and their struggles. We now pray for them, and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints. Amen

Reflecting together on this year of sadness. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales invite everyone to join a virtual Diocesan Mass on All Soul's Day to acknowledge and remember those who have died this year. **It will be live streamed at 7pm on Monday 2nd November from St. Chad's Cathedral.** The Dean of St. Chads said, "The All Souls Mass is for all those who have died and all those bereaved. At this Mass we shall pray most of all for the gift of hope in the Resurrection, even in the midst of sadness."

To access the Mass visit the website www.cbcew.org.uk and then select 'What's On'

National Rosary Relay Rally Saturday 31st October 2020 - 9am to 9pm. For faith, life and peace to prevail in our nations. This is to be led in the form of a Rosary Relay Rally where the Dioceses designated in their Rosary Hour encourage people to pray the Rosary at some point during the specified hour. Then on the hour the next Diocese takes up the Rosary Relay Rally and so on until 9pm. The following are being prayed for:



Praying for the spiritual well-being of the British Isles and for its preservation from decadence, adversity and war.

For our Church and Gospel vision, which are under increasing challenge and attack.

Praying for our Isles, for the conversion of our peoples and for their protection from evil, danger and sickness

For the deliverance of our Isles from the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are invited to join our Diocese in saying the Holy Rosary in our homes at 4pm – 5pm on Saturday 31st October when we are invited to take part in the Rosary Relay Rally to pray for Faith, Life and Peace to prevail in our Nations.



Saint John Paul II wrote the following prayer and prayed it from the balcony of St Peter's Basilica in Rome. Please consider praying in union with the whole Church.

"O Mary, bright dawn of the new day, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the *cause of life*: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son, may *proclaim the Gospel of Life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to *accept that Gospel* as a gift ever new, the joy of *celebrating* it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to *bear witness to it* resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilisation of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

Pat Kennedy MPS has shared a Reflection ('The Bamboo Tree'), which you can read by visiting the Diocesan website.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE ~. This year in these uncertain times, in remembrance of our loved ones, a candle will be lit in church on the candle stand at each Mass during November. The candle will represent your prayers.

During November the bulletin will have a remembrance section for names of deceased. Parishioners are invited to add names of deceased family, friends or parishioners for whom our parish family can join together praying for them. **If you would like to add names of deceased to the bulletin** please email them to the parish email: stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com or leave a message on the parish office phone 01642 580171.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Fr. Michael Hussey
The Malone Family
The Samuel and Hodgson Families.
Hilda & Len Wheldon
Frederick Brett Hardy
Baby Sophia Hardy
Olive and John D'Ambrosio
May and Gerry Crolla
Peter Flounders
Leo & Irene Mulholland
Bernadette Mulholland
Harry & Elizabeth Joynes
Jim Joynes
Josie Willis
Ellen Wood
Maureen & Dora McWilliams
Maureen Mills
Clare & James McVeigh
John & Audrey Gooding
Edward & Eileen Lyons
Richard Lyons

Sheila Walker
Denis & Edith Casey
Charlie & Mary Boyle

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



THANK YOU to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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