

Sunday 29th October 2023

St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus brings together love of God and love of neighbour as something inseparable. The love of God needs to be matched with the love of neighbour, the people with whom we share our lives. We ask God to keep us alert to the needs of those with whom we share our lives and show love through our kindness and care.

God, you display your almighty power in loving us without regret. In the human heart of Jesus your Son you have shown us how far love can go. Give us a love that is forgiving, generous and gentle like his, that we may recognize and welcome him in our brothers and sisters. Amen.



All Saints' Day reminds us that God has a special plan for everyone. Before we were born, God willed for us to live with Him forever. When we were baptized, we became part of a special family called the Communion of Saints, who share in Jesus' gift of His holiness. On All Saints' Day we praise and thank God for what He has done for us through these holy people. We ask the saints to pray for us that we might love our God and neighbour the way Jesus taught us.

"Saints are the simple, the humble who make room for God, who know how to weep for others and for their own errors, those who stay meek, who fight for justice, who are merciful toward all, who always work for peace and remain in joy, not in hate, and, even when suffering, respond to evil with good. The feast of All Saints, then, is not celebrated only in honour of those who have reached the goal and attained to heaven, it is also for the many simple and hidden people whom we may know, and who, through everyday holiness, help God to carry the world forward." (Pope Francis)

The Feast of All Saints, 1st November, is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass times are:

12 Noon - St. Mary's RC Church: 7.00pm - St. Patrick's RC Church



All Souls Day reminds us of those who were once a part of our lives and are now a part of our memories. They may not be famous, their statues are not in churches 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 pray for them, and remember them with love, celebrating in faith their journey to God, now within the great communion of saints.

Christ is the Morning Star who, when the night of this world is past, brings to his saints the promise of the light of life and opens everlasting day (Venerable Bede)

Cursillo England & Wales . . . Thursday 9th – Sunday 12th November 2023. Theodore House Retreat For further details visit www.cursillouk.org, tel. 07947 7271037 or Centre, Stonyhurst, BB7 9PZ. email: national@curillouk.org.uk Cursillo is a style of life as 'missionary disciples'. It is all about living in one's own place, one's ordinary life, in a special way: with values and virtues characteristic of a convinced and committed Christian, living in friendship with others and all that means, offering all and only what one has, or all and only what one may come to have.

30 th Sunday of the Year			
29	Sunday	9.00am	Brian & Rosa White
30	Monday		No Mass
31	Tuesday		
1	Wednesday All Saints' Day	7.00pm	Jean French (St. Patrick's Club)
2	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy, Service of the Word and Holy Communion
3	Friday		No Mass
4	Saturday		No Mass
31 st Sunday of the Year			
5	Sunday	9.00am	Nicola Holmes
Anniversaries:		Luke Casey, Patricia Skelton, Mary Ford, Teresa Carrick	
YOUR PARTIES AS A SERVICE AS A		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Betty Kimmins, Brian Wetherell	
Reader for Sunday 5 th November ~ Maurice Ward			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			
Feast Days: 30 th Oct. The Martyrs of Donai College: 2 nd Nov. The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed: 4 th Nov. St Charles Borromeo			



Thank You ~ Barbara and family would like to thank you for your messages and prayers and to all who attended Barry's funeral. Thank you also for the kind donations received which amounted to £444 to go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Cancer Research.

Congratulations to Ray and Mary Chesser as they celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary. God Bless and watch over them always.

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

St. Patrick's Men's Club invites you to the following events in the Parish Centre:

- **Saturday 4th November,** 8pm–10.30pm. Social Evening with Music, Quiz, Bingo and Raffle. Please bring your own drink.
- Saturday 25th November, 8-11pm. Come along and enjoy the music of 'Striking Back.' Bring your own food and drink, please contact Ken Marr to book (01642 602336). Tickets £6



• **Saturday 16th December,** 8-11pm. Christmas Dance featuring '**Mosaic.**' Dance the night away or sit and enjoy the music. Bring your own food and drink, tickets £6, contact Ken Marr. Please book your ticket early as this event is always very popular.

There will be a Mass for Deceased Members of the Men's Club on Thursday 30th November. Anyone interested in joining us in the Hall after Mass for a glass of wine and pie and peas, please contact George Hunton, Mike Bowles or Bill Douglas in order to confirm numbers.