



Sunday 26th October, 2025

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In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus suggests that we would be better to identify with the tax collector and present ourselves in humility before God and before those with whom we share our lives. Jesus reminds us that our faith is about our humble response to God who has given us everything in Christ. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it leads us to seek God's help and mercy. God dwells with the humble of heart who recognize their own sinfulness and who acknowledge His mercy and saving grace.



Next Sunday, on the Feast of All Saints, we welcome Stewart Bell, Jessica Moore and Ian Railton into full communion with the Catholic Church. They invite you to join them in the Parish Hall following Mass for cake and refreshments. All welcome, please remember them in your prayers.

Each year an appeal is made to support the Clergy Training Fund in response to the ever-increasing costs of training priests and deacons to serve in our diocese. There is no state funding for seminaries or for the formation of permanent deacons and so the money required to provide each student with accommodation, living costs and tuition for a number of years needs to be found from the generous support of people who contribute to this fund. Following ordination, priests and deacons give back many decades of service, providing the presence of Christ in our communities. **There will be a second collection this Sunday** for the Priests Training Fund. The collection remains open and contributions invited until 23rd November.

Can you help?

The parish urgently needs people to join the team who write the Bidding Prayers for our Sunday Masses. At the moment we each contribute the Prayers for the Sundays of one month; so, depending on the number of volunteers, this need not be a major responsibility for any individual person. It is a privilege, and not really burdensome, to draft the Bidding Prayers. If a team can get together, there will be full advice and support given. There will be an initial meeting (without commitment) to share information, to discuss and to answer questions. **So please consider offering to help!** Please contact Patricia Egerton on 01642-645732; or by e-mail to p.egerton123@gmail.com.

SPUC Urgent Request for Prayers . . . As you know, two terrible bills are presently being debated in the House of Lords. One to totally decriminalise Abortion, the other to legalise Assisted Suicide. If these bills are both successful, we will end up with the worst abortion laws in the ENTIRE world and a euthanasia law that will become like that in the other nations. We have just been informed that, in Canada, the disabled are pressured to opt for euthanasia EVERY time they have a doctor's appointment! Your prayers are so urgently needed. Thank you.

30 th Sunday of the Year			
26	Sunday	9.00am	Steven Ellison
27	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Nicola Holmes Medjugorje Rosary
28	Tuesday		
29	Wednesday		
30	Thursday	6.00pm	SPUC Rosary & Healing Exposition
31	Friday	9.15am	Luke Casey
1	Saturday	9.15am	Tillie and Charlie Stephens
All Saints' Day			
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
Anniversaries:		Richard Conway, Luke Casey, Patricia Skelton, Mary Ford, Teresa Carrick, Michael Harvey	
		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, Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas, Chris Bostock	
Reader for Sunday 2 nd November – Veronica Lindo			
Feast Days: 28 th October: SS Simon and Jude, 30 th October: The Martyrs of Douai College			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



Prayer for the Clergy

Lord, bless Your priests with strength, wisdom and compassion. May their words inspire and their lives reflect Christ's love. Guide those preparing for the priesthood. Grant them patience, courage and joy in their calling. Holy Spirit renew the zeal of all priests and make them beacons of hope and mercy. Amen.

Please visit the Parish Shop, new stock is arriving for Christmas.

The collection on the 12th October came to £418.56 and last week's main collection came to £365.23. The CAFOD Family Fast collection has raised a splendid £889.44, on behalf of CAFOD many thanks for your generosity. The World Mission Sunday collection has so far raised £436.89. If you took a Gift Aid envelope for this collection, can you please return it as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Scripture of Hope . . . In response to this Jubilee Year's theme of 'Hope' the Diocesan writing team were invited to share a short reflection on a scripture passage which speaks to them of hope throughout the challenges and joys of life. Four reflections are being shared each week. Please visit the Diocesan website diocesehn.org.uk to read these reflections.

The Cleveland Newman's Association . . . *'Theology of creation and the reredos at Middlesbrough Cathedral; might they be connected?'* Talk by Professor Luca Settimo, Honorary Assistant Professor (Theology), University of Nottingham. In this talk Luca will try to answer this question and will discuss possible interpretations and meanings of the reredos in St. Mary's Cathedral. Date of talk: Wednesday 29th October in St. Mary's Cathedral Hall, TS8 0TW at 7.45pm. (Coffee/tea from 7.30pm). Everyone welcome. For more information, please telephone Patricia Egerton on 01642 645732.