

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

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### NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS - ALWAYS IN OUR MEMORY -



'We must empty purgatory with our prayers'  
(Padre Pio)

November All Souls envelopes are at the back of the church for you to write the names of your deceased family, relatives, friends and benefactors for whom you wish Holy Masses to be offered. All the Masses in our parish in the month of November will be offered for the repose of the souls of those in your list. Please return completed envelope to the church or drop it off at the presbytery.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  <i>World day of the poor</i>	9.30am – 11.30pm	11.30am - 12.30pm	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	November list
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>		6.00pm - 7.00pm	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	November list
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am – 10.30am		Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	November list
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  <i>Youth Day</i>	9.30am - 11.30am	11.30am - 12.30am	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	November list

### WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

*"A decline in the birth rate, which leads to the aging of the population, together with the relegation of the elderly to a sad and lonely existence, is a subtle way of stating that it is all about us, that our individual concerns are the only thing that matters. In this way, "what is thrown away are not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves".[14] We have seen what happened with the elderly in certain places in our world as a result of the coronavirus. They did not have to die that way. Yet something similar had long been occurring during heat waves and in other situations: older people found themselves cruelly abandoned. We fail to realize that, by isolating the elderly and leaving them in the care of others without the closeness and concern of family members, we disfigure and impoverish the family itself. We also end up depriving young people of a necessary connection to their roots and a wisdom that the young cannot achieve on their own" (Fratelli Tutti, 19).*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Pauline Ann Mangan and the souls of all the faithful departed especially those in our November list. May they rest in peace.

### **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

### **FR STAN'S DROP IN**

If you need to speak with Fr Stan, you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery (outside in the open air) on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

### **PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Please email or Facebook Carol to choose a day in November to pray for vocations during the month on behalf of the parish.

### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER. Artificial Intelligence**

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

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS**

Hoping that the second nationwide coronavirus lockdown will end on December 2 we will maintain the scheduled dates for our 2020 First Holy Communion celebrations: December 5, 12, 19 and 20 (see the Parish Diary). Please note that the meeting with the candidates will be held on December 5 at 11.00am at Sacred Heart. This will be followed by the confessions of those who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on the same day. The rest of the candidates will do their confessions on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart 10.30am beginning with those who will have their First Holy Communion the same day. Please continue to use this period to deepen your understanding of the Holy Eucharist and learn some important Catholic prayers. Parents can help their children prepare adequately for the reception of the Sacraments.

### **CATECHISM LESSONS**

All those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year but are not attending any of our Catholic schools should register for catechism classes through the parish office.

### **RCIA**

Adults who wish to be baptized or baptized non-Catholics who wish to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil 2021 through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) should please contact the parish office.

### **APPRECIATION**

Archbishop Bernard Longley thanks all parishioners who recently wrote to our Member of Parliament over the current closure of churches for public worship during this coronavirus lockdown. He also thanks all the church stewards for all they do to make and keep our churches safe for parishioners to come together in worship and prayer.

### **PARISH DIARY 2020**

#### **NOVEMBER**

November 29 First Sunday of Advent

#### **DECEMBER**

December 5 Meeting with candidates for FHC and Confessions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec FHC candidates at Sacred Heart Church  
December 5 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart 5pm  
December 12 Confessions of the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> FHC candidates at Sacred Heart  
December 12 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart 5pm  
December 13 Reception of the 2020 Confirmation Candidates at all Sunday Masses  
December 19 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart 5pm  
December 20 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, St Joseph's 11.30am  
December 24 Christmas Eve  
December 25 The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day  
December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### **STATEMENT ON VACCINATION**

A statement from Bishop Richard Moth, Chair of the Department of Social Justice, on the production and use of a Covid-19 vaccination is available and approved for publication by the bishops of the Department for Social Justice.

There are several key points that need your attention.

1. A vaccination against Covid-19 is, in principle, a social good to protect people from harm.
2. We urge the Government to develop an ethically sourced vaccine as an alternative to one derived from foetal cell lines.
3. The Government assures us that new foetal cell lines are not being used in the development of a Covid-19 vaccine.
4. The Church teaches that for grave reasons a vaccine developed from cell lines taken from human tissue taken from aborted fetuses in the past may be used in good conscience.
5. Individuals must educate their conscience in the teaching of the Church and make their own judgement about whether to accept a Covid-19 vaccine.
6. There must be fair access for all people to the vaccine.
7. The vaccine must be safe and effective to use.

If you have any queries regarding this statement, please contact Stephanie MacGillivray at the Bishops' Conference Secretariat:

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### **NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY**

Sunday 22 November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish.

Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more information, please go to:

[www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com)

### **VIGIL OF PRAYER, SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020**

The International Eucharistic Congress for 2020 has been postponed until next year. Cardinal Peter Erdo of Budapest has asked that all parishes have a Holy Hour on Saturday 21 November – the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King. He has asked that "in the current epidemiological situation...we can also join in from our homes with our personal prayers. Let us take part in this common adoration, join with your parish, your community and your family." Cardinal Nichols has asked that this be disseminated across our dioceses as a moment for the Church to pray for all those affected by the current pandemic in England and Wales. Our parish will join the rest of the world in observing this Holy Hour of prayer (in private) during our regular Friday Eucharistic Exposition 9.30am to 10.30am at Sacred Heart Church.