

JUBILEE FOODBANK:

The Most Useful Foods Rice Pudding, Tinned Fruit, Custard, Tinned Chicken, Sandwich pastes and spreads, Tinned mushrooms, Jam & Marmalade, Toothbrushes, Fray Bentos

tinned meat pies. The following supermarkets are still kindly collecting for us: Sainsbury's, Waitrose, B&M and both Coops. Refill Revolution at the Eco Village is our newest donation point. Lidl is on board now too! Thank you to the supermarkets and the work of their teams! **We do not need:** Beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, soup, fizzy drinks, pasta & meatballs, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, tins or large/family size packets of biscuits.

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FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS ON THE READINGS:

Today we celebrate this most wonderful feast of all the saints in heaven, the feast of the countless multitudes who have reached God. Not so much the Saints we know as recognised by the Church but all those who are now with the Lord not officially canonised and indeed some of whom we may well have known personally as family or friends. That is a thought for rejoicing. Those who have come through this life and purgatory and are now in heaven. I have an image of them as a crowd in a sports stadium cheering us as we stride the along the same way of holiness as they did!

As St John says in the first reading, they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb. This is an encouragement to us. We too must wash our baptismal robes white in the blood of the Lamb again and again. The Saints, now in heaven, have lived the life of faith hope and charity. They are the people who made good use of all the gifts our Lord won for us through his death and resurrection. They particularly made good use of the gift of the Sacraments, not least the daily Sacraments of Confession and the Mass, where the blood of the Lamb washes us whenever we want. They prayed each morning, offering their day to the Lord and giving thanks for it in the evening and saying sorry for any sins as they examined their consciences. They sought to live out their faith each day by loving their neighbour. They strove to be generous in all they did, to be gentle with others, to forgive others for their faults and always to think the best of others with a pure heart. They stood up for what is right on all the occasions they could in life and against injustice. Poor in Spirit, they did not want to do things "my way" but God's way. They did not succeed all the time but never gave up trying, starting again when they had failed.

This is the universal call to holiness which is for each of us to live out in our lives, however significant or insignificant they may seem to us. For we are all children of God. As St John emphasises: "that is what we are" by our Baptism when we received the gift of the Holy Spirit won for us by the blood of Christ. This gift, this unmerited mercy we must use and indeed multiply as in the parable of the talents, by being more and more like God in all that we say and do as we look towards the hope that we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Today's feast reminds us that we live in view of eternity. Indeed, the whole of November does that as we think of the Last things as the Church's year ends - death, heaven hell, purgatory and judgement. This is not to be morbid or indeed escapist but to give a true horizon to our daily life which can often be overwhelmed by limited horizon of "the daily grind". What we do, how we live our lives in the here and now has eternal significance. The true perspective we should have is that we are children of the Father on our way to heaven. May all those we have known and loved who are in heaven pray for us.



Our Lady of Victories

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1st November 2020
Week 31 of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 3
All Saints

Times of Services

Sunday: 31st of Ordinary Time - Feast of All Saints

Saturday: 6.00pm - Jim McCabe R.I.P. (Anniv. Family)

N.B. 9.00am Mass - Doris & Stanley Wood R.I.P. (Bretherick)

N.B. 11.00am Mass - People of the Parish R.I.P.

Monday: All Souls

N.B. 10.00am: Mass - Holy Souls

Tuesday: Feria

Private Mass - Norman Phillips R.I.P. (Phillips)

Wednesday: St Charles Borromeo

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church: Agnes Ash R.I.P. (Andrews)

Thursday: Feria

Private Mass: John & Bridget Ruane R.I.P.

Friday: Feria

N.B. 10.am Mass in Church - November Dead List

Saturday: Feria

NO MORNING MASS

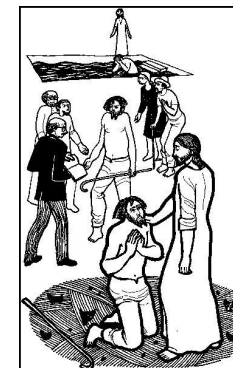
11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday November 8th - November Dead List

Sunday: 32nd of Ordinary Time

N.B. 9.00am: Mass - People of the Parish

N.B. 11.00am: Mass - Charles & Eileen Wade R.I.P. (Wade)



*They do not
practice what
they preach.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

TO PRE BOOK TO COME TO MASS:

You can only make your booking on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings between 5pm and 7pm.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 6PM MASS, please ring Angela Wade on 01858 462293.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 9AM MASS, please ring Jo Shellard on 01858 440983.

TO BOOK TO COME TO THE 11AM MASS, please ring Stephen McGlone on 01858 465939.

BOOK NOW

FR CHRIS WRITES:

It has been lovely to hear the voices of the children in the school playground as they returned from half term. Please keep the school in your prayers as they try to educate the children and at the same time keep them safe. We begin the month of November on Sunday and there will be a public Mass on Monday All Souls Day at 10.00 am. We hope to begin a Monday morning Mass at 9.00 am from Monday 16 November. Many thanks to all the new stewards who have come forward to serve the Parish and enable us to have more Public Masses.

There have been media reports that Pope Francis has in some way opened the door to "Gay Marriage" This is not true. A documentary spliced together several comments of the Holy Father out of context from an old interview. The Pope is of Course a Catholic! He holds to the Catholic faith about marriage and indeed has spoken forcefully about it and about gender ideology. I just wanted people to be clear about that in case you were troubled.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Our thanks go to Mike Hall who has looked after our Health & Safety for many years and has retired from that service to the community. We are looking for someone with experience in that area to serve the Parish. Please Contact Fr Chris.



NOVEMBER DEAD LIST The Catholic Tradition of praying for the Holy Souls, particularly our own departed family and friends, takes on a special focus in November. During this month and during the rest of the year Masses will be offered with this intention in mind. If you would like to make a list of your deceased loved ones, it will be placed near the Altar during our November Masses. An offering is given and a series of Masses are offered for all our dead Loved ones in November and throughout the year. **Forms & Envelopes are available as you leave Church.**



TOGETHER, WE ARE CARITAS: Building social action in the Diocese of Nottingham - Saturday 7 November 2020 by Zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining

Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet – and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. In two 90-minute online sessions at 11.00 am and 1.30 pm we'll take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656 for further information.



PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT: The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. The purpose of this project is

to purchase Christmas presents for children of some of the prisoners. The gifts will be sent to the children as from their dads. The value of each gift will be **approx. £15**. The aim is to alleviate some of the sadness experienced by the prisoners and their families at Christmas time. Angel Tree provides a crucial link between innocent children and their imprisoned father. If you would like to help with this project, either with a **donation or a suitable gift** you will be given a gift tag with the first name, age and gender of the child. **The present will be wrapped in Christmas paper by a member of Prison Fellowship** and a hand written gift tag from their dad will be attached to make it extra special. **All presents will be posted so please keep them light.** Thank you for your kindness this is very much appreciated by the prisoners, their families, staff and the chaplaincy. Please contact Maureen Douglas 07966 515115. Thank you.



Reflecting together on this year of sadness. All are invited to join a virtual Diocesan Mass on All Souls Day to acknowledge and remember those who have died this year. Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate the **Mass at 7 pm on Monday 2 November, live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral.** The All Souls Mass will be an opportunity to spiritually reflect together on the year that has passed and to remember all who have died. <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/> See Bishops's Conference website for News: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

GRAPEVINE: Grapevine is the Diocesan Newsletter for Adult formation, Justice & Peace and Caritas in our diocese. This week it includes an **introduction to Fratella Tutti the new letter of Pope Francis** in which he maps out how to build a better, more just and peaceful world, with the contribution of all: individuals and institutions alike. There is a moving section on the 'art of encounter', in which 'no one is useless and no one is expendable'



GIVING IN MARKET HARBOROUGH:

I still have boxes of **Planned Giving envelopes** in the Sacristy from this year that people were unable to pick up due to lock down. If you would like your envelopes, please speak to me after Mass or give me a call.

Many thanks to all who continue giving to the Parish at this strange time. Many people have been dropping in their offering after Mass or through the Presbytery door. I know many are still shielding at home. You can of course give on line through direct transfer to the Parish Bank Account which is: Name of account: **Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough RCP** Sort Code: **30 - 95- 47**

Account: **00068953**

Just put a note to say it is church donation. If You are a Tax payer you can pick up a Gift Aid Form (if you have not completed one) at the Church or email Fr Chris parish-priest@olvic.com and I can send you one by email. We can claim an extra 25% on top of anything you give if you are tax payer.