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**Newsletter for the week commencing 2nd-3rd November 2019**

**Thirty-first Sunday of the Year (C)**

**First Reading: The Book of Wisdom 11: 22- 12:2** The author says that God is all-powerful, and none can oppose him. But he has mercy because he loves his people and gives them a chance to repent.

**Psalm response:**  6pm & 8.30am: I will bless your name forever, O God my King

10.30am I will praise your name, my King and my God; I will praise your name, my King and my God

**Second Reading: The second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2**In his prayer for the Thessalonians Paul says that God himself will make them worthy of their faith in the Lord Jesus. He then corrects their misunderstanding regarding Parousia

**Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14 Luke 19: 1-10.** Albeit the shame and ridicule, Zacchaeus climbs the tree to have a glimpse of Jesus. His gesture pays off because Jesus takes notice of him and promises him salvation along with his household

**Father John writes:**

So now we have a general election! Do you agonise a bit over who you are going to vote for? I do! It is so easy to make up our minds purely out of self-interest issues. It may sound ridiculous –but how do you think Jesus would vote today if He had a vote? I don’t know the answer to this, but I am certain of one thing: His answer would almost certainly surprise us.

**Please note**: no Mass on Monday this week –I am at the Cathedral for Archbishop Michael Bowen’s funeral (but there will be service of Word & Communion instead at 10am)

Please pray especially for John Dumbleton who died last Thursday.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased**: John Dumbleton**,** Archbishop Michael Bowen (RIP)

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams , Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton and Josie Payne

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Norah Reed, Joan D’Arts, Bernadette O’Malley, Yvonne Smith, Jo Babicz, Ross Smith and William Ovens.

**This week’s events**

On **Monday 4th November** Deacon Jolyon will hold a Service of the Word and Communion at 10am as Fr John will be going to the funeral Mass for Archbishop Michael Bowen. Archbishop John Wilson will preside over the **FuneralMass and** burial will be in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass.

There will be a **meeting of the Parish Council at 7.00pm on Friday 8th November** in the Parish Room**.** The job of the Parish Councilis to support and advise the Parish Priest on liturgical and social matters and to feed back to parishioners about any important events or changes, usually via the parish newsletter.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** “When you lose someone you love, /Your life becomes strange, /The ground beneath you gets fragile”. November is the month of remembrance for the dead. A short, guided reflection on “Grief” is presented by the superb Pray As You Go website. It draws on the lines of John O’Donohue’s haunting poem, “For Grief”. Access this, and other rich spiritual online resources, at  [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie)

**Second collection next weekend** for the Archbishop’s Administration Fund.

**Please see the noticeboard in the porch for details of the Remembrance services that are happening in Tenterden next weekend.**

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 2nd November | The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday |
| Sunday | 3rd November | Thirty-first Sunday (C) | 8:30am Mass *For All Souls*  10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 4th November | Sty Charles Borromeo, Bishop | 10:00am Service of the Word & Communion (Deacon Jolyon) |
| Tuesday | 5th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass *David LangrIsh RIP (Lonergan)* |
| Wednesday | 6th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 7th November | The Dedication of the Cathedral of St George | 9:00am Mass *Neil Burrow RIP* |
| Friday | 8th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 9th November | The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation  6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 10th November | Thirty-second Sunday (C) | 8:30am Mass *welfare of Elena & Geoffrey Peck (Lonergan)*  10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (9th/10th Nov)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Noel J | Alexander W | Kathy G |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Peter Lonergan  Maria Milton | Liz Dumbleton  Frances Lawrence |
| **Flowers** | Linda Smith | **Cleaners** | Rachel & Martin |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 7.00pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**Breakfast for All - 8.30am Saturday November 16th in Zion** when Domenica Pecoraro, the Diocesan Refugee Projects Officer, will be speaking. Do come and join us for good fellowship, good food and an enlightening talk.  Cost £10 payable on the door. It will be great to see you!

**Gaudete! A Christmas Celebration!**

On **Saturday 7th December from 7.30pm** there will be a musical evening provided by the **Tenterden Singers**, along with mince pies and mulled wine! It is in aid of a fund-raising campaign run by St Mildred’s Church for counselling young people with mental health issues.

Leaflets with more details about this worthwhile charity are available at the back of the church. Please support them.

The **Annual Mass for the Deceased Clergy of Maidstone Deanery** will be held on **Tuesday the 12th November at St Thomas More’s Church**, West Malling, at **12 midday**. Parishioners from the Deanery very welcome**.**

**A very early notification of a date to put in your diaries**! There will be a 1/2 day of recollection for extra-ordinary ministers and readers of the deanery on **April 25th, 2020** from 1p.m. to 4p.m. **at St Andrew’s**.