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**Newsletter for the week commencing 30th October 2022**

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

**Entrance antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!**

**First Reading: Wisdom 11: 22-12: 2**

**Psalm 144 Response: I will bless your name forever, O God my King.**

**Second Reading: The second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 11-2: 2**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven**

**and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 19: 1-10**

**Communion antiphon: Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners

All Saints and All Souls

The month of November begins with All Saints and throughout the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

In the Book of Maccabees, we read

‘It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead. ‘2 Macc: 12:46

Praying for the Holy Souls is a spiritual work of mercy as the Holy Souls are not able to pray for themselves.  We can offer our daily Rosary or other special prayers for the dead and we can also have Mass offered for them. The Mass is the most powerful prayer on earth and it is a great act of charity to have Mass offered for the faithful departed.

The Catechism asserts, "From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (No. 1032).

All Saints is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics should attend Mass unless prevented from doing so for good reasons. Holy Mass at 10am and 7.30pm. Latin Mass at 12pm.

Best Wishes

Father Behruz Rafat

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased: Elena Peck RIP, Maria Magdalena Heinrichsmeier (Martin’s mother) RIP***.*

**Those ill or infirm:** Justin Gosling (Rachel Heinrichsmeier’s father) Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Sylwia Dorosz, Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Maureen Gilberto, John Dumbleton, Arthur Mollett, Lucy Mullins, Joseph Venables, Eric Ronald Booth and Norah Reed.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Elena Peck RIP** to who died recently and for the comfort of her sister Mary Basher and all the family. The **funeral Mass** for Elena is on **Thursday 17 November at 11am.**

**Confession**

Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

Fr Gabriel Diaz will be available for confession during the Parish social on November 5th after the 6pm Mass.

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| **This week’s services (29th October – 5th November), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 29th October**Feria | 10am Mass *People of the Parish*10.30 -11am Confession5.40pm Rosary6pm Vigil*Eric Platt RIP* **Reader: Pat** |
| **Sunday 30th October****Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ( C )** | 10am Mass *John Dumbleton RIP* **Readers: Jack & Chloe**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Monday 31st October** | 10am Mass *John Harty (Wellbeing)* |
| **Tuesday 1st November****All Saints****Holy Day of Obligation** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass 7.30pm *Fr. Louis Rieunier RIP* |
| **Wednesday 2nd November****The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)** | 10am Mass **All Souls**  |
| **Thursday 3rd November**St Martin de Porres, Religious;St Winefride, Virgin  | 9am-10am Adoration10am Mass *Bruce England ‘s Wellbeing (Neil)* |
| **Friday 4th November**St Charles Borromeo, Bishop | 10am Mass *Margaret Brownhill’s Intentions*10.30 – 11.30am Adoration |
| **Saturday 5th November**Feria | **No morning Mass** 10.30 -11am Confession6pm Vigil *Mark and Anna and Pope Francis*  **Reader: Family readers – Wendy & Melody** |
| **Sunday 6th November****Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)** | 10am Mass *People of the Parish* **Reader: Peter**12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  |
| **Flowers: for 6th November - Frances** |
| **Readers: for Saturday 5th Nov – Wendy & Melody/Sunday 6th Nov - Peter** |
| **Cleaners: for 5th/6th November – Liz & David** |

**Coffee Morning for Bishop John Hine**

Fr John Hine is celebrating 60 years of his ordination to the priesthood this October. We thought it would be good to have a coffee morning **after Mass this Sunday 30 October** to celebrate and say thank you.

Due to the lockdown restrictions, we didn’t have the opportunity to say thank you properly to Father John when he stepped down.

Father John was ordained on 28 October 1962 for the Archdiocese of Southwark.

**Confirmation**

I am delighted to say that Bishop Paul Hendricks will be coming to Confirm Jack Keeshan and Leon Thomas on Sunday 13 November (Remembrance Sunday) at the 10am Mass. Please pray for Jack and Leon as they take this important step in their spiritual lives.

**Bangers and Mash**

Please come along to our November parish social. We have Bangers and Mash **Saturday Nov 5** after the 6pm Mass. Fr Gabriel Diaz will be available for confession.

**Blessing of Graves**

Sunday 6 November at 3pm.  If you have any friends or family buried at Tenterden cemetery we will bless their graves after the service.

**St Simon Stock Catholic School**

*Sixth Form Open Evening*Thursday 3 November - 6pm to 8pm / *Talk by Leader of the Sixth Form at 6pm*

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