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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

1 NOVEMBER 2020: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (Year A (II); Psalter: Week 3)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14 Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 23 (24): 1-6

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12a

Date	Details	Service	Time
Sunday 1 November	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (p. 1184)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 11.00 am
Monday 2 November	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Tuesday 3 November	St. Martin de Porres, Religious Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Wednesday 4 November	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 5 November	Thursday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Friday 6 November	Friday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 7 November	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Intention: Donor's Intention	Live-Streamed Public Mass	9.30 am
Sunday 8 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ~ (p. 802 – Year A)	LIVE-STREAMED PUBLIC MASS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE (live-streamed) PUBLIC MASS	9.30 am 10.30am 11.00 am

Solemnity of All Saints: Saints, Here and There

The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue."

This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18).

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations.

Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us

that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense. Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1). (Scott Hahn)

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November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass. All offerings received will be donated to our Building Fund.

Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): Solemnity of All Saints (p. 1184)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 1184: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 543: Apostles' Creed

p. 1184: Preface: The Glory of Jerusalem, Our Mother p. 591: Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon)

p. 631: Communion Rite

Remember one another – Please try to support one another in these challenging times: a phone call to check up on elderly and vulnerable parishioners and friends; a friendly call to see if anyone needs shopping; supporting your local shops and businesses, which will be hit hard from a financial perspective. We are all in this together.

Remember your parish – If you would like to support the maintenance of our parish during this time of lockdown, here are some different ways that the parish can be assisted:

- A regular Standing Order: the account details are in the next column opposite, under 'Parish Finances'.
- Donations in an envelope, put through the church letterbox. During this period, and for the foreseeable future, any offerings, donations or benefactions to the parish will be paid in to our No. 1 (Running) Account.
- A re-evaluation of your level of giving. If every parishioner at Mass gave an extra £5 (two coffees at Costa or Starbucks..), it would make an enormous difference to the future of the parish!!
- A Bequest, or gift left in a will, is an increasingly popular way of remembering your parish. All bequests should be made to St. Columba's Culloden Building Fund Account. All benefactors are remembered at our Masses.

Thank you for your consideration and continuing generosity and support – it is greatly appreciated.

"I rejoiced when I heard them say: Let us go to God's House!" (Psalm 121/122) – Have you been back to God's House? St. Columba's is open every day for Mass at 9.30am. Fr. Domenico will continue to offer two Masses each Sunday: at 9.30am (which will also be live-streamed) and at 11.00am. To book a seat(s) for Mass next Sunday, here are the links:

8 November 9.30am:

https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-08-11-2020-0930am.eventbrite.co.uk

8 November 11.00am:

https://mass-at-st-columbas-culloden-08-11-2020-1100am.eventbrite.co.uk

Please note that seats for both Masses will be available to book online from <u>Sunday 1 November at 12 noon</u>. If you have a problem or query, please contact Fr. Domenico.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 8 November

Next Sunday, 8 November, is Remembrance Sunday. We will be having a short Service of Remembrance at our War Memorial (weather permitting) **at 10.30am.** Those wishing to participate should gather outside at the church; if the weather is bad, we will move inside. The Service will be live-streamed. Our Retiring Collection will be for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Retiring Collections: Please note that unless other specified, all RETIRING collections will be paid into our Parish Building Fund.

Piety Stall: we have many new items in stock! Are you looking for Christmas cards? – Look no further? Are you in need of a Rosary in this Marian month of October? – We have all sizes and styles! Advent calendars? – We have plenty! Nativity scenes and baby Jesus statuettes? – They're all here! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts, holy items, and spiritual books. Why not browse the stall, and attend to your Christmas shopping at the same time?

Fratelli Tutti: due to current demand, I have ordered more copies of this important new document by Pope Francis. They have arrived, and are now residing in the Sacristy. If you would like one, simply speak to Fr. Domenico; it is priced £6.95. Our Fratelli Tutti Reading Group will begin in mid-November. The dates are as follows:

18 November: Chapters 1 & 2 25 November: Chapters 3 & 4 2 December: Chapters 5 & 6 9 December: Chapters 7 & 8

All meetings begin at 7.00pm, and take place on Zoom. If you would like to take part in this reading group, contact Fr. Domenico, for the Zoom link details.

90 Club: OCTOBER WINNERS! First Prize: Helen MacGilp; Second Prize: Ewen Macdonald; Third Prize: Amanda MacNeil. Congratulations to all our winners! Anyone wishing to catch up with their payments can contact Don directly, at: donalddora79@aol.com, or telephone 01463 791332, to find out how much is owed; they can then put the money in an envelope through the church letterbox if they wish.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Michael Good, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Stuart MacLennan, John Macdonald, Evelyn MacGregor, Rena Herbison, Louise Flett, Alex Fruters, Morag Lloyd, Patrick Macpherson, Kathleen Macpherson, Ricci Hudson-Storey, Lily Finlay + Marian Ellis +

Anniversaries: + Archie Lumsden + Renzo Serafini + Tom O'Connor + John Horne + Willie & Annie Hay +