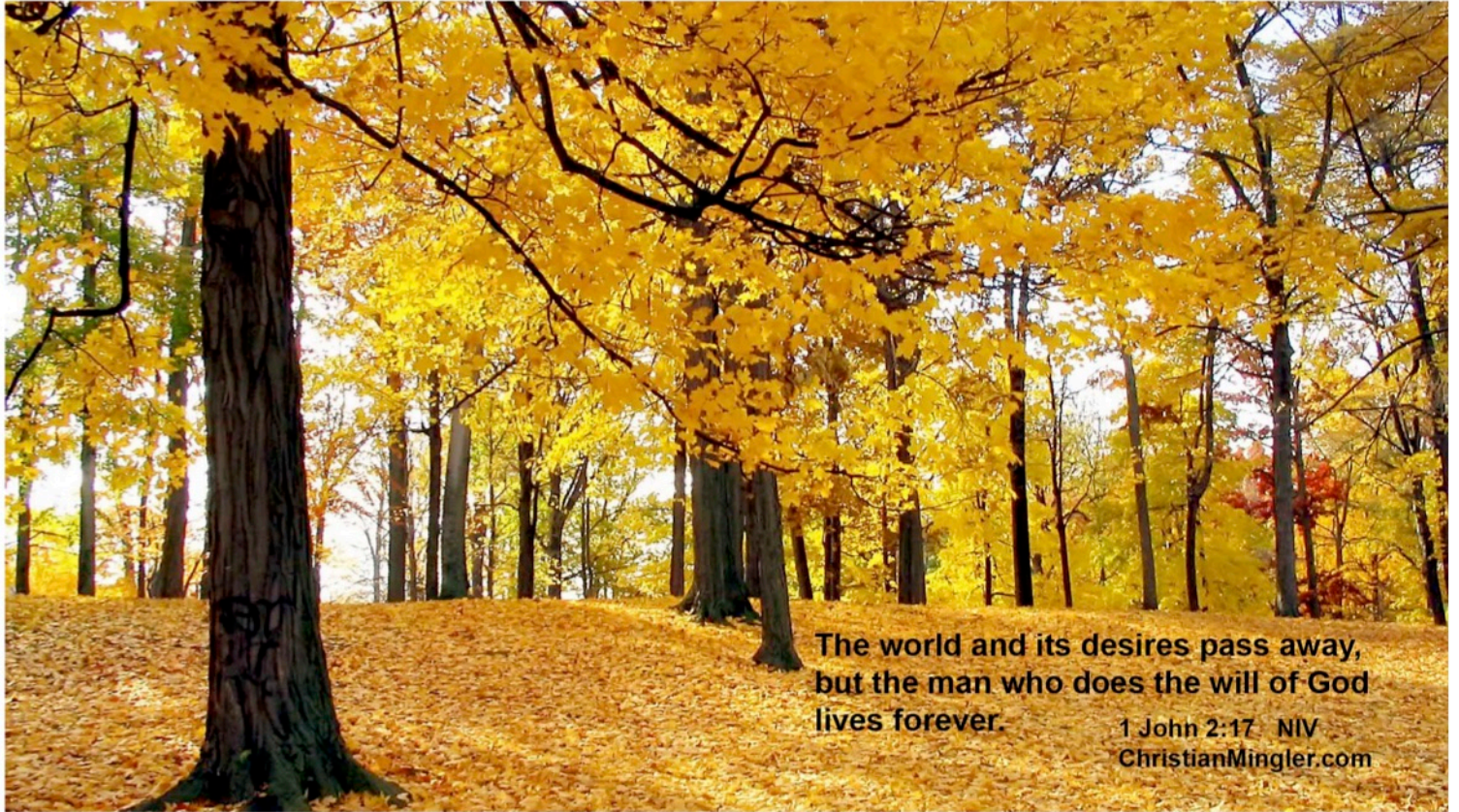


St Columba's Parish Newsletter, November 2017



Dear Parishioners,

As the leaves change colour, in a rich and variegated kaleidoscope, and slowly fall from our trees, we are reminded of the cycle of life. November is the **month of the Holy Souls**, and the Church invites us to remember our dearly departed, to pray for the souls of those we have known and loved, ever conscious that they have embarked on a new stage of their journey towards their heavenly homeland. In the words of the First Preface for the Dead, “for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.” This is the solid, Christian hope that we hold on to – as Christ died for our sins, and rose again in glory, so we – who by His sacrifice have been redeemed – will also rise in glory. This is reinforced by the following beautiful words of St John, in his First Letter: “My dear people, we are