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## **COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER**

The Church, after rejoicing with those of her children who have entered the glory of heaven on All Saints Day, on All Souls Day, prays for all those who, in the purifying suffering of Purgatory await the day when they will be joined to the company of saints. All Souls Day shifts the Church's focus on praying for the Faithful Departed throughout the month of November.

The celebration of the Mass, the sacrifice of Calvary continued on our altars, has ever been for the Church the principal means of fulfilling towards the dead the great commandment of charity. Masses for the dead are found in the fifth century. But it was St. Odilo, fourth abbot of Cluny, who was responsible for the institution of the general commemoration of all the faithful departed; he instituted it and fixed its celebration on November 2, the day after All Saints Day. Daily in a special Memento in the Canon of the Mass, at which the priest remembers all those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, the priest implores God to grant them a place of happiness, light and peace. Thus, there is no Mass in which the Church does not pray for the faithful departed; but on All Souls Day her thoughts are directed towards them in a particular fashion, with the maternal preoccupation of leaving no soul in Purgatory without spiritual aid.

There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory is granted to the faithful who, on any and each day from November 1-8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

In the first reading a mother and her seven sons endure torture and death rather than violate the law. In the second reading Paul asks the Lord to confirm and strengthen the Christians of Thessalonica in their words and deeds. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells the Sadducees, that God is not God of the dead, but God of the living.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK – Mass book page 160

**Office: psalter week 4; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 32**

Sunday morning Mass is livestreamed and will be available for viewing later on our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Eddie and Mary Sinnott RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		People of the parish
Nov	6pm		John and Jean Cullerton RIP
Monday	9:15am		Kathleen Murphy RIP
Tuesday	7pm		Mary Irene Steward RIP
Wednesday	9:15am	<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b>	Carol Hill RIP
Thursday	9:15am	<b>ST LEO THE GREAT</b>	Barrie Cliff RIP
Friday	12pm	<b>ST MARTIN DE TOURS</b>	Alan Little RIP
Saturday	10am	<b>ST JOSEPHAT</b>	Mary Ryan RIP
	6pm (vigil)	<b>THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Lolita Salazar De Valdez
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am		Irene Stewart RIP
Nov	6pm		People of the Parish

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for Susan Hesketh, Alban Lakeland and all who have died recently.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11am-12noon and on request.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon. The church is usually open during the day for private prayer.

**ROSARY:** After 9:15am Mass and before 12noon Mass on Fridays.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Bert Brooks, Mervyn Brock, Ron Cornah, Barrie Cliff, Harold Ellison, Martin Malone, Monica Wyatt, Francis Sherridan, Francis Harding, Mary McAteer, Judith Reilly.

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for the sick and housebound of our parish especially Edward Alan Jackson.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER:** For children who suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**MASS OFFERINGS:** Offering Mass for our loved ones, for special intentions, for sickness, for those who have died is the greatest gift you can give them, we can also offer Mass in thanksgiving. Our Mass intention diary quite sparse, so if you would

like a mass offering for a specific intention, please write the intention on an envelope with the offering inside and post through the presbytery letterbox or leave with one of the priests.

**READERS REQUIRED:** We are in need of help filling our reader's rota especially at the Sunday 9:30 morning mass. If you would be interested in reading at any of our masses, please speak to one of our sacristans or priests.

**BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS TRIP:** On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov there is coach trip to Blackpool Illuminations. The coach will depart from St Clares at 5:45pm. The cost is £7 for adults and £3.50 for children. There will also be a planned stop at the Fish Bar in Gt Eccleston at 8pm which is to be paid separately.

**NOVEMBER LIST ENVELOPES:** Available for collection from the Narthex. Please return them with names of any deceased relatives and friends you wish to pray for. The names will be left in a box by the altar throughout November. Donations for Holy Souls Masses are also welcome. Please include these in the envelopes.

**TOY COLLECTION:** The Salvation army are collecting new toys to give out at Christmas to the families who receive food parcels. Could any donations please be left at the presbytery along with donations for the food bank. There is a food bank collection this weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November.

**LAST WEEK:** At Mass: 318 (87/152/79). Collections: £662.48 Thank you for your presence and generosity.

**SCOUTS FIREWORKS:** Meet at 7pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the school playground for sausage sizzle/tea/coffee/hot chocolate/juice. Fireworks between 7:30 and 8pm. (please note no handheld sparklers will be allowed).

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** To show our support to ACN and to help raise funds for our ACN Parish build project, there are 3 events in November which we would like to highlight:

### **Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th November**

Christmas Cards / Gifts for sale after all masses this weekend. Monies raised go towards our ACN Parish build project.

### **Friday 18th November 7pm**

Back by popular request! ACN Indian Dinner eve fundraising event in the Parish Hall. Tickets on sale after all masses. £10 / adult and £5 / child.

### **Wednesday 23rd November**

Please join us on the 23rd November and during the month of November to Break the Silence on the persecution of Christians and all faiths, globally. We ask you to pledge your prayer and action this #RedWednesday.

## Events this week (occasional/one-off events in bold type)

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18)	Parish Hall
Mon-Friday	3:20pm	After School Club*	Parish Hall
	5-6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Church
Monday	6pm	Cubs	Parish Hall
	8pm	Scouts	Parish Hall
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (ages 8-11)	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Wednesday	10am	Parish Coffee Morning	Parish Hall
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Church
Thursday	6:15pm	Beavers	Parish Hall
Friday	7pm	Lectio Divina	Side chapel
	<b>5:45pm *</b>	<b>Blackpool illuminations trip</b>	<b>Car Park</b>
Saturday	9:15 – 10:30	Holy Communion Programme *	Parish Hall
	10:30 – 12pm	Spanish Classes	Parish Hall
	11am-12	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions	Church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18)	Parish Hall

Events marked \* are open only to members or those who have booked ahead.

**OLSE LADIES GROUP:** The next meeting of OLSE Ladies Group will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November and will be a beetle drive. A £10 deposit for the Christmas meal at the Italian Orchard on 7<sup>th</sup> December is also due; total cost £22.90. The meeting is in the Parish Centre starting at 8pm. Admission £3, visitors welcome.

**CAMINO:** Could anyone who owes money for the sponsored Camino walk please give it Rita Hunter or put in a clearly marked envelope and post it through the presbytery door.