

WHAT WE CELEBRATE ON ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday November 1, is All Saints Day, which celebrates the honour of all Church Saints, whether known or unknown. On this day we allow the memory of their faith to spur us on to deeper worship and greater service to the Lord. When we pray the Apostles' Creed, we say, "I believe in... the communion of saints." The communion of saints is made up of men and women who have placed their hope in Jesus Christ and through Baptism, are his adopted sons and daughters. The communion of saints includes the living and the deceased, whether they are with God in heaven or undergoing a process of purification in purgatory. Before his death, St. Dominic said, "Do not weep, for I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." In a very special way, on the Solemnity of All Saints, not only can we pray to our favourite saints, but we can also call upon our departed brothers and sisters whom we believe are already with God. In the early years when the Roman Empire persecuted Christians, so many martyrs died for their faith that the Church set aside special days to honour them. For example, in 607, Emperor Phocas presented the beautiful Pantheon temple in Rome to the Pope. Pope Boniface IV removed the statues of Jupiter and pagan gods and consecrated the Pantheon to "all saints" who had died from Roman persecution. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III changed the date to November 1 when he dedicated a chapel at the Vatican in honour of all the saints, and Pope Gregory IV later extended this celebration of all saints to the Universal Church. One great tradition and practice associated with the Solemnity of All Saints is going to Mass - it is, after all, a Holy Day of Obligation! Other traditions on this day include reading and learning about the saints, praying to them and asking for their intercession so that we, too might become saints.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom says that God is merciful to all, and loves all his creatures. He overlooks men's sins so that they can repent. In the second reading Paul tells the Thessalonians not to be alarmed by the predictions claiming that the Day of the Lord has come. In the Gospel reading Jesus dines with Zacchaeus to teach us he came to seek and save the Lost.

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Office: psalter week 3; Sundays: year C; Weekdays: year II, week 31

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)	THIRTY	Patsy Cockburn RIP
Sunday 30 th Oct	9:30am	FIRSTSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bernard Harrison RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:15am		Mary Irene Stewart RIP
	7pm	ALL SAINTS (vigil)	Baby Rory Broderick
Tuesday	9:15	ALL SAINTS	Jane Britten
	7pm		People of the Parish
Wednesday	9:15am	ALL SOULS	Roberto Pignotti RIP
	7pm		Souls of the faithful departed
Thursday	9:15am		Margaret Rainford
Friday	12pm	ST CHARLES BORROMEO	Dennis Rawlinson
Saturday	10am		Robert Tierney RIP
	6pm (vigil)	THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eddie and Mary Sinnott RIP
Sunday 06 th Nov	9:30am		People of the parish
	6pm	John and Jean Cullerton RIP	

LATELY DEAD: Please pray for John Thomas Brown, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with readings, prayer and Benediction will be held this Friday 4th Nov 7pm there will be no Adoration between 5 and 6pm on this day.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dorothy Finch, Moira Butler, Monica Jackson, Kathleen Murphy, Noel Hogan, Wendy Karen Charlson, Mollie Earnshaw, Annie Woods, Mary Anne Murphy, Bernard Harrison, Anne Taylor, James Van Parys, Frank Rogerson.

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.

ALL SAINTS: Tuesday this week is the Feast of All Saints which is a Holy Day of Obligation, there are extra Masses available. Vigil Mass Monday 7pm, Tuesday morning at 9:15 and Tuesday evening at 7pm.

ALL SOULS: there will be an extra Mass at 7pm on Wednesday as we remember all our faithful departed who are making their journey home to the Lord.

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 11th Nov there is coach trip planned 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. If you are interested, please record your details on the signup sheet in the Narthex indicating the number of adults and children attending, together with contact details.

SOCIAL SURVEY: St Clare's parish Social Committee wish to gather your views on activities and events that parishioners and their families would like to be held over the coming year. These may be events that have run previously as well as any new suggestions. Please complete a survey form and return to the box in the Narthex by Friday 4th November.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: If you have a child in year 3 or above who wants to make their first Confession and Holy Communion, please complete a registration form which can be found in the Narthex, and return to the presbytery before Monday the 31st October. Forms have been distributed to children in St Clares School. The course will begin on Saturday the 5th November.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This Sunday there will be a special collection for the sick and retired Priests Fund.

LAST WEEK: At Mass: 313 (71/114/68/60). Collections: £685.00 Thank you for your presence and generosity.

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

Day	Time	What?	Where?
Sunday 30 th	10:30am	After-Mass tea/coffee	Parish Hall
	6:45pm	Anointed & Sent groups (ages 11-18) (Cancelled this week due to half term)	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
	7:30pm	NCW Liturgy of the Word	Side chapel
Tuesday	6pm	Seekers (ages 8-11) <i>(all saints party)</i>	Parish Hall
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 <i>(cancelled this week)</i>	Side chapel
	7pm	First Friday Adoration and Benediction	Church
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 06 th 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.

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.

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 18th November...Indian Dinner back by popular demand! An evening of delicious Indian dishes awaits you, all in support of ACN fundraising for our India project. Tickets will go on sale soon.

SEEKERS ALL SAINTS PARTY: There will be an 'All Saints' party being held during the Seekers group on Tuesday 1st November in the parish hall at 6pm. The party is open to all young people between years 4-6 Please support this fun event to celebrate the saints.