

# Newsletter

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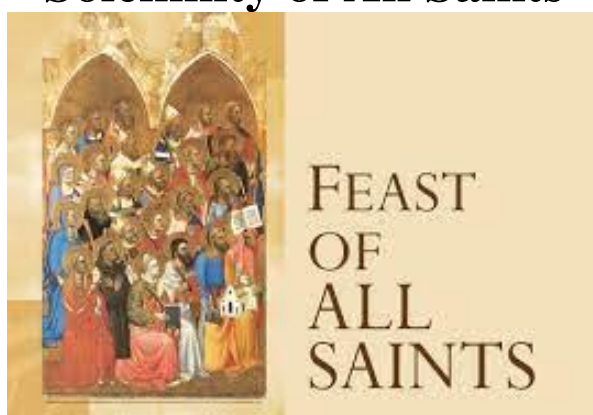
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## Sunday, 31 October 2021 Solemnity of All Saints



Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected ... the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

## **Caring for our Sick and Housebound Parishioners**

Before the pandemic our Eucharistic Ministers were able to regularly take Holy Communion to those unable to come to church for Mass. We wait to see when and how this important ministry may safely be resumed. In the meantime, we need to ensure that we have an up-to-date list of all those in need of such support. So, if you, or someone you know of, are housebound and would appreciate the support of receiving Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office and leave details.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Many parishioners took advantage of the opportunity last weekend to receive the healing strength of the Lord offered through the sacrament of the sick. If you didn't have a chance to take part and feel the need for the healing that is offered through the sacrament please talk to Fr Matthew.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Fr Matthew is usually available in the 20 minutes before each Mass to hear confession. He will be sat towards the front of the church, please approach him directly and make your request known.

## **Mission Sunday**

*'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' Acts 4:20*

Sunday, 31 October 2021

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or bring your red box to church.

### **November Pious List**

Lists and envelopes are now available at the back of church. Please place completed lists along with your donation in with the offertory or post into parish office. Through the month of November, one weekday Mass and one weekend Mass will be offered for those names on the lists.

### **Keep In Your Prayers**

Our sick and housebound and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## **Baptismal Information**

Next meeting to register and find out more 1 November, 6pm, St Mark's Annexe. **Please wear a mask when attending a meeting.** All enquiries please ring Chris Myles on 07443 018 816.

## **With You Always Programme**

There will be an information meeting on Monday, 1 November, 6pm at St Mark's church for all parents/carers who wish to register their child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession) and Eucharist (Holy Communion). Children need to be in Year 4 and above.

### ***30 October, Holy Family***

*Luke Kavanagh*

*Jessica Carvell*

*Violet Anne Atherton*

### ***31 October, St Mark's***

*Nathan Montoute*

*Lucas Grice*

*Amelia Moore*

### ***31 October, Holy Family***

*Louie Fox*

*Kaitlin Musgrove*

*Abigail Miranda*

*Maisie McNicholas*

Email all enquiries to Jayne Cross at

jayne.wya@gmail.com

## **Ladies Group**

Our next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 3 November at 7pm in St Mark's Annexe. Remember if you are attending the Spirit of Christmas concert please bring your ticket payment along.

## **DBS Forms**

Any volunteers who have not passed their forms in to Margaret Campbell or Chris Myles, please do so as soon as possible.

## **Rotas**

It's really important that you check the rotas on display. If you should be on the rota but have been missed off, please let the office know asap and remember, if you are unable to carry out your ministry on your scheduled date, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.

## **Age & Dementia**

### **Friendly Activity Programme**

On Tuesday, 2 November, 1.30pm-3.30pm a new 'Age and Dementia Friendly' activity programme will be starting at St Mary's Parish Hall, Woolton. The sessions will be fortnightly taking place on 16, 30 November and 14 December. There will be no charge for the sessions,

though donations are welcome. The programme is called *LOVE TO MOVE*, a chair based activity programme developed by a physiotherapist working for the British Gymnastics Association (BGF). If you'd like to find out more please go to <https://britishgymnasticsfoundation.org/lovetomove/>

Many of you have supported the dementia and age related activities held at St Mary's in the past and we wondered if you might like to join this new programme.

The intention is that from 1.30pm there will be a 'Dementia Café' and time to chat over tea/coffee (though not exclusive to people living with dementia) followed by chair based activities and ending at 3.30pm. We are hoping that once the sessions get going, a team from the Admiral Nurses will join us to provide a professional listening/guidance service in the privacy of the small room, where people with dementia and/or their carers may wish to discuss their concerns.

Also, could we ask any Dementia Friends and Sight Loss Friendly church members in the archdiocese to get in touch with the Pastoral

Development Department at [pd@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pd@rcaol.org.uk), please? We would like to see how we can work with you to foster greater awareness in the archdiocese. Thank you!

## **COP26,**

**31 October – 12 November 2021**

Novena for Creation for any who wish to pray it during COP26 <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/environment-novena/>

Also, CAFOD webinar, join CAFOD to hear Neil Thorns Head of Advocacy, Communication and Education and a Vatican representative from the Vatican delegation live from Glasgow on the progress made at the COP26. An opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global United Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it. Information at <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-update>

## *Prayer for Cop26*

Loving God, we praise your name with all you have created. You are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of creatures. We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit

inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

The Laudato sí Movement have launched a Catholic petition regarding COP15 and COP26. Details at [www.thecatholicpetition.org](http://www.thecatholicpetition.org)

### **Parish Memorial Service**

This will take place on Wednesday, 10 November at 7pm in St Mark's Church. Please bring a photo of your loved one or Order of Service to be placed on altar.

### **Diaconate Information Evening**

The first in-person Diaconate Information Evening takes place at English Martyrs Parish Hall, School Lane, Litherland, L21 7LX, on Thursday, 4 November, 7.30-9.00pm, with refreshments from 7pm. If you are interested in the diaconate but unable to attend this evening, please email [diaconate@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:diaconate@rcaol.org.uk) for more information. There will be a second Information Evening in January and if there are some who are

unable or unwilling to attend face-to-face events at the moment, we will offer an online opportunity to find out more.

### **Remembrance Mass for Priests**

On Friday, 12 November at 7pm at the Cathedral, Archbishop Malcolm will be celebrating a Mass for all those priests who have died from Covid or other causes, since the beginning of the pandemic, including Bishop Vincent Malone who died in May 2020. This will be a chance for us to come together as an archdiocese to pray for those priests whose funerals we could not attend because of Covid restrictions. All welcome.

### **Bereavement Drop In**

The next meeting takes place at 2pm on Tuesday, 16 November.

### **Coffee Pot Social**

Every Wednesday between 10am-12 noon at St Columba's. All welcome. Also here, every Friday between 10am-1pm South Liverpool Zero Waste Community Group distribute surplus food to local people in need.

### **Over 50s Club**

This popular get-together has now resumed and takes place on Wednesday's, 1.30pm in our Parish

Club. Come along for a chat, cuppa, bingo, quiz, day trips.

### **Receive this Newsletter via Email**

To register please email  
sjvparishcomms@gmail.com

### **Advent Mondays**

Advent Reflections - On 29 November, the Pastoral Development Department invite you to a Zoom time of reflection and discussion for an hour each Advent Monday from 7pm. Please register for your Zoom link on <https://forms.gle/ygGnFTySdvNZZ2776>

### **Lourdes 2022**

Thursday, 21 July-Saturday, 30 July.  
Liverpool Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage,  
for more info and an application form visit  
[www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolLOURDESyouth.co.uk)

Friday, 22 July-Friday, 29 July,  
Liverpool Archdiocese Pilgrimage to  
Lourdes St Bernadette Team, for more  
info visit [animateyouth.org](http://animateyouth.org)

### **Lourdes Nominations**

If you wish to nominate someone from our parish to go to Lourdes in 2022 and be supported through our fund, please contact the office as soon as possible.

### **Job Opportunity**

Chief financial officer at St Joseph Catholic Multi Academy Trust. The new job role is a perfect opportunity for a qualified accountant looking for an exciting, challenging and highly rewarding role. Essential must be a fully qualified accountant (ACA/ACCA/CIMA or CIPFA), ideally with up to date knowledge and understanding of the Schools' sector. It is not an essential requirement that the post holder be a practising catholic. The closing date is Tuesday, 9 November. Ring Ian Dowds for an initial chat on 01737 652 043.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Wednesday 3 November, 7pm, St John the Evangelist, Fountains Road, Kirkdale, Liverpool L4 1QL. Mass for the annual novena in honour of the Immaculate Conception offered for peace in the world. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday 4 November, 10.30am-12 noon, Online event. He sent me to give good news to the poor: Luke's Gospel. Fr Chris Thomas leads us in an exploration of Luke's Gospel - the Gospel used on Sundays for the next liturgical year. For the link to access, email [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

Friday 5 November, 4pm-5pm.  
 Online event. Reading group. Join  
 the FCJ sisters online to read and  
 enjoy Margaret Wheatley's book -  
 Who do we choose to be? Each week  
 there will be a short introduction,  
 followed by discussion and sharing of  
 thoughts around the chapter or section  
 the group is reading. The groups  
 change each week so you are welcome  
 to simply come along when it is  
 convenient for you. For the link to  
 access, email  
[fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com](mailto:fcjcentresthughs@gmail.com)

### Parish Finance

Please consider making your  
 contributions by Standing Order or  
 Gift Aid it, contact office and we'll do  
 the rest.

Gift Aid Envelopes	£ 295.50
GASDS Loose	£ 365.75
GASDS Envelopes	£ 70.00
Standing Orders	£ 336.53
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>£1067.78</b>
Second Collection	£ 167.90
(APF World Missions)	

### Second Collection

This weekend Parish Lourdes Fund.  
 Next weekend none.



# Solemnity of All Saints

30 October – 7 November 2021	We Pray Especially For
Saturday, 30 October	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pat Hoare
Sunday, 31 October, Solemnity of All Saints	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	People of the Parish Parish Ladies Group
Monday, 1 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
6pm-7pm - Exposition and Private Prayer, Holy Family Church	
Tuesday, 2 November, Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	
9am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pious List
Wednesday, 3 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
10am-11am - Exposition and Private Prayer, St Mark's Church	
Thursday, 4 November, Memorial of St Charles Borromeo	
9am-9.45am – Morning Prayer – Online (see website) 6.30pm – Mass, St Mark's Church	Thanksgiving
Friday, 5 November, Weekday in Ordinary Time	
9am – Mass, St Mark's Church  <b>12.15pm – Requiem Mass for Ann Davies at Holy Family Church</b>	Ann Stanley
Saturday, 6 November	
5.15pm – Mass, Holy Family Church	Pious List
Sunday, 7 November, Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	
9.15am – Mass, St Mark's Church 11am – Mass, Holy Family Church	Ann Culshaw People of the Parish