The Parish of St Mary & St Catherine

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All Saints. Year A. 1st Nov.	8.30am	Laura Troop, sick
	10.30am	Pro Popolo (people of the Parish)
	3pm	Remembrance Service
Monday 2nd Nov: All Souls	7pm	Holy Souls & Pious List
Tuesday 3rd Nov: St Winifrede	9.30am	Holy Souls & Pious List
Wed 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo	9.30am	Holy Souls & Pious List
Thurs 5th Nov: Feria	9.30am	Filoted Geralde &Holy Souls
Friday 6th Nov: Feria	7pm	NOVENA & BENEDICTION
		Confessions following
Saturday 7th Nov: Feria	11am	Baptism for Iris Morris
Thirty Second Sunday. Year A. 8th Nov	8.30am	Holy Souls & Pious List
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	10.30am	Holy Souls & Pro Populo

THANK YOU for your Offerings each week.

100 Club: Andrea Handyside (92). Please collect your winnings from the sacristy.

Fr Simon's blog is at offerimus tibidomine (where you will also find the Mass times each week)

Safer Recruitment and DBS Representative: New appointment pending training.

MISSAL PAGES for today: Page 1180.

Unchanging parts of the Mass in the pink pages.

NOVEMBER AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: We offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass— the greatest of all prayers— for our deceased loved ones. There are envelopes at the back of church in which you may place the names of any of those you would like to be remembered at Mass during November. Each Mass celebrated for the whole of the month of November is offered for them. Please also place your offering for the Masses in the envelope and return it to church. These names are then placed at the altar during November.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

In recent years, perhaps no Catholic doctrine has been more misunderstood by Catholics themselves than the doctrine of. Consequently, we tend to downplay it, even seem a little embarrassed by it, and it is the Holy Souls who suffer because of our discomfort with the doctrine.

Purgatory is not, as many people think, one last trial; all of those who make it to Purgatory will one day be in Heaven. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the punishments from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. A soul in Purgatory may suffer, but he has the assurance that he will ultimately enter Heaven when his atonement is complete. Catholics believe Purgatory is an expression of God's love, His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

November is an opportune time to recall the Church's teaching on things connected to the funeral rites.

*It is most desirable that those approaching death make a final Confession and are offered the Last Rites IN PLENTY OF TIME to allow them to prepare.

*Requiem Mass on their funeral day is the best way to pray for those who have died. A Service in Church or the Crematorium or at the graveside without Mass is also a possibility.

*The immediate family should make it clear to wider relations and friends that if Mass is celebrated only practicing Catholics may receive Holy Communion. Those who are lapsed from the Faith or who are aware of serious sin should go to Confession before the Requiem Mass if they wish to receive Holy Communion.

*Secular "pop" music during Requiem Mass is forbidden (despite what you might see in many places). Organ music (religious or suitable classical) may be played by the organ instead of hymns. Any song must be in conformity with the Catholic Faith. We have a rich history of 2,000 years of Christian music to choose from.

* A "Eulogy" is by no means essential at a funeral, indeed such were not historically envisaged (rather they took place at Memorial Services, which we sometimes see on the news for the famous after their actual funerals or before a private family funeral.) If a Eulogy is to be given, it should include mention of the person's life of Faith in the Church. A poem or song is not actually a Eulogy. Quirky and embarrassing memories, along with favourite songs can take a natural pride of place at the wake after the funeral.

*It is absolutely forbidden to keep Ashes unburied after a cremation. Ashes may not be kept at home as a permanent resting place. Ashes may not be made into jewelry or any other artefact. They should be buried, not scattered, in suitably consecrated ground of a cemetery or churchyard.

*All attempts to "contact" the dead through Mediums, Spiritualism etc are considered gravely sinful and completely false. The Church considers any such "contact" as either fake or the work of the Devil.

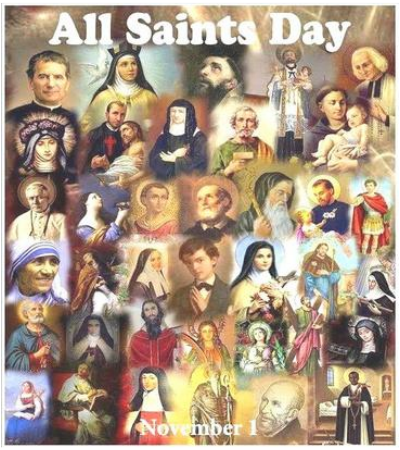
ALL SAINTS DAY.

All children are invited to attend the 10.30am Mass dressed as one the Saints, to process into church and receive a prayer card afterwards in the Social Centre. Children from St Mary's Primary School will be assisting in the celebration of the Mass too.

Families, please bring the children into the Social Centre after Mass to receive a prayer card.

It is a great way to allow the children to dress up instead of opting for Halloween costumes. Although All Hallow's Eve is a significant feast in the Church, the common celebration of this in the world around us is now so debased, as to bear no relation to the sacred meaning the Church teaches: that of praying for those who have diedwho may be in Purgatory and celebrating our eternal life with the Saints. Indeed the specter of ghouls and ghosts, cobwebs and spiders seems to direct attention away from heavenly things to hellish things. Not very wholesome for our children.

CHILDREN, PLEASE ARRIVE 5 MINUTES EARLY AND CO ME TO THE SACRISTY.



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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.

Next week at the end of the 10.30am Mass we will process to our War Memorial just outside the main door to honour and pray for those from our parish who gave their lives in service to their country.

At 3pm Fr Simon will lead the ecumenical Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph opposite on Wigan Road. Light Refreshments will be served in the Social Centre afterwards.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS.

A reminder to those who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion to sign the Golden Book at the back of Church.

As part of their families commitment to make sure the children are ready to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament the regular attendance at Mass is an essential undertaking. But asking no more than what we are all bound to do as Catholics and fulfilling the promise made at the baptism of ech one of us: to bring our children up in the practice of the Faith.

The next Preparation session is on Wednesday 18th November at 6.30pm in the Social Centre.



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LAST SUNDAY: What a wonderful Mass we celebrated with Bishop Tom last Sunday and our special guests, including our local MP, Sir Linday Holye and the Mayor of Chorley! Inspiring music arranged by Anthony Dickinson and a great lunch organised by Margaret Hill and a hard- working band of helpers from the parish. Thanks also to our Altar Servers. Thanks to all who came along, filling the church to capacity, and made it such a special occasion.

All to recognise the honour given to our Parish Assistant of many years, Michael Thompson, for his work in the parish but also for his work in the wider community. A great example of our Catholic Faith inspiring us to take the Gospel out to the wider world.

Michael sends his thanks and prayers to all those who helped to make the day so special and for the many cards and gifts.



MASS INTENTIONS: A reminder that The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass can be offered for your intentions, for both the living and the dead. This ancient practice enables the Church to apply the benefits of Our Lord's Sacrifice to be applied directly for your intentions. Often a card can be sent, especially if it's for a death or anniversary. A supply of such cards is available from the from the sacristy. The donation (stipend) attached to it goes to support the work of the parish.

Please place your intention and the offering in an envelope and give it to Fr Simon.

"The sacrifice of the Mass is the same offering that Jesus made on the cross."

– St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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NEWSLETTER: The Newsletter is in this slightly changed and reduced format, as Fr Simon is having difficulty adjusting to a new application in creating the Newsletter, now that Publisher has gone out of use! Some sort of normal service will resume shortly!



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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC,

RETURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF THE FAITH OR JUST LEARNING MORE?

Our next meeting for those interested in sharing more about our Catholic Faith

is on Monday 9th November at 7pm.

