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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

5 November 2023

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

This weekend there is a **retiring collection** for the **Needy Parishes Fund** which helps some of the smaller and poorer parishes in our diocese.

Volunteers are needed to help clear the Undercroft from 9.00am next Saturday morning, 11 November. The last few years have seen the accumulation of a number of objects being temporarily stored in this important communal space. Now that it is once again in regular use the time has come to address this issue. If you could give a little time to help clear and tidy the Undercroft then you would be most welcome on the Saturday morning. If you have any **items there that belong to you** then they should be collected and **claimed by this Sunday, 5 November.** Thank you for your consideration, it is much appreciated.

If you would like to **learn how to make your own Advent or Christmas wreath** then why not come along to a practical class in the undercroft on Saturday, 2 December, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Organised by the UCM, tickets (£10 incl. foam & refreshments) are on sale after Masses next weekend, 11 & 12 November.

St Wilfrid's Centre Christmas Fayre, is this Thursday, 9 November, 5.00-7.00pm, with refreshments, Christmas cards, stocking-fillers etc. All money raised will go to providing essential support at St Wilfrid's Centre. All welcome.

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

If you are in Year 8 or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation then please e-mail Fr M at ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com for the registration form and the dates and times of preparation. **All applications** should be received and **completed by this Sunday, 5 November.** Thank you.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2024

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2024 are now being invited. Please speak with Fr M after Mass for the registration form. All applications should be received and completed by Sunday, 26 November. I kindly remind parents that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child's faith to grow, most especially in regularly attending Sunday Mass. Christian parents are called to teach our children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven.

November Memorial Dead List 2023 – 2024

The celebration of holy Mass is the simplest yet also the greatest means by which the Church on earth provides care and assistance for the dead – though we can also assist them in their ‘journey’ through the purification of purgatory by means of our prayers, offered sufferings and penances, especially when they have indulgences attached to them. Beginning in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the year. To enrol a loved one on the list so that they are included in these Masses, please write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked ‘Dead List.’ You can hand the envelope in at the sacristy, office or give it to Fr M.

St Joseph’s Cemetery Maintenance Fund: we kindly ask in November, the month of the Holy Souls, for those with family and friends in St Joseph’s cemetery, to make a contribution towards the cost of the upkeep. Particular thanks must go to those dedicated parishioners who give of their time and labour to care for our hallowed ground and we have received a number of positive comments recognising the good work that is being done by them. Thank you for your continuing support

For your diary...

- On the **Saturdays of Advent** (9, 16 & 23 December) there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am.
- Please note that **there will be NO 8.45am MASS on Sunday, 24 December**, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There will be a Mass at 10.00am as usual.

A Prayer for the Dead

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known to You alone.
In company with Christ, Who died and now lives,
may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.
Unite us together again in one family,
to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.

The Sacred Liturgy

<p>Sunday 5 November <i>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>8.45am Eileen McManus</p> <p>10.00am Intentions of Kathryn & Tony Brodrick</p>
<p>Monday 6 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p>10.00am Marie Bows</p>
<p>Tuesday 7 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p><u>9.45am</u> Intentions of Peter & Geraldine Swift</p>
<p>Wednesday 8 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i></p>	<p>November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 9 November <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i></p>	<p>10.00am Monsignor Peter Moran</p>
<p>Friday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i></p>	<p>9.00 – 9.55am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p> <p>10.00am Intentions of Louise George</p>
<p>Saturday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i></p>	<p>4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions</p> <p>5.00pm The Greaves Family</p>
<p>Sunday 12 November <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p>	<p>8.45am For the People</p> <p>10.00am Kieran & Mary Phelan</p>

Please pray for John Carroll & Mary Keyes *RIP*; for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Last week's collection was £592.31 (£285.31 in offertory envelopes, £307.00 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

The **Piety Stall** is now taking orders for the **CTS Sunday Missal 2024**, this retails at £9.95 and we kindly ask that it be paid for at the time of ordering. The **closing date for orders is next Sunday, 12 November**. The Piety Stall **also has Christmas cards** and other festive items for sale.