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ALL SAINTS

31st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 01 Nov	5.30 pm	P J Crosbie RIP and mother RIP birthday memories
Sun 02 Nov	9.30 am	Jack Murphy RIP 11th Anniversary
ALL SAINTS DAY		
Mon 03 Nov	9.30 am	For Pope Leo's Intention
ALL SOULS DAY	7.00 pm	For all the faithful departed.
Tues 04 Nov	9.30 am	For peace in the world
Wed 05 Nov	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Thu 06 Nov	9.30 am	For all on our dead lists
Fri 07 Nov	9.30 am	Private intention
Sat 08 Nov	9.30 am	Michael White for good health
	5.30 pm	Bernadette O'Riordan and the deceased of the O'Riordan family
Sun 09 Nov	9.30 am	People of the Parish

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

'The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.' This quotation by the French Catholic novelist Leon Bloy (from *La Femme Pauvre*) is more than simply a pious thought: it speaks of the deepest desire of our hearts for God and for human perfection.

CS Lewis said, 'It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures ... when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased' (*The Weight of Glory*).

Blessed, Canonised, hidden and unknown, men and women who lived lives of heroic holiness now enjoy the beatific vision. For surely this is the goal, the *telos*, our purpose and our destiny. No one on their deathbed says, 'I should have spent more time in the office' but many cry, 'Lord, I am sorry for not living a holy life. I am sorry that I am not a saint' and herein is sanctity for was not the repentant thief promised, 'Today, you will be with me in paradise?' (Luke 23:42)

St John Henry Newman said 'Heaven is at present out of sight but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendours which are behind it. 'We enter heaven by living the Beatitudes, putting the Sermon on the Mount into practice, praying the Our Father, loving our neighbour, worshipping god, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

'[In the kingdom of heaven] true peace will reign, where no one will experience opposition either from self or from others. God himself will be virtue's reward: he gave virtue and has promised to give himself as the best and greatest reward that could exist.' (St Basil the Great)

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.***

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Tues 4th Nov: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Fri 7th Nov: St Willibrord, Bishop

Sat 8th Nov: Saturday Mass of Our Lady

Also, the Jubilee of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Diocese of Nottingham. Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass with commissioning of ministers at 11.30am.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

Think About Heaven

After this I had a vision of a great multitude ... They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. REVELATION 7:9

Today, we celebrate saints – those who have finished the race of life and received the crown of eternal life. Today, on All Saints Day, and tomorrow, All Souls Day, we think of those who have died, and we contemplate the mystery of heaven. The Book of Revelation captures St John's vision of heaven.

Close your eyes and think about heaven. What do you think heaven looks like? Which saint do you wish to meet the most? Who are you looking forward to being reunited with in heaven? When I think of heaven, I envision the company of angels and saints, and I hear them singing melodious hymns of praise to God. Today is a day to resolve to live like a saint here on earth so that we can be numbered among them in eternity. *Lord, fill my soul with a longing for heaven. Please make me a saint.*

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

This is the month when we particularly pray all the faithful departed, for all the Holy Souls, especially beloved family members who have gone before us. You may wish to have a Mass said for a family member or friend who has died. If so, write down the details and place in an envelope with your offering and give it in at church or post it through the priest's house, 40 Village Street, opposite the church. As you know from the newsletter we continue to celebrate Mass each day at 9.30 am.

Also, we must continue to pray for an end to warfare and violence in our world especially in Gaza, where we hope the ceasefire will hold, and the Ukraine where Russian aggression continues. Also for the Sudan in the grip of civil war and other places of conflict.

Our Lady Queen of peace, pray for us and our world.