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1 NOVEMBER 2020 ALL SAINTS (YEAR A)

THIS SUNDAY'S MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

1st Reading from the book of Apocalypse: 7:2-4. 9-14.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R cf. v6: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

2nd Reading: from the first letter of St John: 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord . Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew: 5:1-12

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

THE WEEK AHEAD: WHAT'S HAPPENING

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended. But if you are able to come, all are welcome to Mass at St Columba's.

There is Mass every day at 10am except Saturday, plus 8am and 6.30pm Mass every Sunday, as well as a vigil Mass at 6.30pm on Saturdays.

ALL SAINTS

All Saints highlights the universality of call to holiness. Being a saint is the ordinary goal of every Christian life. The biggest failure of any person in life is to fail to be a saint. For this reason, failure can never be associated with not having a fat bank account, not having the best career not having a big

salary and so on and so forth. Biggest failure in life is failing to be a person God wants us to be. The most important principle in the eyes of God is for all of us to be saints and enter his kingdom. To be a saint is to do the will of God. The will if God is to love, love is the core of our Christian life. To love God and our neighbour means willing the good of the other.

To be a saint is summed up by Jesus in the sermon on the mount. Beatitudes remind us how to be a saint. It tells us we are a saint if we are poor, meaning we are not obsessed with the wealth of this world. We are a saint if we do not allow ourselves to be governed by the material things of this world. We are lucky if we do not mind to be poor because we are not distracted by the pleasures of this world. We are saints if we mourn because we cannot enjoy the pleasures of this world. We deprived ourselves of any form of pleasure linked with this world because we do not want to upset the Lord. To be a saint is to be clean of heart, heart is the core of our being, the purity of hear means we are single hearted in loving God. Divisiveness implies that our heart is split between loving God and the treasures of this world. Hunger and thirst for righteousness mean that we are a saint if our business in life is pursuing the will of God. We are not tempted to pursue the power of this world because we are more concerned of doing the will of God.

We are saints if we rid ourselves of all kinds of impurities of this world. We are saints because we are not addicted to power. We are saints if we are not addicted to worldly honour. Doing the will of God means that we are marginalised and not liked by the people around us. What counts is that we belong among the saints when we march in to the glory of heaven.



ST COLUMBA'S NEEDS YOU

The only way we are able to keep St Columba's open for Mass during this pandemic is because of the generosity, with their time and commitment, of our team of stewards. They are essential in our complying with the requirements agreed between

our Church and the government for keeping churches open.

A small number of parishioners at St Columba's are keeping the show on the road. But they need help. Are you willing to volunteer as a steward? We certainly need you.

All it entails is checking people in before Mass - just one a week, which you would probably be attending anyway - and, afterwards, helping to clean up. Not a big ask. Contact Deacon Philip if you are willing to help. All offers gratefully received.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE WEEK	
SAT 31 ST	FERIA
SUN 1 ST	ALL SAINTS
MON 2 ND	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
TUES 3 RD	FERIA OR ST MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS; OR ST WINEFRIDE, VIRGIN (EW)
WED 4 TH	ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP
THURS 5 TH	FERIA
FRI 6 TH	FERIA OR ST ILLTUD, ABBOT (W)
SAT 7 TH	FERIA OR ST WILLIBRORD, BISHOP
SUN 8 TH	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All SOULS DAY is Monday 2 November 2020. Envelopes for the deceased list are available at the entrance and exit to the Church.

DEACON PHILIP: POST-OP

Deacon Philip had his triple heart-bypass operation and is now back home recovering. He thanks everyone for their prayers and support: much appreciated. He will be out of action for approximately three months.

REMEMBER THE NEW RULES WHEN COMING TO CHURCH...

Don't forget, whether coming to Mass or to Tuesday Adoration, that we must all comply with the following rules:

- Remember to bring and wear a face mask.
- Enter the church via the side door leading into the Sacred Heart chapel/confessional, observe the one-way system and leave via the centre back door.
- Provide a written note – and this applies every time you come to church – of your name and contact details (phone number or email or postal address) plus the date and, if relevant, Mass time. To save queuing, why not send an email to selsdon@rcaos.org.uk

- Use hand sanitizer, provided, both when entering and leaving the church.
- Do not move the chairs which have replaced our benches and are at 1m intervals to ensure the necessary social distancing.
- Don't expect to find Mass or prayer books or any other shared items: bring your own. That applies to readers as well.
- Remember that singing is not allowed.
- Don't forget that Holy Communion is silent – come forward when directed by the stewards and receive with arms fully outstretched, palms upwards.
- Before leaving the church (i.e. before you come up to receive Holy Communion), turn your chair back to front so that the stewards know which ones to clean afterwards.
- Unless staying for Adoration, on Tuesdays, leave the church straight after Holy Communion.

Please note: the toilets at church cannot be used.

REMEMBER THE SICK AND NEEDY

Please pray for all those in great need at this time including: Judy Freegard, John Smith, Elena Sandland, Imogen Fernando, Joan Charman, Roger Fenton, Deacon John Letley, Joan Cunningham, John Davis, Noreen Lawlor, Solveya La Marina, Chris Jones, Maria Reece, Margaret Bolton, Eddie Aldridge, Ellis Warburton, Mary Marks, Jean-Claude Anthony, Ellen Everett, Maureen Coffey, Albert Khayyat, James Patrick Guckian, Elizabeth Sensano and sick residents at the four residential homes usually, in better times, visited by the parish St Vincent de Paul group.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK		
SAT 31 ST	6.30PM	Remmie Carvalho, RIP
SUN 1 ST	8.00AM	Anna Sampson, RIP
SUN 1 ST	10.00AM	Pro Populo
SUN 1 ^{ST H}	6.30PM	Irenius Joseph, RIP
MON 2 ND	10.00AM	Holy Souls
MON 2 ND	1.00 PM	Miss Barbara Feast, RIP Funeral Mass
MON 2 ND	6.30pm	Holy Souls
TUES 3 RD	10.00AM	Mrs Chrissie Fitzpatrick, RIP
WED 4 TH	10.00AM	Holy Souls
THURS 5 TH	10.00AM	Holy Souls
FRI 6 TH	10.00AM	Holy Souls
SAT 7 TH	6.30PM	Ann Hazell, RIP
SUN 8 TH	8.00AM	PRO POPULO
SUN 8 TH	10.00am	Jo & Alan Maguire, RIP
SUN 8 TH	6.30pm	Mr & Mrs Roque Goveia, Wedding Anniversary

70: THE TOTAL ALLOWED IN CHURCH

Originally the number was lower but as a result of some more rearranging of benches we can now accommodate up to 70 people in church.

If there are already that number inside when you arrive, the stewards will advise that you cannot come into the church.

So far that situation has not arisen – 63 is the largest number we have had at St Columba's and that was Sunday 27th September at 10am.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your kind offerings at Mass.

For 18th October the total was £322.07 of which £100 was gift aided and £222.07 not.

The collection figures for 25th October will be included in the newsletter next week.

If you are a taxpayer and not already signed up for Gift Aid (which, at no cost to you, enables St Columba's to reclaim from the Government tax you have already paid) contact Fr Roy or Deacon Philip for details of how to join the scheme.

MAKE YOUR OWN GIFT AID ENVELOPES

We have not been able to distribute new Gift Aid envelopes because of the coronavirus. There is a way round that, however, to ensure that St Columba's continues to benefit from Gift Aid which adds an extra 25p to parish income for every pound that you give to the Offertory collection. All you need to do is to put your offering in any blank envelope on which you then write 'Gift Aid' plus your name. Then place that envelope in the Offertory collection box/basket at church. Better still, set up a standing order. (See 'Make A Pledge For Our Parish'.)



HOW TO HELP ST C'S WHEN SHOPPING ONLINE – AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF

Thinking of buying something online? Anything? A new washing machine or fridge or freezer or tumble dryer or any other white goods? Or perhaps you need a new vacuum cleaner or intend ordering a book or

dvd or, in fact, any other items you need? If you do it online you can help St Columba's finances, depleted by the lockdown, at the same time and at no cost to yourself. More and more parishioners are signing up for this scheme. It means that you can turn your everyday online shopping – not just of white goods but anything – into free donations to our parish. It's simple. It's straightforward. And it will cost you nothing. All you have to do is visit the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register (which is quick and easy) and then go shopping online at whichever retailer you choose. Each time you buy something a small donation is made to St Columba's.

There are more than 4,000 retailers to choose from including lots of big names such as Argos, John Lewis, Amazon, M&S and Sainsbury's. Have a look at this link to find out more:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbasldn/?invite=ZTUSO0%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=nst

MAKE A PLEDGE FOR OUR PARISH

The dramatic fall in the numbers attending Mass has, not surprisingly, had a knock-on effect on parish finances. With significantly fewer people at Mass on Sunday, the Offertory collection is much reduced.

But regular parish bills still have to be paid and the amount of money available from the Offertory collection to do so is now much less than it was a year ago, before the pandemic lockdown.

So, to ensure the future financial wellbeing of St Columba's, we are asking all parishioners to review their offerings to support the work and mission of the parish. This, of course, is in the light of the fifth commandment of the Church which is 'To contribute to the support of our pastors.'

There are various ways of giving, whether you are coming to church or not. As well as cash in the basket at Mass, they include payment by cheque and standing order. For taxpayers, there is also the option of signing up for Gift Aid which boosts your offering by 25p for every £1 you pay - and at no extra cost to yourself.

Attached is a form inviting you to make a pledge of support for St Columba's and which also sets out all the options. It includes a standing order form.

Do give some thought to this: we all need our church, we all need to support the work and mission of the parish - and we all need to take responsibility for supporting St Columba's financially.



Selsdon Pledge
Form.docx

RED-BOX HOLDERS

There are several ways you can still choose to make contributions to the MISSIO red box scheme:

- i. by bank transfer: account name MISSIO, sort code 16-00-16, account no. 10824230
- ii. online at missio.org.uk/redbox
- iii. by posting a cheque – payable to MISSIO-Mill Hill and sent to Red Box, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU
- iv. by telephone call to MISSIO on 020 7821 9755 and using your credit or debit card

Please note for St Columba's to be credited as the source of your donation, when you pay you need to include a note of your postcode or, even better, our parish MISSIO code number, SOU 130.

Some of you will have received *Mission Today* direct from MISSIO. Whether you did or not, be aware of the Pope's emergency fund to support the Church overseas (via MISSIO) in the fight against Covid-19. This is the latest example of the Church responding to the needs of those who don't have the support network we take for granted in the developed world. We are asked to give what we can but also to pray for them.

CAN YOU RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?

Our local St Vincent de Paul (SVP) conference does excellent work helping and supporting people in this parish.

Traditionally the SVP runs a nationwide Awareness Month programme every September to coincide with the feast days of Bl Frederic Ozanam (on the 9th) and St Vincent de Paul (on the 27th).

The coronavirus pandemic has put paid to that. Instead, there is a new online-based campaign picking up on their forthcoming Rise to the Challenge programme.

Its focus is the amazing work of the SVP's members, staff and volunteers during the pandemic, with thousands of hungry people fed and friendship and support offered to the lonely and isolated.

If you would like to help or simply find out more or if you yourself need help, contact our very own Andrea Lightman on 020 8657 9394.

Remember: confidentiality is assured.

DEALING WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE

A useful resource pack compiled by the National Board of Catholic Women on "Raising Awareness of Domestic Abuse" is available on their website. It can be downloaded here:

<https://safeguarding.rcaos.org.uk/raising-awareness-of-domestic-abuse/>

FINDING A SAFE SPACE

Victim Support have introduced a free and independent support service called Safe Spaces. It's a joint Catholic/Anglican project to provide a vital specialist support service for survivors of church-related abuse. Visit this link for more details: www.SafeSpacesEnglandandWales.org.uk

MASS ONLINE FROM ST COLUMBA'S

Follow Fr Roy celebrating Mass live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYVvY2Z2Xpfs0NiuU3bxAjsCQ/live>

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION?

If you are not receiving Holy Communion at Mass, for whatever reason, please do come forward with the communicants and receive a blessing. Indicate in the usual way: by crossing your arms across your chest.

UCM MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING (with a difference)

The UCM decided to place a challenge to themselves and friends to raise some funds for the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning that we usually hold in September. As we couldn't do that this year, we held a walk in Selsdon Woods and challenged each of our members to walk between 32k-50k steps in a week. Our target was set at £300 on 'just giving' and at present we have raised £400 (last Monday). We would have hoped to have raised more with your help - so if you could see to support this magnificent charity, who help so many people and their families at a time of need, then make your donation

to: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gillian-Tomei1-UCM?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fund_raiser_page_donation_received_-_nth_donation&utm_content=4f9bad89-a3ba-425f-ba39-cd86663523d4&utm_medium=email&utm_source=p_ostoffice&utm_term=1600932290621

Thank you for your kindness, if you support this great cause.

THE NEWSLETTER: ANY COMMENT?

Comments, suggestions, contributions: all are welcome. Items for publication should be emailed to Deacon Philip by Thursday evening at the latest.



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