

✠ TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH ✠

Sunday 25th October 30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Bill Ferry
Monday 26th October <i>Ss Chad and Cedd</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 27th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Adie and Denis McKeiran
Wednesday 28th October <i>Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>	10:00am – In thanksgiving for grandsons' recovery (HW)
Thursday 29th October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Prayers for a successful recovery (HW)
Friday 30th October <i>Blessed Martyrs of Douai College</i>	10:00am – Maureen Sherwin
Saturday 31st October <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 1st November SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	10:00am – McKeirnan, Coughlan & Boyd Families
Monday 2nd November <i>All Souls</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Tuesday 3rd November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Wednesday 4th November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Thursday 5th November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am – Care for the planet
Friday 6th November <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10:00am – No Intention Received
Saturday 7th November <i>St Willibrord, Bishop</i>	NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY
Sunday 8th November 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10:00am – Bill McGuirick (Lately Deceased) MD

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on Wednesday 4th November

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

25TH OCTOBER 2026

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THE SOLEMNITY OF
ALL SAINTS

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✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL & THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

THE CLERGY TRAINING FUND

Today, there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. Money given to the Clergy Training Fund collection is designated for the formation and training of future clergy within the Diocese.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR OWN PARISH FUNDS

Next Sunday 1st November we will have our own 2nd collection to help us pay for the waterproofing of the church roof which has cost £9800 so far. If you are a Taxpayer & make your contribution with your credit card on the Dona machine- your donation will be worth an extra 25% in gift aid to the Parish fund.

NEW DAY CHAPEL

The porch has now been fully repainted thanks to Tom Rochford who has also begun the tiresome job of removing years' worth of "blue tack" from the brick walls. We are arranging for the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament along with the necessary church furnishings. There will be plenty of room for our weekday congregation, and it will save over 75% on the heating bill. We are having double doors fitted to enclose the chapel for both privacy and prayer-. It has been noted that we will have to add double-glazed units to the wooden frames as the present plastic panes which do not comply with today's building regulations & provide no sound proofing or insulation. It will still be used on a Sunday for our youngest parishioners and the double doors will provide access for the 4-wheel drive buggies etc. I am very grateful to Michael O'Neil for his work and to Ted Armstrong (who is our health and safety officer for the parish) for single handedly cleaning the hall, the toilets, and the church each week; which he carries out with a certain military precision! I also wish to welcome and thank Vince and Ruth Murphy, who recently moved into the Parish, for agreeing to help with the Parish finances and the Gift Aid contributions which are now all online with the Diocese. This is by no means a full list of people to thank- but these are the most recent helpers. Thanks to everyone who lends a hand in keeping our Church an active Christian Community where everyone is welcome and appreciated.

OUR BLESSED LADY

Has been restored and waterproofed and will reappear in November- once I make the journey to Liverpool to escort her back to her home in the grotto. I am most grateful to the family who have funded this restoration work.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

When we remember and pray for all those who have died and gone to their Eternal Rest with the Lord. We will Remember Our War Dead at Mass on Sunday 8th November.

First reading *from the book of Exodus*

‘If you mistreat any widow or fatherless child, my wrath will burn against you.’ Thus says the Lord: ‘You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour’s cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **(R)**

My God, my rock where I take refuge; my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold. I cry out, ‘O praised be the Lord!’ and see, I am saved from my foes. **(R)**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord gives great victories to his king, and shows merciful love for his anointed. **(R)**

Second reading *from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

‘You turned away from idols to serve God and to wait for his Son.’ Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for

your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

‘You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.’ At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

First reading *from the book of Revelation*

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’ And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’ And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, ‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ And he said to me, ‘These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord’s is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. **(R)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. **(R)**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

Second reading *from the first letter of St John*

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.