ALL SAINTS & 32nd Sunday of OT(A)

SUNDAY OCTOBER NOV 1ST & NOV 8TH 2026 - ALL SAINTS (A)

HOW TO BECOME A SAINT?

Celebrating all the saints means that the Church recognises that the list of saints in the martyrology is not exhaustive. There are indeed many unknown saints; saints whom the Church has not yet had the opportunity to discover and confirm through her process of canonisation. At All Saints, all these unknown saints are celebrated as well.

To be a saint is to reach the goal for which God created us, that is, to live in eternal happiness. But the truth is, most of us don't think about becoming holy, or trying to be holy, in our everyday lives. We know it's the main goal of being a Christian, but we didn't really focus on that.

We need to remember that our time on this earth is limited, therefore we should focus on living a life that leads us to eternal happiness. We need to fill our hearts and minds with the desire to be holy, to be the best version of ourselves, and to live a life that reflects our faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus, through the Beatitudes, reveals to us the way of holiness. How do we become saints? Jesus answers us through the Beatitudes. To become a saint, we need to live a life that's truly blessed, right here on earth. That is to say, we must be humble, kind, merciful, just, compassionate, and so on.

To be humble in heart is to have a heart filled not with the love of the world, but with the love of God and of neighbour. A humble heart loves God above all things and puts love above everything.

To be truly kind, we need to make an effort to see things from God's perspective and understand others as He does. This means looking at people with kindness and acceptance, no matter what. We therefore cannot do violence to those whose reactions and sorrows we understand. kindness is all about being merciful and compassionate.

So, on this Sunday of All Saints, let us pray to the saints known and unknown to intercede for us, so that God may grant us the gift of living a truly blessed life, for it is such a life that will lead us to holiness.

May God bless you now and forever. **Fr. Maurice, sx**

REST IN PEACE

With sadness we announce the death of one our our parish **Ifeanyichukwu Justin Uzokwe** who died suddenly 27/10/26. Please pray for the repose of this soul, his Wife Ngosi Esther and his three children. The Mass Sunday 1st will be offered for the repost of his soul and the consolation of the family.

SCHEDULE 1/2		
SUN 1ST	**All Saints** **09:15** Adoration & Confession **10:00** Morning Prayer **10:30** Mass & Choir **11:30** Church Clean	SH
	Parish Community **11:45** Refreshments	PC
MON 2ND	**All Souls** **08:00** Mass & Novena Prayer	SH
TUE 3RD	**Ordinary Time Wk 31** **09:15** Mass with SH school	SH
WED	**St Charles Borromeo**	--
THU 5TH	**Community Garden Open** **10:00-12:00**	
	St. Guido Maria Conforti **12:00** Mass	SH
	Parish Community **12:30** Friendship Group	PC
FRI 6TH	**Ordinary Time Wk 31** **09:15** Mass	SH
SAT 7TH	**Community Garden Open** 10:00-12:00	
	Ordinary Time Wk 31 **11:00** Confession & Adoration **12:00** Mass	SH
	Ordinary Time: 32nd Sunday **17:00** Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer **17:30** Vigil Mass	SF
SUN 8TH	**Ordinary Time: 32nd Sunday** **09:15** Adoration & Confession **10:00** Morning Prayer **10:30** Mass & Choir **11:30** Church Clean	SH
	Parish Community **12:00** Refreshments	PC

SCHEDULE 2/2		
MON 9TH	**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** **08:00** Mass	
TUE 10TH	**Pope Leo the Great** **09:15** Mass	
WED 11TH	**St Martin Tours** **09:15** Mass with SF School	
THU 12TH	**Community Garden Open** **10:00-12:00**	
	St Josaphat **12:00** Mass	
	Parish Community **12:30** Friendship Group	
FRI 13TH	**Ordinary Time Wk 32** **09:15** Mass	
SAT 14TH	**Community Garden Open** **10:00-12:00**	
	Ordinary Time Wk 32 **11:00** Confession & Adoration **12:00** Mass	
	Ordinary Time: Wk 33 **17:00** Confession, Adoration & Evening Prayer **17:30** Vigil Mass	
SUN 15TH	**Ordinary Time: wk 33** **09:15** Adoration & Confession **10:00** Morning Prayer **10:30** Mass & Choir **11:30** Church Clean	
	Parish Community **12:00** Refreshments	

MASS OFFERINGS & PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like a mass offered for a specific intention, enclose an offering with a description, noting if it should be kept private. Pass it to Minna/Father.

- **Rest in peace:** Ifeanyichukwu Justin Uzokwe,
- **Anniversary:** Paul McCormick (4th)
- **Special Intention**: Kansu Otman

Please also pray for our brethren who are unwell: Janet McCarthy, Jennifer Hunter, Martin Brennan, Tommy Loftus.

MESSAGE FROM FR KEVIN

First of all, please can I say a big thank you for the amazing send-off you gave me on leaving the parish after seven years. I was so touched by your cards and gifts and comments and wonderful farewell mass followed by the celebration in the parish centre. I was bowled over by the generosity and miss you all already.

But secondly I need to share some sad news with you. Yesterday, Thursday, I travelled up to Craig Lodge. When I had nearly reached my destination, my brother phoned me to let me know that mum had died an hour or so earlier. She was 90. My brother, sister and Iall feel the obvious sadness but also a great sense of relief as well, as poor mum has had so many physical ailments these last years. She had been bed-bound for two years, was nearly blind and recently suffered significant hearing loss such that communication had become quite difficult. She retained her mental faculties right up to the end and never uttered a word of complaint or self-pity about her difficult situation. She also had a very strong faith and prayed a lot. Yesterday morning a nun had brought her Holy Communion. Viaticum. Last Holy Communion. Food for the journey.

I am so grateful for the care and concern that parishioners have shared with me for my mother over the years, with so many of you praying for her and asking after her. I feel blessed in having had a mother for 67 years. Please pray for the repose of the soul.

I will keep the parish in prayers and know that you are in very safe hands with Fr Maurice, Fr Paddy and Fr John. I hope to visit you all in the not too distant future.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As is customary people feel free to place the names of loved ones and an offering in an envelope at the alar. The Fathers will be remembering these especially throughout the month of November.

RHS AWARDS

A lovely surprise for the Parish at the Award ceremony on Wednesday, we received a special certificate and plaque for the Best Place of Worship. We also received another Level 5 'Outstanding ' . A great acknowledgement for all of the volunteers who are working in the garden.

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