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The Sacrament of Confession
Father Michael is available every Saturday morning 11am – 12 noon – outside the Parish Hall, in the car park. The free gift of God's mercy.

All Saints

31 October/1 November 2020

Saturday 31st October

5.30pm Annie Sorohan RIP

Sunday 1st November
All Saints

8am Nwawulor intention
(Thanksgiving)

10am Bernie Kenny RIP
(de Souza)

Monday 2nd November
The Commemoration of all the
Faithful departed (All Souls Day)

9.30am The faithful departed

7pm The faithful departed
Tuesday 3rd November

9.30am The faithful departed

Wednesday 4th November
St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

NO PUBLIC MASS

Thursday 5th November

NO LITURGY

Friday 6th November

7pm Danny Curtin RIP
(Brightwell)

Saturday 7th November

5.30pm Nelson & Alex Fernandes
RIP

Sunday 8th November
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am The Holy Souls

10am Remembrance Sunday:
For the fallen

The month of November – remembering the faithful departed

November is a deeply Catholic month. It starts with the feast of ALL SAINTS; that day when we remember and honour, not only the officially canonised saints in the Church's calendar – but also the vast army of 'anonymous' saints. We have all known and met saints. They include family members and relatives, friends and loved ones, neighbours and parishioners, clergy and others; those many good people of all ages who, having completed their time on earth, have now taken their place in the heavenly kingdom. We turn to them in our daily lives and they are able to accompany us. The whole remaining month of November is dedicated to **the faithful departed** who are still, after death, completing their journey into the full presence of God. On November 2nd – we keep **ALL SOULS DAY** and begin a month of masses for our remembered dead. Our long Catholic tradition gives us an opportunity to prepare our HOLY SOULS LISTS. At the back of the church – there are blank sheets and special Holy Souls envelopes. In these COVID times – is it best to take a list home, write out the names, place it in the special envelope, with the option of including an offering, and then return it to the church? Perhaps by dropping it into the baskets in the porch, the collection containers or through the letter box of the parish house? The HOLY SOULS lists will be placed near the main altar – with many Masses offered for them together with our works and penances, undertaken for the **faithful departed**.

Monday 2 November – All Souls Day
Masses will be at 9.30am and 7pm

A special Mass for the Holy Souls each Tuesday of November

This year, we are not able to gather in Clamp Hill for the blessing of graves; a real pity because it is always a special event. Here in the parish it has been suggested that as well as having the mentioned Masses for the 'faithful departed' throughout the month – we should specifically on each Tuesday at the 9.30am Mass offer it for all the Holy Souls. A very good suggestion. An extra Mass during November should be the aim of everyone – in this time of prayerful remembrance. Perhaps a focused day, each Tuesday – will provide an opportunity.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Father Michael will celebrate the Sacrament on Sunday 22 November at 12 noon. This weekend and next, the nine candidates will meet in the church

again at noon, as part of preparation for the Sacrament. The following young parishioners will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit Emilia Acuti, Isabella Borgese, Emer Fadian, Josh Ioannou, Olivia Ioannou, Chiemezue Nwamba, Caitlyn Pereira, Cameron Tabarrok, Amelia Willoughby Please pray for them and their families. Each candidate will be able to have only 6 visitors (including their sponsor); COVID proscriptions.

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2020 at 3pm

The Christmas Carol sing-a-long will be going ahead this year but will be moving to ZOOM. As you know, we are not allowed to sing together in church, however holding this event on Zoom will allow us to sing to our heart's content in the safety of our own homes. I hope many of you will be able to join and if you are able to lead a carol (in a similar way to what our musicians do on Sunday) then please let Janice know on Pereira_janice@hotmail.com. Similarly if you need any help connecting on Zoom, either over the internet or phone, please let her know. Further details to follow but in the meantime, save the date and time – Sunday 13th December between 3pm and 4pm and don't forget to start baking those mince pies. It will be a lovely way for us all to be "together" before Christmas.

Remembrance Sunday

Next Sunday 8 November – when the 10am Mass will be celebrated for 'the fallen', so many, right up to the present day. In his recent Encyclical letter 'Fratelli tutti' (all brothers and sisters) Pope Francis writes – "we can no longer think of war as a solution because its risks will probably always be greater than its supposed benefits." The Pope quotes from Saint Augustine – Never again war!

The Repository is open

Many people have been asking! It will now be open on Saturday mornings between 11am and 12noon (while Father Michael is hearing Confessions in the car park). It will also be open after the 10am Mass on Sundays. It will be strictly one person in/one person out. Masks must be worn and sanitiser is of course available. If you have any queries or difficulties getting to church to purchase, please call Sue Mason on 020 8954 0090 to make arrangements. RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

SUNDAY MASS OPPORTUNITIES !!! - a widespread invitation!

At this time and trying to respect guidelines and social distancing - the available Sunday Masses are

Friday 7pm; Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8am and 10am

Monday 9.30am

Additional weekday Mass on Tuesday 9.30am : no public Mass on Wednesday or Thursday

Father Michael: a little bit of personal data

Just to catch up – "last Monday 26 October I celebrated the anniversary of my ordination as a priest – 47 years ago! Of course, for me it was only yesterday that I stood before the bishop in Hay Lane church, Kingsbury Green!! I really have to stop and recall that it was way back in 1973. October 26 is also the anniversary of the death of my mother in 2009. A combination of events, all under God's grace.

I have now completed my term as Dean of Harrow. It has been an honour to serve the local parishes, their priests and pastoral worker. Monsignor Jeremy Fairhead – the Parish Priest of Sudbury – has been appointed by the Cardinal as the new Dean."

Counters Rota

1 November Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe

8 November Richard Afonso, Walter Acuti, Richard Wong

15 November Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva