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Mass – Sunday
Sat 5.30pm (1st Mass of Sunday)
Sun 8am & 10am

Weekdays
Mass Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday as announced
Friday 7pm

Confessions Saturday 10.30am and on call

All Saints

30/31 October 2021

Saturday 30th October

5.30pm Nuala O'Brien RIP
(10th Anniv)
Linda O'Brien RIP
(1st Anniv)

Sunday 31st October
All Saints

8am Nicholas Agnelo Dias RIP

10am Shirley D'Souza

Monday 1st November

9.30am Josephine Austin
Intention

Tuesday 2nd November
All Souls Day

9.30am The Faithful Departed

NB 7pm Victims of COVID RIP
Wednesday 3rd November

9.30am Geraldine Desouza RIP

Thursday 4th November
St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

NO LITURGY

Friday 5th November

7pm The Faithful Departed

Saturday 6th November

5.30pm Maria & George D'Souza
Intention

Sunday 7th November
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8am Ann O'Grady RIP

10am Mary Quinlin RIP

Confession: the Sacrament of Repentance

Father Michael writes- "If it is more than two months since your last Confession - you are really MISSING OUT!!! The Lord through the CHURCH has given us this wonderful Sacrament. You have heard me say many times before that all that we need to do is 'to turn up and own up'. We don't have to get the formula right (so don't worry if you can't remember 'how'). Sometimes we might feel a little embarrassed. Even though we are adults, we find ourselves presenting the same list of sins that we named at our first Confession. The Lord only asks us to have an honest disposition. The traditional examination of conscience before Confession - asks us to examine our thoughts, words and deeds - 'in what I have done and in what I have failed to do'. THOUGHTS can be toxic in different ways - e.g. resentment, mild or even strong attacks of hatred against individuals, groups, races or others. THOUGHTS can lock us into impurity or self-regard. WORDS can be cruel, false, lies, manipulation. In preparing for Confession, MY own experience is that - it is vital that I visit every corner of my soul. I can't be too slippery with the Lord. DEEDS cover so many areas of life - especially the way I treat others. When Jesus said that our good DEEDS should shine out with the brightness of faith - he both challenges us and reassures us. **Each Saturday from 10.30am I am in our church/hall. The Lord wants to share his profound mercy. In HIS name - I invite YOU to receive his powerful forgiveness."**

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. We have our customary 'lists' available and envelopes - at the door of the church. Please write

down the names of your departed. Place the list and offering in the HOLY SOULS envelope. There is a special basket for the envelopes. Through the month of November Masses will be offered for the names on our parish HOLY SOULS lists.

On Tuesday 2nd November (All Souls Day) Masses will be at 9.30am and **7pm**. The evening **7pm** Mass will be offered for all those who have lost their lives because of COVID.

A Daily Prayer to Saint Joseph - given to us by Pope Francis for this year of Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

The word SYNOD means 'walking together and listening'

There are special prayer cards available today for the SYNOD journey. Juliet Martins and Daniela Amasanti-DeBono are going to be the pastoral link for our parish - to the diocese and beyond.

A recent email

Father Michael writes... "In my role as Catholic chaplain in Stanmore Orthopaedic Hospital - I have received a request from a nurse hoping to complete a 6 week course in Stanmore. Originally her accommodation was included, but now there is no funding 'because of the pandemic'. The dates are 14 February – 25 March. If you feel you could help - please let me know, but also please note that I do not know the individual making the request - so I cannot offer a personal testimony."

COP26!

The UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the parties in Glasgow (31 October-12 November). This is a 'global' event coming a few years after the Paris Conference - with countries, alliances and other platforms trying to seriously tackle the issue of global warming and other issues. Clearly - time is running out on many of the items our sick and toxic world is facing. BIG changes are needed - for the health of the planet and for the survival of the human race. This is something for all of us to confront. There are special prayer cards for the COP26 available after Mass after Mass today.

First Holy Communion 2022

Registration forms are at the door. Parents – please collect and return to the parish.

Flooring Works Update – Tony Murphy

In undertaking the piling work (which supports the floor weight), a void has been discovered in the area near to the Sacristy Door from the Altar. The extent of this void plus the water ingress into it, is the subject of urgent investigation. It is unclear, on writing, the impact on the completion dates as set out in the recent news sheet of 6th October, and Parishioners will be updated further once known. The website provides photographs of work in progress. Parishioners are reminded that the Church remains a building site and should not be entered.

Readers Rota

<u>30 October 5.30pm</u>	Noretta Reece	<u>31 October 8am</u>	Daphne Byron
<u>31 October 10am</u>	Readings Georgia Nwawulor Bidding prayers Robert Chandler		
<u>6 November 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>7 November 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>13 November 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>14 November 8am</u>	Georgina Martins

Counters Rota

<u>31 October</u>	Judith Brightwell, Monica Assoku, Funmi Da Silva
<u>7 November</u>	Richard Wong, Pearly Jesuthasan
<u>14 November</u>	Amal Graham, Patricia Cleary, Marcello Borgese