

**PARISH OF THE MOST BLESSED TRINITY
CHURCHES OF ST. STEPHEN AND
ALL SAINTS**

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Parish of the Most Blessed Trinity
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All Saints			St. Stephen's	
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Mass/Novena	Tuesday	No Mass (Vigil Mass in All Saints)
Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass All Saints	Wednesday	10.00 a.m. Mass All Saints
Wednesday	9.30 a.m.	Mass All Saints	Thursday	10.00 a.m. Mass All Souls
Friday	No Mass	(funeral St. Stephen's)	Friday	10.00 a.m. funeral Mass
Saturday	4.30 p.m.	Vigil Mass	Saturday	5.30 p.m. Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Mass	Sunday	12.15 p.m. Mass
Sunday	5.30 p.m.	Mass		

FEAST DAYS

Wednesday 1st November: *All Saints is a holyday of obligation.*

Thursday 2nd November: *Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed.*

Friday 3rd November: *St. Martin de Porres*

Saturday 4th November: *St. Charles Borromeo*

NOVEMBER is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones who are making their journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. Jesus has conquered death, and so those of us who are part of the Body of Christ here on earth remain a living part of that body even after our earthly life comes to a close. We know this to be true because when Jesus is challenged by the Pharisees who say there is no life after death Jesus replies 'Have you not read what was said to you by God, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?" He is God not of the dead, but of the living.' (Matt 22:31-32) Thus he implied that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not dead, but alive with God. Scripture teaches that it is 'a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins' (2 Macc 12:46). We also get our first example of Christian prayer for the dead from the bible, St Paul prays for his departed friend Onesiphorus saying 'May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day (the day of judgement).' (2 Tim 1:18)

NOVEMBER LISTS "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead". **November Lists are available at each entrance of the Church.** Mass will be offered during November for all those whose names are contained in the November Lists. Any donations enclosed will be used for the offering of November Masses.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours)

The Annual Rosary of Remembrance at St. Joseph's Cemetery will be celebrated on Sunday 5th November at 2.00pm

BINGO: every Thursday night in the Parish Hall, Doors open 6.00 p.m. Bingo starts 7.00-7.15 p.m.



COLD WEATHER: As with last year, a wee reminder to wrap up warm as the colder months approach. Although there has been a small reduction in the tariff we pay for gas it is hugely inflated in comparison to the previous rates we were paying. This will mean that we just remain prudent with the heating of all our buildings.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, CANDLES etc. are now on sale in the shop situated at the Sacred Heart side of the church.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ISRAEL AND GAZA

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

LAUDATO SI' ANIMATORS are members of the Laudato Si Movement, a global community of prayer and action, who animate their local parishes and communities to engage in ecological spirituality, sustainable lifestyles and advocacy for climate and ecological justice based on Catholic Social Teaching and gospel values. **The Laudato Si' Animators course consists of a series of live webinars following the Catholic Social Teaching approach: See – Judge – Act.** The course is a response to the Pope's call to action embodied by the encyclical "Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home". The main aim is to empower young people to be the driving force for actionable change in their communities.

This course, offered entirely free of charge, **will be hosted online via Zoom for five consecutive Wednesdays** and will be conducted in English. The course **begins on November 8th 2023.**

The webinars will bring together participants from around Europe and be held **at 6pm UK time.** The course dates are as follows: November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Week beginning December 4th: date to be confirmed.

SYNOD ADSUMUS (the official prayer of the Synod)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts, teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All of this we ask You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father, and the Son, forever and ever, AMEN.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Xaverian Fathers, who are celebrating 75 years of ministry in the United Kingdom. Mass in St. Mary's at 7.00 p.m. on Friday 3rd November 2023.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE, 18th November 2023. Doors open 10 a.m. All donations greatly appreciated.

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