



**All Saints (1<sup>st</sup> November)**

**East Hendred Catholic Parish**

# **Food for the Journey**

**1<sup>st</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

# Called to be Saints

**NOVEMBER** is the month of Holy Souls, the month in which we remember the Communion of Saints. We are members of the Communion by Baptism, a membership which transcends death.

November is a spectacular month for the Church. It begins with All Saints and All Souls and ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King and Advent Sunday. Christ who is celebrated as the Omega and Alpha on Christ the King is celebrated as the Alpha and Omega. The American commercialization of Hallowe'en is a reflection and distortion of all this but the ghouls and the ghosts, the death masks and the skeletons, give us a marvellous opportunity to make contact and proclaim the Christian Gospel. Meanwhile the pumpkins are seasonal and make very good soup.

Our hope in the Risen Christ is summed up in this passage:

## *1 Peter 1:3-9 A Living Hope*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy. <sup>9</sup> As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

Our membership of the Communion of Saints is expressed in this passage:

## *1 Peter 1:3-9 A Chosen People*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were no people but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy but now you have received mercy.

# CONFIRMATIONS

## 31<sup>st</sup> October 6pm

- Isabella Noble
- Ben Holderness
- Gracie Collins
- Matthew Stone
- Georgina Hayward
- Luke Hayward
- Joannes Fuller Garmendia
- Maia Fuller Garmendia

## 1<sup>st</sup> November 6pm

- Szymon Pawel Buras
- Estella Reeve
- Michael Bell
- Naomi Bell
- Grace Loughlin
- Helena Loughlin
- Matthew Partner
- Sebastian von Wenden

## 22<sup>nd</sup> November 6pm

- Harry Fisher
- James Fisher
- Ella McCarthy
- Henry Wilkes
- Thomas Bristow

# East Hendred Catholic Parish



**All Saintside  
2020  
Antiphons,  
Prayers and  
Readings**

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## **Entrance Antiphon**

*Gaudeamus omnes*

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

## **Collect**

Almighty and ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints; bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## **First Reading**

*Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 (RSV)*

I saw another angel ascend 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, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel..After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, 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 upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood 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 whence have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

## **Psalm 24**

**R/      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**

*1 John 3:1-3 (RSV)*

See what love the Father has given 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. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Come to me, all of you who labour and are overburdened: and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel***Matthew 5:1-12 (RSV)*

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 obtain 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 men 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, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Confirmation** (*see separate leaflet*) at 6pm Mass

**Prayer over the Offerings**

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**Preface***De gloria matris nostræ Ierusalem*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For today by your gift we celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, our mother, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives you eternal praise. Towards her, we eagerly hasten as pilgrims advancing by faith, rejoicing in the glory bestowed upon those exalted members of the Church through whom you give us, in our frailty, both strength and good example. And so, we glorify you with the multitude of Saints and Angels, as with one voice of praise we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

**Communion Antiphon***Beati mundo corde*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Mt 5:8-10***Prayer after Communion**

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Salve Regina**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

## **Scripture Reading (Week 31[ii])**

### **ALL SOULS**

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**Sunday 32A**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**Romans 5:5-11**

Titus 1:1-9; 2:1-8, 11-14

Titus 3:1-7

Philemon 7-20

2 John 4-:9

3 John 5-8

**Wisdom 6:12-16**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**John 6:37-40**

Luke 17:1-10

Luke 17:11-19

Luke 17:20-25

Luke 17:26-37

Luke 18:1-8

**Matthew 25:1-13**

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### **HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### **THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED**

Baby Martha, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, David Durham, Rose Millet, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Angus Clark, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary Mc Nichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol, Christine Robinson

### **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Cecilia Ann Dearlove, Maria Jones, Chris Sheehan, Peter John Howard, Francis Connolly, Charles Eyston, Charles de Bertodano, Emma Castle, Elizabeth Mary Hunt.

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# NOTICEBOARD

## THIS WEEK

Mass will be livestreamed on Monday to Friday on East Hendred Catholic Parish Facebook page. Use the link on [www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

All Saints' Masses are at 9.30am and 11.15am. Please e-mail [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) before Friday lunchtime to book. There are Confirmation Masses at 6pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. These are for Confirmands and their immediate families only.

Mass for All Souls will be at 12.15pm in St Mary's, also on Facebook. Mass will be livestreamed from Tuesday to Friday on East Hendred Catholic Parish Facebook page. Use the link on [www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

## CHILDREN CELEBRATE

Our Team have produced resources, which are available as booklets and kits at the back of St Mary's, to collect on Sundays. The Children's Liturgy Booklet and the activity sheet have been uploaded to the website [www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk](http://www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk)

### Resources for 1 November

Children's liturgy for the Feast of All Saints (Year A)

All Saints (Year A) ([docx, 81kb](#))

All Saints (Year A) illustration ([pdf, 489kb](#))  
[www.cafod.org.uk/childrensliturgy](http://www.cafod.org.uk/childrensliturgy)

Children's liturgy general guidelines ([doc, 59kb](#))

## GIVING

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: [veronicapaget@hotmail.com](mailto:veronicapaget@hotmail.com) or leave suitable food outside her front door. [Jackymattam@btinternet.com](mailto:Jackymattam@btinternet.com) needs help with the poor locally.

## MARY'S MEALS

Your help is sought with the school project to feed children in an African school. See also St Amand's Facebook page for details.

### BANK DETAILS: PRCDTR East Hendred, St Mary

Sort Code: 309304 Account Number: 00877183 To set up an SO or arrange Gift Aid, contact : [hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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# FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Week 30[ii]

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## ALL SOULS' DAY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Requiem Mass St Mary's 12.15pm

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### Collect for All Souls

**LISTEN** kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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### Reading

*Romans 5:5-11*

*Now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by the life of Christ*

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. <sup>8</sup> But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

## Reflection

**TODAY'S** passage from the Letter to the Romans shows us how Christ's death accomplished our justification, our salvation, and our reconciliation with God. St Paul tells us that 'while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us' (Romans 5:8). We are reminded of the verse: 'Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13) but St Paul goes further. Christ did not die for good men. He died for sinners: you and me. This belief that Christ's death makes us righteous (justifies us), saves us (rescues us from eternal perdition), and reconciles us with God, is the reason 'Hope does not disappoint us' (Romans 5:5). St Paul's fuller discussion of death and resurrection is in 1 Corinthians 15 and he makes this telling point: 'If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied' (1 Corinthians 15:19). The Theological Virtues of Faith and Love have their place but on All Souls' Day what sustains us most is Hope, Hope in Christ.

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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### Collect for Week 31

**ALMIGHTY** and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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### Reading

*Philippians 2:5-11*

*The Mind of Christ*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the

name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Reflection

**AFTER** the introductory verse – ‘Have this mind among yourselves’ – is what is generally agreed to be a Christian hymn. We cannot be sure whether St Paul wrote it or simply inserted it. We cannot be sure whether it was written in Aramaic or in Greek. It is clearly in two halves – the first half about Christ emptying himself, the second half about God raising him to glory – but we cannot be sure whether the hymn is six three-line strophes or three four-line strophes. The passage is only one of twenty hymns in the New Testament (and I too was surprised to find that there are as many as that [the passages are listed in Raymond E. Brown’s *Introduction to the New Testament* p. 491]). The importance of the passage – whether Paul inherited it or composed it – is that it picks up the theme of Christ as Servant, the controlling image in Isaiah’s prophecies of the Messiah. It also gives us the twin notions of abasement and exaltation descending and ascending – which are at the heart of the Gospel. A further layer of meaning is that this Christ, whom we celebrate, pre-existed as God and became fully human. His humbling was what he deliberately did rather than something which befell him.

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

### St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

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**St Charles Borromeo** (1538-1584) was born on the shores of Lake Maggiore. The nephew of Pope Pius IV, he rose quickly through the ranks and, aged just 21, and not yet ordained, became Cardinal Priest of Santa Prassede. In 1564 he was ordained and became Archbishop of Milan. He is known for his reforms – establishing schools and seminaries and encouraging the clergy in holiness and learning. An inspiration for these days, he was active during the plague of 1576, caring for the sick and organising outdoor masses.

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## Collect for St Charles Borromeo

**PRESERVE** in the midst of your people, we ask, O Lord, the spirit with which you filled the Bishop Saint Charles Borromeo, that your Church may be constantly renewed, and, by conforming herself to the likeness of Christ, may show his face to the world. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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### Reading

*Philippians 2:12-18*

#### *Shining as Lights in the World*

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

<sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or questioning, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labour in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

### Reflection

**FOLLOWING** on from the hymn earlier in the chapter, which we heard yesterday, St Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to imitate Christ by shining as lights in the world. They do this partly by working out their own salvation, that is, not by earning salvation nor even by working at the implications of being saved for the way they live but by allowing God to work in them, willing and working for his good pleasure. There used to be a common cliché – ‘Let go and Let God’ – which perfectly expresses the thought that the Mind of Christ enables us to give control of our growth in holiness to the Holy Spirit of God.

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### Reading

*Philippians 3:3-8*

<sup>3</sup> We are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus, and put no confidence in the flesh. <sup>4</sup> Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If any other man thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law a Pharisee, <sup>6</sup> as to zeal a persecutor of the church, as to righteousness under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ

### Reflection

**THE SITUATION** in Philippi is a complex, with much disagreement. There is internal disagreement, even amongst those who have worked alongside Paul. Then there is opposition from outside the community from those who think the Christian movement is a strange set of teachings, a teaching which disregards the gods of the ancient world. Thirdly, in today's passage, we detect St Paul having the same problem with the Judaisers in Philippi as we heard about with the Galatians. The issue is whether Christianity is a Jewish sect, which requires all who join to submit to Jewish laws, in particular male circumcision, or a new movement for Jews and Gentiles which one can join without submitting to the Jewish Law. St Paul here deals with it by burnishing his Jewish credentials. His Jewish background is impeccable. What he stresses is that all this counts as loss - is swept away - compared with personal knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord.

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

### Reading

*Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

*Our Commonwealth is in Heaven: Stand Firm*

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so live as you have an example in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell

you even with tears, live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself.

**4** Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

## **Reflection**

**THE LETTER** takes up yesterday's theme of dissension and continues with the denunciation of the enemies of the cross of Christ. Some scholars think that this chapter – Philippians 3 – forms a separate letter, and it is perhaps unfortunate that the Lectionary omits the central part of the chapter (3:9-16). Here we are dealing not with different opinions but scolding those who pretend to belong to the Church but whose membership is belied by their behaviour. Two thousand years after St Paul writing to the Philippians we have enough evidence that this kind of nominal membership, which makes no demands on our ethical and moral life, is endemic in the Church. As the Gospels put it, wheat and tares grow side by side and are not sorted out until the harvest. Meanwhile, faithful Christians are exhorted to 'stand firm' and await the coming of the Saviour at the end of time, knowing that 'our commonwealth is in heaven' – one of the loveliest phrases in the New Testament.