



EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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30TH WEEK OF THE YEAR 29th October – 4th November 2023

SUNDAY	30 TH OF THE YEAR		
29 th Oct.	9.30am	Parish Mass	
	11.15am	Holy Mass	(St. Patrick's)
	6pm	Holy Mass	
Monday	Feria		
30 th Oct.		<i>No public Mass</i>	
Tuesday	Feria (Vigil of All Saints)		
31 st Oct.	9am	Holy Mass	
	6pm	Holy Mass & Litany	
Wednesday	ALL SAINTS		
1 st Nov.	8am, 9am	Holy Mass	
	7.30pm	Sung Mass & Procession	
Thursday	ALL SOULS		
2 nd Nov.	8am, 9am	Holy Mass	
	7.30pm	Sung Mass & Absolution of the Dead	
Friday	S. Winefride, Virgin		
3 rd Nov.	8.30am	Holy Mass (Hendred House Chapel)	
	3pm-4pm	Adoration (Hendred House Chapel)	
Saturday	S. Charles Borromeo, Bishop & Confessor		
4 th Oct.	9.00am	Holy Mass	
	10am-11am	Adoration & Confessions	& 5pm-6pm

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A NOVEMBER ‘TRIDUUM’

This week falls the great feast of All Saints, on Wednesday, and the subsequent commemoration of the Faithful Departed – All Souls – on Thursday. Tuesday is the day many will know as ‘Hallowe’en’ – All Hallows Eve – and which in the church has been known as the Vigil of All Saints.

ALL HALLOWS’ EVE

Traditionally a time for reflection on Hell and the fate of the damned, not for ghoulish or self-satisfied reasons, but in order that we might avoid going there! The damned are beyond our help and prayers, but their example can be to us a salutary warning not to swerve from the hard way ‘which leads to life.’

ALL SAINTS

The great feast, celebrating the whole Company of Heaven, that ‘multitude which no man can number’ who surround the Throne of God and forever give Him praise. Today we reflect on the heavenly home to which we are called, by celebrating all those in whose company we hope to be for eternity. The principal way in which we come into contact with these holy men and women is, of course, to ask for their prayers, to support us as we pass through this vale of tears. We also draw inspiration from their histories, that we might be moved to imitate them in their love for God and neighbour.

ALL SOULS

Most of us, if we are remotely honest, are not ready for heaven. Our sins hold us back, and we remain still attached to the things of this world, which weigh us down. After death, these sins and earthly attachments will have to be purified away, if we are to be fit to enter into the Courts of the Heavenly Jerusalem. This is the work of Purgatory, and so today we remember the *Faithful* departed: that is, all those who called upon the Name of the Lord in this life, and hoped in Jesus Christ for salvation. But we do more than remember them: we pray for them, asking God to ease their passage through Purgatory and welcome them to heaven. We will ourselves need the prayers of those we leave behind: think of this as ‘paying it forward’ for the afterlife.

NOVEMBER NOTICES

✠ **ALL HALLOWS' EVE** is often marked in the world by 'trick-or-treating'. If done in a Christian spirit, this can be harmless. Mass with Litany will be said at St. Mary's at 6pm: the perfect place to avoid the trick-or-treaters, or to start or finish your sugar-banditry.

✠ **ALL SAINTS** is an **Holyday of Obligation**. This means that all Catholics (7years old or older) are obliged to be present at Mass (livestream does not count!). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (§2181) says this:

“[The] Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice. For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.”

This is a duty the Church imposes on us for own good, and it is not onerous. Masses at St. Mary's will be at 8am, 9am (with St. Amand's School), and 7.30pm (Sung). Other local churches will have masses at other times.

✠ **ALL SOULS** gathers up the prayers for our departed brethren into one commemoration. Necrology sheets are at the back of church for the names of the departed you wish to commemorate at the Masses on All Souls. Masses are at 8am, 9am and 7.30pm (Sung).

A plenary indulgence is granted the faithful who, on All Souls' Day, devoutly visits a church or an oratory and recites an Our Father and the Creed.

November is the 'Month of the Holy Souls', when Christians offer the succour of their prayers, good works, and the **indulgences** gained by visiting cemeteries, to those in Purgatory. Cf tinyurl.com/5n8z6vb5.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted each and every day from November 1st to Nov 8th, who devoutly visit a cemetery and there pray, if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

Weekday masses 3rd – 8th Nov. will conclude with prayer in the graveyard.

NOTICES

STANDING

✠ **WELCOME** to Mass, especially to those who are new or visiting. Do join us for refreshments in the Parish Rooms after the 9.30 Mass (left at the church gate, right after the bridge).

✠ **DURING OCTOBER**, the month of the Holy Rosary, daily Mass will conclude with a decade of the Rosary.

✠ **CONFESSIONS** are heard on Saturdays, from 10-11am and 5-6pm, in the Sacristy of the Church. **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place at the same time.

✠ **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP** meets on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the parish rooms during Term time, and is open to Years 7-13 (11-18 year-olds).

✠ **ST. AMAND'S SCHOOL** is hosting an Open Day on the morning of Thursday 8 November. See posters for further details.

✠ **GIVING TO THE PARISH** is best done by standing order or online:

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NEWS

✠ **CONFIRMATION** classes resume on 5th Nov. at 4:30pm.

✠ **ALL SAINTS (1ST NOV)** is an **Holyday of Obligation**: all Catholics aged 7+ are bound to hear Mass. Masses at 8am, 9am, and 7.30pm (Sung).

✠ **ALL SOULS (2ND NOV)**: Mass at 8am, 9am, and 7.30pm (Sung).

✠ There will be an **ALL SAINTS** party for children after the Mass **Next Sunday** (5th Nov.).

✠ **GATHERING IN CHRIST**, an ecumenical group, meets Tues. 7th Nov., to study Gospel according to S. Matthew, in the Parish Rooms. 7.20pm for 7.30. All welcome.

✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**: Annie Furlong, Gwenda, Martha, Helen Lewis, John Castle, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Meg Clark, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener.

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS**: Francis Dearlove, Albert Alfred Ballard, Lilian Latham, Charlotte colt, Henry Hunt, Marjorie Hilda Jones, Cecilia Ann Dearlove, Maria Jones, Fr Robin Sanders, Chris Sheehan, Peter John Howard, Francis Connolly.

R-I-P.