



EAST HENDRED CATHOLIC PARISH

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27th October – 3rd November 2024

SUNDAY	XXX PER ANNUM		
27th Oct.	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Mass (S. Patrick's)	<i>Louisa Walker & relatives, RIP</i>
	6pm	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Pacem</i>
Monday	SS. SIMON & JUDE, Apostles		
28 th Oct.		<i>No public Mass</i>	
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>		
29 th Oct.	9am	Holy Mass	
Wednesday	<i>Feria</i>		
30 th Oct.	9am	Holy Mass	<i>Cecilia Dearlove, RIP</i>
Thursday	<i>Vigil of All Saints</i>		
31 st Oct.	9am	Holy Mass	
Friday	ALL SAINTS		
1 st Nov..	9am	Holy Mass	(Hendred House Chapel)
	3pm-4pm	Adoration	(Hendred House Chapel)
	7.30pm	Sung Mass	(S. Mary's) <i>PRO POPULO</i>
Saturday	ALL SOULS		
2 nd Nov.	9am	Holy Mass	
	10-11am	Adoration & Confessions	5-6pm
	12noon	Holy Mass	
	7.30pm	Sung Mass	
SUNDAY	XXXI PER ANNUM (in the Octave of All Saints)		
3rd Oct.	9.30am	Parish Mass	<i>PRO POPULO</i>
	11.15am	Mass (S. Patrick's)	
	6pm	Holy Mass	<i>Pro Pacem</i>

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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.

✘ **ALL HALLOWS' EVE** is often marked in the world by 'trick-or-treating'. If done in a Christian spirit, this can be harmless. If done in the 'Spirit of the World' (the devil)... not so much. If you're tricking and/or treating, know why you're doing it, and why not pray for those you visit, or who visit you?

✘ **ALL SAINTS** is an **Holyday of Obligation**. This means that all Catholics 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 our 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 until 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 after the 9.30 Mass for refreshments in the Parish Rooms (left out of the gate, under the bridge, first on the right)

✠ **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is on today, and again after half term, November 10th.

✠ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** classes will start in November. If you would like your child to make their Communion next year, speak to/email Fr. Matthew.

✠ **CONFESSIONS & ADORATION** from 10-11am and 5-6pm this Saturday: come and know the Lord's Mercy and His Presence in these two marvellous Signs.

✠ **VOLUNTEERS** are wanted to steward at 9:30 and 6pm masses. A simple role, welcoming the faithful to church.

✠ **GIFT AID:** have you filled in a gift aid declaration? Please do: it's a significant part of our income.

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

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Or via the **DONA MACHINE** by the door.

NEWS

✠ **ALL SAINTS' DAY** falls on Friday 1st November, and is a **Holy Day of Obligation:** Catholics must hear Mass. Masses this year at 9am and 7.30pm.

✠ **ALL SOULS' DAY** falls on Saturday 2nd November. Masses at 9am, 12noon and 7.30pm.

✠ This year's **ALL SAINTS PARTY** will be **next Sunday** 3rd November, after the 9.30 Mass. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite saint.

✠ **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** Annie Furlong, Helen Lewis, Karen Greig, Mary McNichol, Des McNichol, Madeline Brand, Mary Dorothy Ruple, Graham Titchener, Roy Kemp, Rose Millet, Amy Bridle, Patrick Timpanny.

✠ **RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Richard Lawton.

✠ **YEAR'S MINDS:** Barbara Rogers, Mary Elsie Gresty, Michael Eyston, Francis Dearlove, Albert Alfred Ballard, Lilian Latham, Charlotte Colt, Henry Hunt, Marjorie Hilda Jones, Cecilia Ann Dearlove, Maria Jones, Fr. Robin Sanders, P.P. Chris Sheehan, Peter John Howard. **R·I·P·**