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November 1st 2009: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Today we celebrate the glory of all the blessed in heaven—every person who has ever lived who is now with God in glory. But it is not only all who are *already* there that we celebrate, but we also look forward to the end of time when God will raise *all* who have ever lived, to see Him face to face and to be like Him in glory for all eternity. We pray on this feast day to the Saints who are even now in heaven, whom we call “the Church Triumphant”, asking them to intercede for us, who are still fighting our daily battles against sin and temptation, and who are “the Church militant”, so that by their assistance and example we may come in our turn to join them when this life is finally over, and all together await the resurrection on the Last Day.

THE CHURCH SUFFERING

Monday is the commemoration of All Souls in Purgatory, those whom we call the “Church suffering”, and begins what is virtually a whole month of prayer for the Faithful Departed. It is worth reflecting that the month of November opens with the magnificent feast of All Saints which looks forward to the end of all things, and then we move back a stage, as it were, to consider the state of Purgatory which is the preparation many souls make before entering that final state of heaven.

Why do we spend only one day on celebrating the eternal glory and the rest of the month on the preceding stage of suffering? We do this simply in order to remind us that, while the Saints do not need our prayers (on the contrary, we need theirs), the souls in Purgatory *do* need our prayers. So we set ourselves the important charitable task of praying for the souls who cannot pray for themselves in Purgatory.

As usual there will be many Requiem Masses during the month for different categories of people. Please take part in these as appropriate. It is worth remembering that those who pray for the souls in Purgatory will themselves not be neglected in their turn!

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the first to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2—as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day) piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfil the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary, only once in the course of the day.



Sunday November 1st: Solemnity of All Saints (*White*)

- 8.30 a.m. *Low Mass*
- 9.30 a.m. *Latin Low Mass—1962 Missal*
- 10.30 a.m. *Solemn High Mass*
- 12.00 p.m. (*Families with young children*)
- 5.30 p.m. *Sung Congregational Mass*
- 7.30 p.m. *Vespers and Benediction*

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME: Liturgical Calendar

Year 2 or B of the Lectionary at Mass and Psalter Week 3

Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. (Monday: Feast of All Souls: High Mass at 8 p.m.)

Fridays in November : Stations of the Cross for the Holy Souls at 8 p.m.

Exposition on Saturday: 8.30– 10 45 a.m.

Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass.

Monday 2nd November: COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS (Black)

- *Low Masses at usual times (see over) and at other times of the day according to arrangements made by the Celebrant.*
- *School Mass at 9.30 a.m. (in Church)*
- *Low Latin Mass (1962 Missal) 11.30 a.m.*
- *Solemn High Mass at 8 p.m.*

Tuesday 3rd November: Feria. (Green) *Optional memorias of St Martin de Porres, Religious. (White; or of St Winefride, Religious. (White)*

- *Benediction at 8 p.m.*

St Martin de Porres (1579-1639) He was born in Lima, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave. At fifteen he joined the Dominicans at Lima as a lay brother and devoted the rest of his life to the care of others, including animals. He also constantly did penance. His reputation for holiness was such that his advice was sought by many persons of consequence. He also had the gift of bilocation. He is the patron saint of race relations.

St Winefride (7th c.) Little is known of this holy nun but her cult is associated with Holywell in Wales, which remains a place of pilgrimage and healing.

Wednesday 4th November: St Charles Borromeo, Bishop. Memoria. (White)

St Charles Borromeo (1538-84) He was sent to a Benedictine monastery when he was twelve. His uncle was elected Pope Pius IV when he was 21 and the following year, he appointed Charles Archbishop of Milan. Despite his youth he quickly became the most outstanding Bishop in Northern Italy, putting into effect the counter-reforms initiated by the Council of Trent. He was greatly loved for his compassion and care, particularly towards the plague victims. He was a friend and admirer of St Philip Neri.

Thursday 5th November: Feria (Green)

Friday 6th November: Feria. (Green)

- *Stations of Cross for the Holy Souls at 8. p.m.*

Saturday 7th November: Our Lady on Saturday, (White); *or Feria.* (Green); *or Optional memoria of St Willibrord, Bishop. (White)*

- *Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.*
- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30 to 10.45 a.m.*
- *Benediction at 10.45 a.m.*
- *Confessions from 10.55 a.m. to 12 noon & from 5.30 p.m.*
- *First Mass of Sunday (Thirty-second Sunday) at 5.45 p.m.*

St Willibrord (658-739) Born in Northumbria, he studied at Ripon monastery under the guidance of St Wilfrid and then in Ireland. He became a missionary to Friesland, now part of the Netherlands and was ordained Bishop in 696, setting his see at Utrecht. His missions extended to North Germany, Denmark and Luxembourg, despite attempts on his life by pagans, and he was renowned for his holiness and joyfulness.

November 8th: The Thirty-second Sunday. (Green): *Remembrance Sunday*

Mass & Service Times:

- **8.30 a.m. Low Mass**
- **9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass 1962 Missal**
- **10.30 a.m. Solemn Requiem for those killed in War**
- **12.00 p.m. (Families with young children)**
- **5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational in English**
- **7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction**

Please pray for the sick: Franco Muro, Imelda Martinez, Richard Wheatley, John Murphy, Anne MacWilliams, Frank Jones, Ray & May Colquhoun, Brendan Cummins, May Roebuck, Paul Beesley, Michael McCann, Philip McCann, David Pritchard, Roger Beach, Teilo Hidden, James Foynes, Daniel Rothwell, Carolyn Knight and Leroy McCoy. **Of your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently: and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Fr Charles Heurtley of this Oratory, Fr Vincent Blehl, Edward Snape, Mary Boswell, Terence Brunt, Arthur Girling, Mary Crossley, Veronica Hullse, Peter Lascelles, Elsie Chambers and Zillah Mary Nicholls.

The following are requested to read at Mass next weekend, November 8th/9th, Thirty-second Sunday:

Saturday 5.45 p.m.: Anne Roebuck
Sunday 8.30 a.m.: Murray Wilson-Browne
12.00 p.m.: Chris Sammons
5.30 p.m.: Simon Stacey

Collections:

30th Sunday: 25th October, 2009
Offertory: £1,485
Second: Beatification Expenses: £549

Thank you

TODAY

The Second Collection today will be for the Johnson Fund which funds the care of retired and infirm Diocesan priests.

The PIETY STALL will be open after all Sunday Masses (including after Saturday evening Mass) and also after the 11 a.m. Mass on Saturdays. **Advent Calendars, Advent wreaths, Cribs, Christmas cards, diaries and other Christmas items are on sale**, including those we are selling on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need, **together with books, DVDs, Rosaries, statues etc.** Why not buy a Rosary or book as a Christmas gift, or perhaps one of our gift vouchers?

THIS WEEK

HOLY SOULS: Papers are to be found at the doors of the church for you to list the names of the dead for whom you wish prayers to be offered during this month of the Holy Souls. Please then put your list in the special box at the Holy Souls' Altar (on the left hand-side of the church) *Please do not put money in the box. Money for Masses must be given in at the Sacristy door, or on weekdays at the Oratory House.*

ADORATION AT REDNAL with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Wednesday, commencing with Mass at 2.30 p.m. and ending with Benediction at c. 4.40 p.m.

NOVEMBER: STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Fridays at 8 p.m. for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ORATORY YOUNG ADULTS: (Open to all those aged 20-35) The next meeting is on Thursday 5th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Oratory House. The subject will be "Gunpowder, Treason and Plot".

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

UCM ANNUAL REQUIEM is on Tuesday 10th at 10.30 a.m.

ST PHILIP'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL & Vith FORM COLLEGE ANNUAL REQUIEM is on Saturday 14th November at 11 a.m.

A TALK ON FATIMA and the vital importance of its message for today's world will be given by Donal Foley after the 11 a.m. Mass on Saturday, 21st November, in the Lower Cloister Hall

NOTICES

EPIPHANY PRIZE DRAW: Books of Tickets are now available at the doors of the church. Please take and sell as many as you can. (£1 per book or 20p per ticket). Many thanks to the kind person who donated £50. The 1st prize will be £500 and a 2nd of £100 so further donations of cash are needed. *Please address to Fr Guy.*

SACRISTAN: The fathers are seeking to employ a new sacristan for the Oratory Church from the beginning of December. Please send your application *in writing* including your CV, to Fr Paul or Fr Anton at the Oratory House, marking the envelope "Sacristan". Please note that the post is open only to single males as it is a necessity that the person live in to carry out the duties of the position.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS—a reflection by Pope Benedict XVI

There are also, sad to say, situations which can never be sufficiently deplored where the Church herself suffers as a consequence of infidelity on the part of some of her ministers. Then it is the world which finds grounds for scandal and rejection. What is most helpful to the Church in such cases is not only a frank and complete acknowledgment of the weaknesses of her ministers, but also a joyful and renewed realization of the greatness of God's gift, embodied in the splendid example of generous pastors, religious afire with love for God and for souls, and insightful, patient spiritual guides. Here the teaching and example of Saint John Mary Vianney can serve as a significant point of reference for us all.