

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 2nd NOVEMBER

Sunday, 2 November – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – White

5.30 pm (Saturday) MAUD HATFIELD, R.I.P. Paul Murray
10 am inc. Children's Liturgy Deceased members of the UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Monday, 3 November – ALL SOULS DAY – Black

8 am JEREMIAH O'RIORDAN, R.I.P. Sr. Kieran
10 am PELEGRINI & ELLUL FAMILIES, R.I.P. Pauline Ellul
4 pm THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Tuesday, 4 November – St. Charles Borromeo – White

Charles Borromeo (1538-1584) Born to a noble Milanese family and related to the powerful Medici family, he desired to devote himself to the Church. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent. Working behind the scenes, St. Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up.,

9 am EXPOSITION

9.30 am MARY ROBIN'S FAMILY INTENTION Sr. Marion

Wednesday, 5 November – Feria – Green

10 am RICHARD JONES, R.I.P. Teresa Jones

Thursday, 6 November – Feria – Green

9.30 am EXPOSITION
10 am HOPE SLOLY for safety & protection Maureen

Friday, 7 November – Dedication of St. George's Cathedral – White

1829: Father Thomas Doyle comes to St. George's Chapel, London Road. 1848: St. George's Church opened by Bishop (later Cardinal) Wiseman. 1850: Restoration of the English Hierarchy. St. George's becomes the first Roman Catholic Cathedral since the Reformation. 1879: Provost Thomas Doyle dies after 50 years at St. George's. 1894: Consecration of the Cathedral. 1941: Cathedral destroyed by enemy action.

10 am GEORGE MARTIN, R.I.P. Ann Martin

Saturday, 8 November – St. Willibrord – White

St. Willibrord (658-739) Apostle of Frisia, Netherlands, a missionary archbishop. Born in Northumbria, he studied at Ripon monastery (Yorkshire) under St. Wilfrid and spent twelve years studying in Ireland. Willibrord founded the monastery of Echternach, Luxembourg, to serve as a center of missionary endeavors, and extended the efforts of missionaries into Denmark and Upper Friesland.

10 am JANET TINSEY, R.I.P. Sheila

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Sunday, 9 November – Dedication of Lateran Basilica – White

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the church of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. Officially named Archibasilica Sanctissimi Salvatoris et Sancti Iohannes Baptista et Evangelista in Laterano ("Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour, St. John Baptist and St. John the Evangelist at the Lateran". It holds the title of ecumenical mother church (mother church of the whole inhabited world) among Roman Catholics.

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILY'S INTENTION

10 am Children's Liturgy THE WAR DEAD

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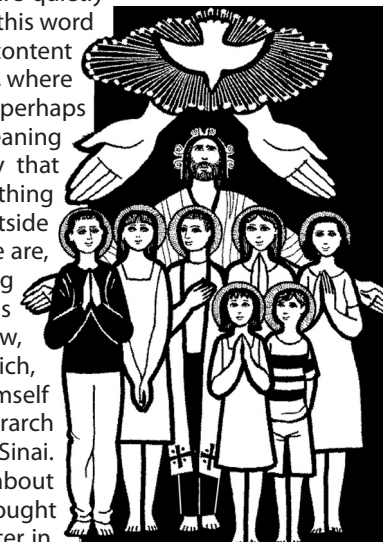
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All Saints Day – 2nd November, 2008

Today we have one of the most beautiful pieces of prose from the Gospel writing, perhaps one of the most beautiful and inspirational texts ever written. It's taken from the beginning of the Sermon in the Mount – just after the choosing of the Apostles when the fame of Jesus had spread across many of the Palestinian territories. Here we have Jesus climbing a hill to give everyone in the vast crowd a chance to see and, more importantly, hear him. For it is the words of Christ our Saviour which stir the heart, which draw us in to an understanding of the message of Christ the Teacher. Words which are quietly

evocative: which have one core word: happy. What is this word 'Happy'? In the context of today's reading it means content – it doesn't take on the "I'm happy with that" meaning, where what we are really saying is "I'll settle for that"; or perhaps we might say or think: "that makes me happy" meaning something amuses us. No, Jesus says categorically that this is a real state – a deep down contentment, something we are totally relaxed with – no matter what the outside factors or influences – we are at peace with where we are, what we are doing and what we believe in. This reading is just the beginning of a long sermon in which Jesus reiterates those values which are the basis of the Law, God's Law, as handed down to Moses – those laws which, in last week's Gospel, were summarised by Christ himself into two 'super' commandments – ones which overarch those handed down in tablets of stone on Mount Sinai. These beatitudes set us up for Christ's explanation about fulfilling the Law; taking us through the attitudes we ought to adopt – piousness, not flashiness, as Jesus says later in the sermon: "be careful not to parade your good deeds before



men to attract their notice"; He then gives us the prayer of all prayers: the Our Father; continuing with further advice about living a Godly life – for us Christians that is living a life which is Christ-like in its attitude. Before he concludes the sermon there lies a special quotation – a maxim which ought to be one of the major guides in our interaction with our neighbours, not least our fellow Christians and most definitely with our brothers and sisters in this our faith community here at St. Peter's Westgate – "always treat others as you would like them to treat you." In reading today's Gospel it is rather like an enthralling book, or a well executed multi-part TV drama, where one is waiting in anticipation to discover what happens next. So too, in the second reading from John where we have just a brief glimpse of what John says, "be called God's

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Fr. John Writes:-

Today we offer the Lamb and celebrate the victory of our God in the company of all the redeemed in the heavenly kingdom, so we honour both the canonised and the uncanonised Saints who have arrived at their heavenly goal.

■ ALL SOULS DAY

Tomorrow, 3 November – 8am, 10am & 4pm

Tomorrow's Feast of All Souls is a more domestic one, when we come to pray for members of our own families, who have now departed from us. There is a tradition to have three Masses on this day, so we shall have the first at 8 am, the second at 10 am and the third at 4 pm. At the afternoon 4 pm Mass we have invited Students from the Ursuline College to come and share with us their celebration at the end of the school day, and we ask them to light a candle for a relative or friend who has died during the last year.

■ THEY DIED FOR OUR FUTURE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY will be a week today, Sunday, 9 November. Although this year we shall be celebrating THE FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, the Pope's Cathedral as Bishop of Rome; we shall conclude the Mass with the 'Two Minutes Silence', the Act of Remembrance and sound of 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. The customary Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Westgate War Memorial (at the junction of Sea Road and St. Mildred's Road) and is led by Fr. John. This is preceded by the parade leaving St. Saviour's Church at 11.45 am. Refreshments will be served afterwards at Christ Church Hall in Westgate Bay Avenue – free of charge.

**YEAR OF ST. PAUL
2008 - 2009**

From the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (ch 10: v 13)

You can trust God not to let you be tried beyond your own strength, and with any trial he will give you a way out of it and the strength to bear it.

■ WE HAVE POPPIES



POPPIES for sale today and next weekend, here in the Church. There are also some of the Memorial Crosses available at £1 each.

■ DEDICATION

This Friday, 7 November, we celebrate the Dedication Feast of Saint George's Cathedral in Southwark, the Mother Church of the Diocese, and where the Archbishop has his *Cathedra*, his Seat of Authority.

■ ED-AID CHRISTMAS CARDS

This weekend the Cliftonville based charity, which helps the people of the Gambia, will be here in St. Peter's at both the Saturday evening Mass and Sunday morning Mass to sell their Christmas. Please be generous with them to help their missionary work.

■ CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday, 23 November

We still need more contributions: good bric-a-brac (*if you wouldn't want to receive it dump it, but not on the church*); Fancy Goods, Gift Boxes; Burners with Oils, Candles, Christmas Decorations; 'little things for mum'; Trinket Boxes; China and Glass Ware.

Please think about cooking some seasonal goods which could be sold at the Fair.

■ MASS ATTENDANCES

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday (25 October) 5.30 pm 54

Sunday (26 October) 10 am 102

■ DEANERY MASS

A week on Tuesday, 11 November there will be Two Minutes Silence at 11 am followed by the Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Thanet Deanery.

■ U.C.M. MEETING

Wednesday, 5 November, 7.30pm

The Unions of Catholic Mothers will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, 5 November, at 7.30 pm in St. Peter's Church Hall. New members welcome.

■ OLD MOBILES

If you have an old mobile phone then it could save the life of an unborn child in Uganda – see notice in porch.

■ REMEMBER HOPE

Please remember to include in your prayers Hope Soly, who is working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and is in very dangerous circumstances.

■ PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

There are just a few books still left in the porch. Please bring back your counterfoils.

■ SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions on Saturdays from approx. 10.30am until 11am and 4.45pm until 5.15pm. Other times by appointment.

■ HOLY COMMUNION

We warmly welcome all non-Catholic to our services. It is not permitted, however, to receive Holy Communion until a person is received into full membership of the Catholic Church. If you would like to know more about this, please contact Fr. John.

■ FROM THE FRONT

Children': Only three verses, 101 words, of the twenty-four verse third part of this epistle – and, like the Gospel reading, there is much more revelation in what isn't said today than is: it sets us to be *Children of God*. Asking us to turn away from sin, to purify ourselves, to try to be as pure as Christ – however difficult that maybe. Having committed ourselves to a purer existence John reminds us of our obligation to love one another, that without this brotherly love, as he calls it, we can not surely expect that God our Father would love us. Again, as so often in scripture, we are called to show our love in a tangible way: *our love is not to be just words or mere talk*. If we have gifts, whatever they are: talents, money, time, the ability to teach, to talk, to listen, to heal, to encourage and allow others to blossom in their faith and work for the Lord, then they have to be given to our fellow humankind – and given in love and understanding, given openly, exposed for the non-believing world to see: not to elicit praise for oneself – rather, as Matthew says: *so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven*.

■ Anniversaries this week:

Ethel Powell (1990), John Smeulders (1991), Patrick Brough (1992), Claire Hutchinson (1994).

■ Your Prayers are asked for:

Madeline Halliwell whose funeral took place last Friday, May she rest in peace.

Also for those who are sick: Teresa Rowan, Archbishop Kevin, Fr. Barry, Sister Anna, Eva Brewer, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Alan & Myra Taylor – Alan particularly needs our prayers, Sister Stephen, Canon William Clements.

■ St. Peter's Repository

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