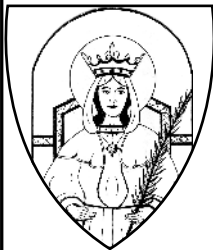


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Week 31

30th October 2022.

Reflections of The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

In our first reading from the Book of Wisdom we are told that God created everything and having created it he loves everything in creation. The author also tells us that if there was something that God did not like that it would not be in creation for he would not have created it – a reminder that whatever we regard as being good or bad was all created by God. In the gospel from St Luke, we have the story of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, who was converted upon meeting Jesus and promises to make amends for anything he has done in the past while living a new life in to the future. The story is a reminder that while we may judge people by our own standards they are not the standards which God uses.

In our second reading St Paul is writing to the Thessalonians to encourage them in the faith. In our passage today he prays that the name of Christ will be glorified in them and in their faith which he hopes will grow daily. We too must work to strengthen our faith every day in order that the name of God may be glorified in us and we, in turn, be glorified in and by him.

CAFOD

Invite you to a showing of the new film produced by the Laudato Si Movement in partnership with 'Off the Fence Productions'.

THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

St Anne's Church, Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ.

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For any enquires, please contact Colette on 7999 804 242 or cbyrne@cafod.org.uk

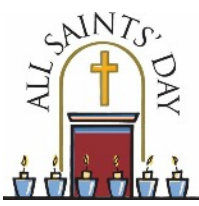
CAFOD Thank you for your family fast day donations, we collected over £133.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Centre

Are having a warm and cosy day every Wednesday 1.30pm – 3.30pm everyone is welcome for a cuppa, biscuits, a chat, watch TV and have access to free internet.

Come along and say hello, you'll receive a warm welcome!

The the Solemnity of All Saints 1st November



The earliest certain observance of a feast in honour of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of “all the martyrs.” In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagon-loads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended “that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honoured in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons” (On the Calculation of Time).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honour all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honoured martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop’s approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today’s feast honours the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed 2nd November

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.



In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification. Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead. Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

FOODBANK

Thank you for your donations which will be taken to the Wednesday Foodbank at The Good Shepherd Church. If you're thinking of donating this week, they have asked for donations of toiletries and washing up liquid. Thanks for your kindness in these costly times.

Mother of Mercy

Our wonderful Mother of Mercy Group go out each Tuesday with sandwiches and hot drinks for the Homeless of our city. We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that day and the church is open for private prayer. Come and spend an hour with the Lord.

November, Pious List.

During the month of November we remember at Mass our family and friends who have died.

Pious list envelopes are available at the back of church. Please give completed lists to our deacons or post them through the presbytery door.

They will be placed on the altar during the month of November.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them Oh' Lord, And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.



Live Streaming System

All services are live streamed via Church Services TV. You can view Services via the link on our website, Facebook and Twitter sites or at www.churchservices.tv/croxteth

Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday	29th	6.00pm	Billy Dale (2nd Anniv), Jenny Wilson L.D.
Sunday	30th	11.30am	Cecil Dunn (54th Anniv)
Tuesday	01st	9.00am	Eucharistic Service Ador of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	02nd	12.noon	Funeral: David McLoughlin
Saturday	05th	6.00pm	Sarah Moore & Billy Reid (Anniv) Michael Moore & Mary Reid (B'day Rem)
Sunday	06th	11.30am	Vera Hughes (100th B'day Rem)

Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Dave McLoughlin, Marie Teresa Barrow.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Cecil Dunn, Billy Dale,
Vera Hughes 100th Birthday Rem

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Angela Adlen	<i>Eileen Guy</i>	<i>Paul & Kate</i>	<i>Christine & David</i>
Angela Gregory	<i>Ellen Cooke</i>	<i>Peter Fraser</i>	<i><u>Fitzsimmons</u></i>
Baby Bella	<i>Janet Clark</i>	<i>Robbie Ross</i>	<i>Joan,</i>
Bernie Boyde	<i>John Murphy</i>	<i>Toni Dal</i>	<i>Andreas <u>Samaras</u></i>
Brian Threlfall	<i>Josie Dunne</i>	<i>Joan Turner</i>	<i>Margaret &</i>
David Holgate	<i>Kenny Morley</i>	<i>Canon Brendan Alger</i>	<i>Joseph <u>Maloney</u></i>
Diane Bell	<i>Margaret Bradley</i>	<i>Julie Pearce</i>	<i>Vassilis</i>
Eddie Unsworth	<i>Margaret Lace</i>	<i>Eleanor Mawdsley</i>	<i><u>Alamaniotis</u></i>
<i>G., + MP., + TC.,</i>	<i>Sr Edith Culliton</i>	<i>Peter & Jane Kelly</i>	<i>Ann Shreeve</i>