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OUR LITTLE SAINTS



Dear children, many thanks for being our saints.

Dear parents. Many blessings for making your children beloved saints of God.



9pm for Night Prayer [every day except Saturday]: In this Pandemic, let us pray together as God's family and receive His blessings before going to sleep. Please invite your family also to join in prayer.

Meeting ID: 7578777461; **Passcode:** 20212021.

Meet with Fr Antony without an appointment on Tuesday and Friday after the Mass.

The Church Care Team undertakes a deep clean and sanitises our church every Saturday at 12 noon. Please join if you can. Sincere thanks to our Church Care Team for their sacrifices.

Holy Cross Manna Mission Update : Thank you so much for those volunteers who are planning our new charitable project, the Holy Cross Manna Mission. For a trial period, we shall open our soup kitchen in Hartley Hall on the first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30pm starting this weekend, 7th November. Our parishioners are most welcome to come along – indeed the teams will benefit from your presence as they get to grips with what it takes to ensure the smooth running of this operation. We urge you also to invite anyone you know who you feel would appreciate a warm meal. Initially we anticipate catering for approximately 50 people.

A further donation towards this venture has been made in the sum of £50. Thank you.

HOLY MASS

Entrance Antiphon—Cf. Ps 87: 3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Entrance Hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour,
to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him! Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

First reading - 1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives,’ she replied ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.””

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion’s God, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second reading - Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation—Rv2:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, ‘Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.’

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.’

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down
from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name;
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.
*He said "Freely, freely, you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live."*
All power is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his power as he told me to.
He said "Freely, freely, ...
God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name;
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his peace as he told me to.
He said "Freely, freely, ...

Communion Antiphon - Cf. Lk 24: 35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of bread.

Communion Hymn

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and purposeful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is thine own:
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self and I shall be
ever, only, all for thee.

Recessional Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhaunting, and silent as light;
nor wanting nor wasting, thou rulest in might –
thy justice like mountains high-soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Bible verse to remember:

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
[Rv2:10]

* A junior version of the advent reflection booklet '**MY DAY BY DAY**' will be given to all children who come to church on the **First Sunday of Advent**, which is 27/28 November.

SYNOD OF SYNODALITY

Parish Listening, Sharing Reflecting Meetings

In order to allow as many opportunities for you to participate and contribute the following sessions have been organised. Do please come to one of the sessions. Your voice, your personal experience is an important part of this process.

We have already completed three sessions. Many thanks for your active participation. Those who have not participated, please come on the following sessions.

Days for meetings

5th Nov 9am Friday [Catherine Sanderson and Liz Hubbard]

12th Nov after 7Pm Friday Mass [Giovanna Finaldi]

14th Nov after 9am Sunday Mass [[Nick and Rachael Wibberley]

16th Nov, Monday, 8pm via Zoom,

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Diamond Club will also hold a meeting

We have already finished three meetings [30th Saturday [Ossie and Margaret Folkes]; 31st Sunday [Tina and Jude Ibe]; and 3rd Wednesday [UCM]. Many thanks.

Collection: Last week's cash collection-£369.00. Thank you.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - A generous donation of £175 was made to the Missionary Sisters and this has been passed onto them with their thanks.

Next week there will be a Second collection - for the Archbishop's Administration Fund.

November Altar Remembrance Donation - £210.
All donations will be given to missionary priests.

Mass Intentions: There not being room in this Newsletter please find the Mass Intentions for the coming week on the Notice Board.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Clowie Aspery, Myra Hannon, Melanie Thomas, Florence Nosegbe, Lydia Joseph, Pat Vessey, John Conway, Dorothy Beacon, Gala Lobo, Mary Emmanuel, Pat Doyle, Alan Durkin, Rachael Pereira Wibberley, Ann Whitington, Christina Adedeji, Elfrida Wacholz, Dora Biasi and Susan Murphy.

If you would like the parish community to pray for the sick members of your family and to be added in the newsletter, please send us an email.

IN NOVEMBER



November is the month we specially remember and pray for our departed brothers and friends. In this whole month we pray...

**Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our beloved departed
friends and family members.
In this life you embraced them
with your tender love;
Deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.
Welcome them into paradise,
Where there will be no sorrow,
No weeping or pain,
But the fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. Amen.**

***At the weekend Masses** on 13/14 November we shall **REMEMBER** and pray for those who died during the Pandemic.

Annual Cemetery Procession takes place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 14th Nov]. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm and the procession begins at 2.30 pm, I will be available to visit and pray at the graves of your loved ones. We need to leave the cemetery by the closing time of 3.30pm.