

November 1st is the **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**.

According to the Roman Missal, this feast day celebrates all God's holy ones in heaven, known and unknown, from the first martyrs to the recently canonized, and everyone in between. This feast day spans 2,000 glorious years of the Church's history. Today's solemnity, a Holy Day of Obligation, originally began in the 4th century to commemorate all the Christian martyrs during those centu-

ries of brutal persecution

before Christianity was legalized. There were so many martyrs that a separate feast day could not be given to each one individually, yet, the Church did not want to leave any martyr without proper veneration. A common feast day developed and was usually celebrated in the Easter season. In the 9th century Pope Gregory III consecrated a chapel in St Peter's Basilica to all the saints and moved the feast day to November 1st. His successor, Pope Gregory IV, extended the feast to the universal Church.

All Saints Day is preceded by Halloween (the vigil of All Saints Day) and followed by All Souls Day. These three days taken together are traditionally called Allhallowtide, Hallowtide, or Hallowmas ('hallow' means to honour as holy). This is great festival is a celebration of the communion of saints, the time of year when the living (i.e. the Church Militant) collectively honour all the dead in Christ: all the saints in heaven (i.e. the Church Triumphant) as well as all the Holy Souls detained in purgatory on their way to heaven (i.e. the Church Suffering).

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/november-1-all-saints-day/>

The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read on the day, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2017-11-01>

ESSENTIAL PARISH INFORMATION:

EMERGENCY EXIT: This is via the sacristy and through the house

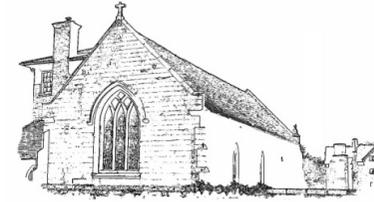
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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

**Times of Holy Mass and Intentions
(YEAR B Readings)**

Sunday 28 October

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the People of The Parish
Deceased members of the Gallagher family

Monday 29 October

8.30 am -

Feria in Ordinary Time

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Tuesday 30 October

8.30 am -

Feria in Ordinary Time

Private Intention

Wednesday 31 October

8.30 am -
9.00 am -

Feria in Ordinary Time

Private Intention
#Discussion Group

Thursday 1 November

8.30 am -
7.00 pm -

Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation
Val & Margaret Lewis R.I.P.
Holy Souls

Friday 2 November

7.00 pm -

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Holy Souls

Saturday 3 November

*10.00 am -

* In St Mary's church from this date onwards on Saturdays

Feria in Ordinary Time

Doreen Millard R.I.P.

Sunday 4 November

8.30 am -
10.30 am -

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the People of The Parish
George Griffin R.I.P.

There will be a second collection during both Masses on Sunday 4 Nov for the Johnson Assoc.



"Where two or three
come together in my
name, there I am
with them."
Matt 18:20

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the group discussion on **Wednesday mornings**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!

Anniversaries in October: Rev Robert Heydon (1718), Rev Charles Fitzwilliams (1750), Mary Brownlow (1852), Anne Spink (1894), Mary Leonie Pedley (1957), Betty Grant (1970), Sidney Rochford (1979), Dermot Higgins (1983), Bernard Campbell (2001), Dorothy Green (2001), Maureen Riley (2002), David Phillips (2005), Stanley Robson (2009), Betty Sanders (2012), Albin Gordon (2012) Ian Challand (2013), Maria Costanzo (2013), Michael Grant (2015), Doreen Millard (2016), Michael Butler (2017) .

**** Prayers for the sick:**

Denis Conway, Kathleen Clarke, Ray Fogg, Anthony Mitchell, Veronica Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Anne Taylor.

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 Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners and friends who have died recently especially James Arbutnott, Paul Hoban, Monsignor Paul Watson and Maureen Ribbins.
 May they Rest In Peace.

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 The Requiem Mass and Funeral Service for Paul Hoban will take place here at St Mary's on **Wednesday 7 November at 12 noon.**

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 All James's friends and fellow parishioners are invited to attend a Requiem Mass at St Cassian's Church, Chaddesley Corbett on **Friday 9 November at 11.30 am**

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 28 October Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael
 Elizabeth Mountford, Carla Tucker
Sunday 4 November Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson
 Joan McKay, Annick Harvey

Readers:

Sunday 28 October Pat Van Zyl
 Joan McKay
Sunday 4 November Geoff Summers
 The Brown Family

Church Cleaners:

Friday 2 November Anne Quinn & Pauline Teare
Friday 9 November Teresa & Greg Oakley

Money Counters:

For the 28 Oct collection Mr & Mrs S Brown
For the 4 Nov collection Mr & Mrs T Greenfield

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 21 October

Gift Aid Direct Debits £259.00
 Gift Aid Envelopes £171.00
 Loose cash £159.18

Retiring collection taken on 21 October for World Mission Day: £360.10



During the **MONTH OF NOVEMBER**, we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. If you wish to have your departed remembered at Masses during the month of November please use the envelopes and inserts available in the Church Porch and place them in the box provided.

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On Friday 2 November, All Souls Day - The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, the parish remembers deceased members of our community and our deceased relatives and friends with the lighting of lanterns* in the churchyard before the evening Mass followed by a blessing of the graves and memorials as well as blessing the newly acquired extension to the graveyard.

* Volunteers are needed to help light the candles and place them in lanterns on the graves on the Friday evening from 6.15 onwards. Help will also be needed to collect and tidy them away afterwards.



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CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR ONE.

At the end of the 10.30 Mass on **Sunday 4 November** Father John will lay a wreath in our churchyard on the World War One grave of George Griffin.



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 The next meeting of the **HARVINGTON CRAFT GROUP** will be on **Tuesday 6 November** at 7pm and will be a "bottle evening!"

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FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - BORDEAUX WINE TASTING

28 November at 7.00pm St Georges Hall Café Bewdley Tickets £18.00
 An evening with Retired Wine Consultant John Keetch who will present a selection of wines for tasting from this interesting and unique area, together with an insight into the operation of a typical Chateau. We will also be treated to a tasting from what has been described as France's best unsung region for white wine. Tickets from Gail & Stephen Brown or Jim & Anne Quinn.



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 As many of you will already be aware, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will be participating in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) at a hearing next month (Nov) in London. IICSA was set up some years ago by the government following a number of high profile and serious cases of historic child abuse. Through its investigations, IICSA is seeking to understand "what went wrong, and why".
 The Archdiocese has been asked to participate in IICSA's investigations along with other organisations within the Catholic Church. Pastoral Letter will be read out in all churches next weekend (3/4 November) on this matter. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240** or emergency out-of-hours on **07976 516629**.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.



Please bring your **RED MISSION BOXES** to church to be emptied.