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31st SUNDAY (Year C)

29th October 2016



The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

There is a subversive humour in today's Gospel which turns upside down the conventions of everyday life: we see a senior tax official climbing up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, "Zacchaeus, come down!" Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not. It would be easy to laugh at little Zacchaeus – and people in the town probably did, in between muttering about his extortionate taxes. And yet he has understood the message of God more clearly than others: he reveals the meaning of the first reading, since he understands that God is gentle, merciful and loving. Jesus corrects him, "little by little...so that he may abstain from evil and trust in the Lord."

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 3)

Wisdom 11: 22 – 12: 2.

You are merciful to all because you love all that exists.

Response: Psalm 144.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat your blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

2 Thessalonians 1: 11 – 2: 2.

The name of Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Blessings on he King who comes,
In the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
And glory in the highest heavens!
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

Luke 19: 1 – 10.

Today, salvation has come to this house.

Prayer of the Faithful:

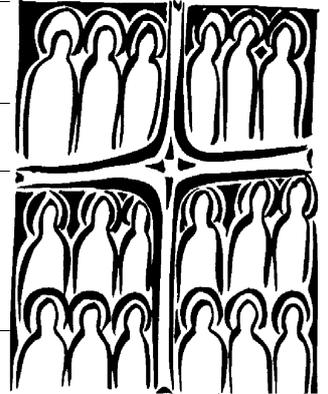
R/. Lord, raise up all who are bowed down.

Hallowe'gn: "All Hallows' Eve" or "All Saints' Eve", on Monday, is when the 'saints', the souls of those who died recently, saved by Christ but still on the journey through purgation to heaven, roam the world, not to frighten us, but to ask for our prayers. So through November, the 'month of the Holy Souls', we offer Mass, the saving sacrifice of Christ, for them.



MASS AND SERVICES DURING THE WEEK:

Sat 29 th October	6.30pm	31st SUNDAY in ordinary time Niall Mansell (CL)
Sun 30 th October	10.30am 3.00pm	31st SUNDAY in ordinary time For the People of the Parish Baptism of Ruby Summerhayes
Mon 31 st October	6.45pm 7.00pm	The Solemnity of ALL SAINTS Rosary For the People of the Parish
Tues 1 st November	10.00am	The Solemnity of ALL SAINTS Raymond Britton (MB)
Wed 2 nd November	9.45am 10.00am	Commemoration of All THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls Adoration 2 to 4 pm & 6.00 to 8 pm.
Thurs 3 rd November	9.45am 10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church Sylvia Miles Intention (TM)
Fri 4 th November	9.45am 10.00am	Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Morning Prayer of the Church Holy Souls
Sat 5 th November	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	The Sacrament of Reconciliation 32nd SUNDAY in ordinary time Holy Souls
Sun 6 th November	10.30am	32nd SUNDAY in ordinary time Margaret Kelly Intention



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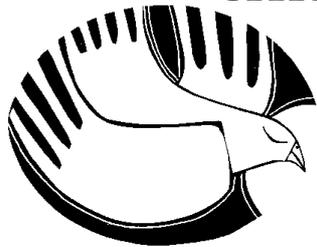


THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45pm to 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

MINISTER OF COMMUNION: Please pick up your rotas from the porch.

CELEBRATING STEPS ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH



PREPARING for CONFIRMATION: Young members of the Parish interested in growing and confirming their faith are invited to join the Parish preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Please get a (bright pink) information form from the porch, fill it in, and return it by the beginning of November. Thank you. Forms should be returned by Thursday morning, please.

CAN THERE BE MERCY FOR A MURDERER?

A talk by Margaret Partington in the Mostyn Room, Saint David's Cathedral, at 1.30pm on Wednesday 9th November. Margaret is the sister of one of the victims of Fred and Rosemary West and works in prisons and other institutions on the whole question of reconciliation, forgiveness and the healing of memories.

Tickets may be reserved at: jennyjones@rcadc.org



ARCHDIOCESAN CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER ARCHDIOCESE

The Pilgrimage of prayer round the Diocese to mark our centenary moves to the Parish of Saint Francis, Ely with Saint Clare. The Parish Priest is the Revd. David O'Donnell, assisted by Revd. Deacon John Mullin and by the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul (including Sister Ruth, who co-ordinates the work for refugees in the Diocese). Also in the Parish is Mary Immaculate High School.

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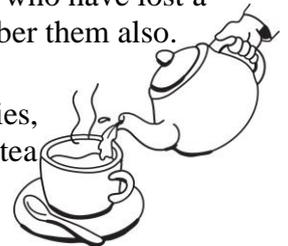
Tuesday is the Feast of **ALL SAINTS**, a holyday of on which we are all called as the assembly of God's Church on earth to join together in prayer with the Church in heaven, either at the Vigil Mass at 7pm on Monday or Day Mass at 10am on Tuesday.



November, month of the Holy Souls: We are all invited to make a list of the dead we wish to pray for in this month of the Holy Souls, and place the list on the corner of the altar, to be remembered at Mass throughout the month.

November, month of the Holy Souls: A SERVICE OF MEMORIES for all who have suffered bereavement in the past year to remember and pray for those they love will take place on the evening of **Monday 14th November**. The Families of those buried in the Parish over the past year will receive an invitation; and all who have lost a loved one over the year are invited to come to light a candle and remember them also.

TEA FOR THE ELDERLY: A big thank you to the excellent group of ladies, and one gentleman, who generously baked, brewed, served, and cleared away the tea for elderly housebound neighbours last Sunday afternoon.



REFUGEES: Via the S.V.P. we have been asked to collect clothes and shoes for the support of Syrian Refugees who have been granted asylum in Wales: Most have arrived with very little in the way of clothes or personal possessions: Items needed are:

#Men's winter shoes, sizes 6 – 9; #Men's winter clothing, waist size 34" or under;
#Women and children's winter clothes and shoes; #Overcoats, jackets, socks, gloves,
i.e anything to keep them warm in the winter. Please deliver any donations to the church porch after Mass to be collected, delivered, and distributed on your behalf. Thank you in anticipation!

On the side of people in need
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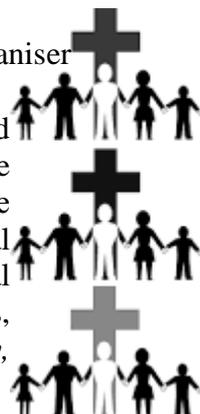
TICKETS go on sale today for Friday 2nd December when Cafod are raising funds for **ETHIOPIA**. Come along and enjoy warm mulled wine, mince pies, and good company for just £3.

Seen the smart new **PIETY STALL** in the Lady Chapel? Norma Bromley is there before and after Sunday morning Mass. She will also take orders for particular piety items, 20 862998.

POLAND, 2017: The Parish Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland next year is planned for the 6 days beginning Friday 15th September. With flights, dinner, bed and breakfast, local guides for the tours each day the cost is £675.00. Please ask Angela Jones for booking forms and details.

Full time JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Archdiocese of Cardiff is seeking a talented organiser and communicator passionate about the Catholic Faith. Salary c. £23,000 p.a.

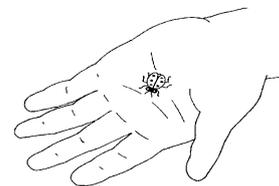
This full-time post requires flexible hours since the successful candidate will be coaching and training small groups of evangelisation volunteers across South-East Wales and Herefordshire as well as providing administrative support to Diocese's Religious Education projects and the Welsh Church Schools Association. The successful candidate will be based at the Pastoral Resources Centre in Cardiff and, as a faith-leadership role, there is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that applicants be practising members of the Catholic Faith. For more details, see the poster in the Church or contact *Revd Gareth Leyshon, St Philip Evans RC Presbytery, Llanedeyrn Drive, Cardiff CF23 9UL, call 029 2073 1061 or email gareth.leyshon@rcadc.org*



PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick or housebound, and those who care for them, including:

Pamela Griffiths	Teresa Meade	Sheila Harris	Gerry Phenis	Graham Jenkins
Sandra Bray	Jean Kerrigan	Lloyd Jones	John Maguire	Cecelia Mawby
Pat Emanuelli	David Mabey	Isobel Cummins	Pauline Richards	Dorothy Warmasley
Valerie Donovan	Paul Costigan	Margaret Jones	Carol Morrissey	Claris Howell
Tess Thomas	Grace Donovan	Mary Canwell	Wilson Brown	Sylvia Miles
Nick Davies	Christine + Jimmy Parr		Mary + Bill Morrissey	

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:



Date	Time	Event
Mon 31 st October	9.30am 7.30pm	Parents & Toddlers S.V.P. (s.m.r)
Tue 1 st November	10.30 – 12.30 2.00 – 4.00pm	Music Appreciation History Group
Wed 2 nd November	9.30am	Parents & Toddlers
Thurs 3 rd November	9.30am 2.00pm – 4.00pm 7.00pm	Parents & Toddlers Sunshine Club Confirmation Catechists Planning (s.m.r.)
Fri 4 th November	1.00pm – 3.00pm	History Group
Sat 5 th November	9.30am – 12.30pm	Dance
Sun 6 th November	11.30am 2.00pm – 6.00pm	Tea, Coffee, & Biscuits Party

OFFERTORY COLLECTION	23 rd October 2016
Gift Aid Weekly	£ 189.60
Non Gift Aid Weekly	£ 98.00
Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 502.04
Non Gift Aid Standing Orders	£ 65.00
Loose	£ 467.68
TOTAL	£1322.32 <i>Many thanks</i>
World Mission Day:	£125.72



LOTTERY BONUS BALL

CONGRATULATIONS to Cliff Bray and Gwyn Goldsmith, the winners of the Bonus Ball no. 13. A total of £64.00 was made for parish funds. No winner on the third sheet. **TRY YOUR LUCK AGAIN THIS WEEK.**

APOLOGIES from Father John for failing to properly announce and organise the 'WORLD MISSION DAY' and its collection last weekend – one of the most urgent and important areas of our faith life. Hard on its heels next weekend the Archbishop is asking for another **collection for retired priests.** Gift aid envelopes available in the porch.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER. Section Two: **The Lord's Prayer: 'Our Father'**

Article 2: **'Our Father Who Art In Heaven: I. 'Father!'**

(2782) We can adore the Father because he has caused us to be reborn to his life by *adopting* us as his children in his only Son: by Baptism, he incorporates us into the Body of his Christ; through the anointing of his Spirit who flow from the Head to the members, he makes us other 'Christs'.

God, indeed, who has predestined us to adoption as his sons, has conformed us to the glorious Body of Christ. So then you who have become sharers in Christ are appropriately called 'Christs'. (Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, *Catech. Myst.3, 1*: PG 33, 1088A)

The new man, reborn and restored to his God by grace, says first of all, 'Father!' because he has now begun to be a son. (St. Cyprian, *.De Dom. Orat. 9*: PL4. 541.)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

Parish Directory

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