

### Reflection Noticing the Jesus' in disguise!

All Souls Day Masses on Monday, at the two I will be especially remembering all the people whose funerals I have celebrated over the years I have been a priest. In my heart as always on this day I ponder the words of Jesus and especially the book of Wisdom first reading (which is often chosen for requiems).

The theme of the Gospel reminds us that those who are chosen for eligibility for the kingdom of heaven are those who saw Jesus in the poor or those who suffer. **To refuse solace to someone in need is equivalent to ignoring Jesus.**

I can proudly say I have done all of those things: fed the hungry, clothed the men I have found to be naked, visited the sick in hospitals and in their homes, visited prisoners (and even celebrated Mass in a Prison), and never refused anything to anyone who asked for it (even if I didn't think they deserved it!) I don't tell you this to boast but just to explain that there are very few people outside of priests who have the opportunity and wherewithal to be able to fulfil all those pre-requisites of Heavenly entrance.

Now I want to say to you that you don't have go out and find all those categories to serve Him. Only that **if you do meet someone (a Jesus in disguise) and you do not offer kindness and sacrificial generosity, you can kiss eternal happiness goodbye...**

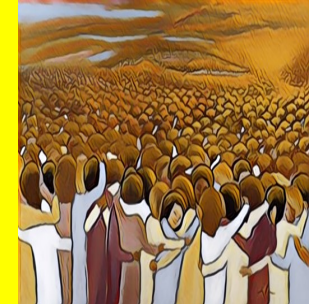
THANKSGIVING MASS FOR  
MARRIAGE 2020 is **TODAY**  
at 12 noon **streamed live from**  
**St. Chad's Cathedral,**  
Celebrant Bishop David Evans.  
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# THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

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- Saturday 31st **THE FEAST OF** Vigil Mass 4 pm *Peter Jones RIP*
- Sunday 1st Nov **ALL SAINTS** Mass 9.30 am *Parishioners*
- Monday 2nd **The Feast of All Souls**  
MASS 10 am *Deceased of parish*  
& 7pm *Private Intention*
- Tuesday 3rd S. Winifride Vr. Mass 10 am  
*Mary Doyle & Tony Hornsby RIP*
- Wednesday 4th S. Charles Borromeo Bp. Mass 10 am *All Souls*
- Thursday 5th Feria Mass 10am *Christian Unity*
- Friday 6th Feria Mass followed by Exposition & Benediction at 10 am
- 32nd Sunday of Ord Time (YrA) Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners**
- Sunday 7th November Mass 9.30 am**

Next Week : THE 32nd SUN OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7th. Nov 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.

Sunday 8th. November 2020 Mass 9.30 am

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## November

**Month of the Holy Souls** is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, "even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise". Please use the envelopes at the back of Church, write the names of your deceased loved ones and hand it to Fr.

**CELEBRATING All Saints** -I think St. John gives us not just the best definition of a saint but also the best explanation of this solemnity we could hope for. ***"We shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is."*** Being a saint means becoming like God, reflecting something of ***"the love that the Father has lavished on us"*** and being people who are a real and living liturgy of praise, reflecting the real and living liturgy of heaven. The Church has always made room for saints that we haven't formally recognised. People who have come like him, people through the ages, people we have actually known. Real people. This solemnity allows us to commemorate and ask the intercession of those we know of and those we have known. Those holy people who are not far removed and reduced to plaster cast images. Holy people who have inspired us, moved us and helped us draw closer to God. Real flesh and blood, ordinary men and women who have lived the Beatitudes in the service of God. That then is the deeper and more central reality of All Saints: that we are called to be saints in order to join that ***"huge number of people from every nation, race, tribe and language"*** whose whole lives against all odds shout aloud, ***"Victory to our God."***

**COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL PREVALENT SO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.**



THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND. WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THIS POINT. PLEASE :-

1. SANITISE YOUR HANDS WHEN ARRIVING AND LEAVING CHURCH.
2. WEAR FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES.
3. ONLY SIT ON PEWS WHERE DIRECTED TO.
4. MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES. (NO PHYSICAL CONTACT AT EXCHANGE OF PEACE).
5. WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION, DO SO ON HAND ONLY AND MOVE WHEN DIRECTED TO.
6. THERE ARE NO NEWS SHEETS HANDED OUT, NO HYMN BOOKS TO HOLD, NO SINGING BECAUSE OF SPREAD OF VIRUS.
7. LEAVE CHURCH AFTER MASS WHEN DIRECTED BY STEWARDS.

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO COME TO MASS THIS WEEKEND YOU NEED TO INFORM FR. PAUL BY TELEPHONE -07973239942 OR E MAIL [Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:Fr.paul.lomas@rcaob.org.uk)**

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

It will be Saturday morning 11.30 to 12 noon each week. Due to the social distancing it will be on the benches in the front presbytery garden. **Please telephone to let me know your are coming 07973239942.**

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

**Mass each day continues to be shown live on my Facebook page—Paul Roy Lomas. It is also available to use after the Mass has ended in case you can't be on your computer,**

## MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020

3/4th 12 & 23	10/11th 16 & 14
17/18th 11 & 15	24/25th 14 & 18