

**Sacred Heart and English Martyrs: Newsletter 011120**

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**31<sup>st</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 Solemnity of All Saints**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**First Reading;** Apocalypse 7:2-2, 9-14: I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

**Psalms Response:** Ps 17: Such are those who seek your face, O Lord.

**Second Reading:** A reading from the first letter of St John:

We shall see God as God really is.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all of you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 5; 1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

**This Weekend :** Retiring Collection for the Johnson Association (for the sick and retired Clergy).

Monday is All Souls Day. We will not be celebrating public Mass on this day but Mass at SH on Wednesday 7pm and Thursday 10am at English Martyrs will be offered for the Holy Souls.

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Sacred Heart, Saturday 5pm (People of the Parish)

Sunday 9.30am John Deery RIP

English Martyrs, Sunday 11am (Private Intention B). No Saturday Mass at Present.

**WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday 7pm. in the Main Church at Sacred Heart.**

**Thursday 10am Mass at English Martyrs.** Both Masses fulfil the Sunday obligation. You don't need to book for Masses. We can accommodate all who wish to come at present.

**BAPTISMS:** It is possible to celebrate infant baptisms again. Please contact us to arrange or rearrange the celebration of Baptism at English Martyrs or Sacred Heart. Please note the recent change which says that only **SIX** people can be present at the ceremony.

**CONFESSIONS:** If you wish to make your Confession, Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is best to contact the Clergy to arrange a time and a suitable location.

**REST IN PEACE;** Please remember in prayer Joan Napp (SH) who has died recently. Funeral Mass at SH , Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

**HOLY SOULS :** Let us pray for the following who have died during the past year.

English Martyrs: James McKee, Eamonn Mangan, Africa Osborne, Albert Randle, Mary McKeown, John Naylor, David Richardson.

Sacred Heart.; Gerard Owen, Therina Moran, Susan Hammond, Elsie May Lawrence, Wiktorja Mrowicki, Maureen Mc Dermott, John Sidwell, James Smyth, Paula King, Josephine Dalton, Michael Wren.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS :** We are happy to receive Mass Intentions for the departed souls or other intentions. Please place the stipend in an envelope with the name of the intention and place it with the Collection.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS.

*Loving Father, we pray for all those we love who are no longer with us, who are now in your merciful embrace. We pray for their eternal rest. We pray for those who are left behind, who feel the pains of loss. We pray that we will be attentive to those who mourn, who may need some help from us, a loving word, a kind gesture.*

*Death is the part of life we struggle with in our society. We don't talk about it much. It is almost denied since for many people, there is only this life so the end of life is a disaster, a loss of everything.*

*This is not the faith of the Church: Jesus died and rose again, he conquered death. Our friends and loved ones who have died have not disappeared. They live in the radiance of God, forgiven, loved, looked after. This is our comfort and our sure and certain hope. Amen.*

