

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. Paul.

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

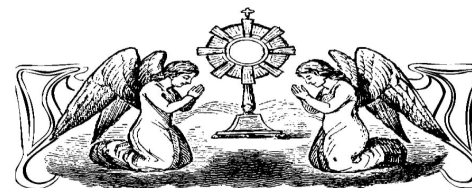


TOGETHER

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER 2020

This day represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people as a gift in the Church and affirm their contribution in the life of the local and universal Church. We usually focus on the role of young people in the Sunday liturgy and in parish life. Whilst it is not possible to celebrate Youth Sunday in the usual way, this year we can focus on praying for our young people. The theme is 'Together'. In the light of Covid-19, we are to recognise what it means to be 'together' with ourselves, with others and with God. Pope Francis says *"to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together not alone; alone no, because it cannot be done, either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity"*.

CHURCH CLOSED UNTIL 2ND. DECEMBER 2020. MASS AT USUAL TIMES LIVE STREAMED ON MY FACEBOOK PAGE - PAUL ROY LOMAS



VIGIL OF PRAYER

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Parishes have been asked to have a Holy Hour on this day –The Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King. We are asked to join in from our homes with our personal prayers, that we all take part in this common Adoration. We are to pray for the worldwide situation with Covid– 19, and to enter into this as a preparation for the Eucharistic Conference in Budapest next year. **Here at St. Benedict's we will have an hour of adoration before the blessed Sacrament at 3 pm leading into the Vigil Mass at 4 pm . I hope as many of you as possible will join us at home as we come before the Lord together.**

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, smart phone or lap-top at the exact time.

MASS ATTENDANCE IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020

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

Reflection

God is not happy when we play it safe and refuse to risk!

The third servant dug a hole in the ground and hid his money, doing nothing with it (vs.18, 25). The main problem was his attitude toward his master. His inaccurate perception became an excuse for his personal irresponsibility. In the same way, our view of God strongly influences our behaviour. The master was angry with this servant, calling him "wicked and lazy," taking away what he had, and punishing him severely.



What is God like? From this parable, we could say that God is a risk-taker! He gives us resources and he wants us to make them grow. That requires overcoming the fear of failure. Think of the risks that Jesus took - challenging religious leaders, overthrowing deep-seated racial and gender prejudice, and entrusting his kingdom work to his often fickle followers. He also called others to take risks too - including leaving all and following him.

God wants us to confront our fears and insecurities. He calls us to step out of our comfort zone. This does not mean that we should be reckless with our lives but following Jesus requires faith and faith often means risk. Life is meant to be an adventure. God has given each one of us such amazing potential waiting to be unpacked. He calls us to step out of the boat.

When our life is over, our eternal destiny will be based on our faith in Jesus. Salvation is by grace, not through our good works (Eph.2:8-10). However, we will be held accountable for what we do with what we have been given by God. He has made an investment in our lives and he expects a return on it. This is not a heaven or hell issue. It is a matter of rewards (1Cor.3:10-15. 2 Cor. 5:10). This truth should provide good motivation to ensure that we make every effort to make our life count for the short time we are here on earth.

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33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (Yr A)

Saturday 14th 33rd Sunday Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

Sunday 15th of Ord Time Mass 9.30 am Jayne Power RIP

Monday 16th Feria **NO MASS**

Tuesday 17th Feria Mass 10 am *All Souls*

Wednesday 18th Feria Mass 10 am *Thanksgiving for new grandchild*

Thursday 19th Feria Mass 10am *Priv Int for deceased relatives*

Friday 20th Feria Mass 10 am *Flora & Ernest Sidery, Dorothy Turner RIP*

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING (YrA) Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

Sunday 22nd November Mass 9.30 am *John & Peggy Clarke,
Laurence Clarke & Stephen Clarke, Sam & Mary Nash RIP*

Next Week : CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING

Saturday 21st. Nov 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.

Sunday 22nd. November 2020 Mass 9.30 am

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