

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.

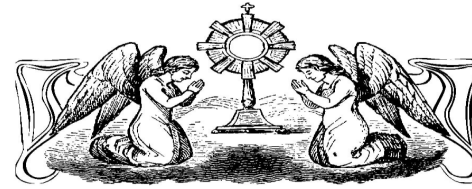
COVID 19 VIRUS IS STILL PREVALENT SO KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM EACH OTHER. TOUCH AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.

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

TOGETHER

TODAY IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

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"*.



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 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.**

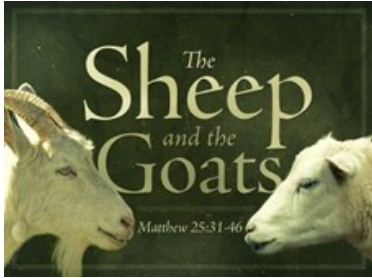
PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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.

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

PAUL ROY LOMAS

REFLECTION



We know this story well, the most important word in it is **I**. Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't just say people were in prison and you visited them or sick, or naked. He says it is **'I'** who am in prison, sick and naked. It's even more than being a brother

or sister of Jesus. He identified totally with each of us, especially in need.

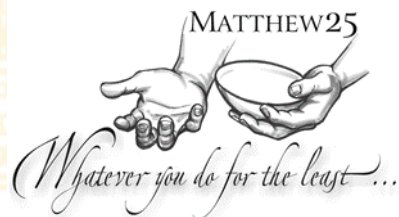
Image of God

It goes back to the fact that we are all made in the image of God. Jesus sees right through us to see God. God is the divine life in each person. So is Jesus.

That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of God and Jesus sees him or her and says, 'that's me'. We know it is how we can look back on our lives. Pope Francis - "At the end of the world, we will be judged," he said. "And what will the questions be that the judge will ask?" They are listed in Matthew 25: 35-36: *Did you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit the prisoner?"*

This can be a program for life: for the young - can you make a decision about your life that includes deep care from love of those in need? For those in their busy life already and who have chosen their way - how can you show deep care and love for those in need? For the elderly - can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?

Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come - the reign of equality, justice, peace and love.



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Saturday	21st	CHRIST THE KING Vigil Mass 4 pm	Parishioners
Sunday	22nd	CHRIST THE KING Mass 9.30 am	John & Peggy Clarke, Laurence Clarke & Stephen Clarke, Sam & Mary Nash RIP
Monday	23rd	Feria	NO MASS
Tuesday	24th	Feria	Mass 10 am Holy Souls
Wednesday	25th	Feria	Mass 10 am Doran family RIP intention
Thursday	26th	Feria	Mass 10am Jack Read RIP & Maureen's Int for deceased family & friends.
Friday	27th	Feria	Mass 10 am Flora & Ernest Sidery,

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) Vigil Mass 4 pm Parishioners

Sunday 22nd November Mass 9.30 am Holy Souls

Next Week : THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

Saturday 28th. Nov 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm.

Sunday 29nd. November 2020 Mass 9.30 am

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