

Solemnity of All Saints

31 Oct—1st Nov 2020



Our Vision of the parish we would like to become ..

... a welcoming community,
inviting, encouraging and supporting all to have
an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus.
We are inspired to show God's love to the world
with joy and hope.

This Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints. This day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. Monday is All Souls' Day which is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Martyrs were so revered in the early Church that their places and dates of death were sanctified by the candles, prayers, and votive offerings of the faithful grateful for their witness. So many were the martyrs, that by the early fourth century it became impossible to solemnise each individually on the Church's crowded calendar. There arose, over centuries, and in different ways in different regions, the custom of commemorating the memory of all the holy ones on one specific day of the year. By the early eighth century, a Feast of All Saints was celebrated in Rome on November 1.

The Solemnity of All Saints commemorates all those holy men, women, children, martyrs and others who lived lives of such holiness that upon death they either entered directly into God's presence in heaven or duly purified their soul of every imperfection in purgatory before then advancing into His presence.

This Sunday is also Bamenda Sunday when we pray for our sisters and brothers of our twin Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. There is an ongoing conflict between the armed forces and those opposing government. This has resulted in thousands of people flooding into Bamenda, villages being burnt, and atrocities committed on a regular basis. COVID-19 has put even more strain on the limited and overstretched healthcare structure.

The Bamenda Committee of the Diocese of Portsmouth has given grants to healthcare, social welfare, justice and peace as well as to a Commission set up by the Archdiocese to provide food, clothing, accommodation and health care to thousands of internally displaced people, irrespective of race or religion. We are privileged to have six priests from Bamenda in Portsmouth Diocese. Please donate to the Bamenda collection this Sunday.

Fr Michael



All the latest information about the Parish is updated regularly on the website so do
check in regularly if you can: www.englishmartyrsrdg.org.uk

We also have a livestream on You Tube.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVh4RKNcsEo>



BAMENDA SECOND COLLECTION

(from the Diocese of Portsmouth Bamenda Committee)

Bamenda Sunday is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Diocese supports during the coming year. Please give as generously as you can. Donations can be made securely online via the Bamenda and Portsmouth website:

<https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bebeth Maskell, Dick O'Brien and Patrick Flood whose funerals will be celebrated in the next two weeks.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for Caio, Julia and Nikola who will all be making their First Communion next weekend.



ALL SOULS MASS

There will be a public Mass (livestreamed) for the feast of All Souls at 7pm on Monday 2nd November. Book online in the usual way.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Due to Covid restrictions, this cannot to happen in the usual way this year.

You might like to consider arranging your own prayer at your family's grave without having a priest present. Light a candle and choose your own style of prayer to pray for your loved one/s.



Would you like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?



A priest is available for socially distanced confessions at **5pm** on Saturdays or **4pm** on Sundays.

You don't need to be booked into Mass to come to confession at these times and no appointment is needed. Just turn up at the church (the door into the corridor between the church and the priest's house) and stewards are there to guide you.

Mass Intentions: Thirty first week in Ordinary Time

<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i> <i>(all Masses available to book online)</i>		
Saturday 31st October (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Mary O' Neil RIP
Sunday 1st November	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Jim and John Knox RIP
	11.30am	Deceased members of the Perera and Janaratne families RIP
	5pm	Cristal Thomas intentions
	7pm	G Blewitt intentions
Monday 2nd November All Souls	7pm (book online)	Holy Souls
Tuesday 3rd November	7pm (book online)	Those who died in the past year
Wednesday 4th November St Charles Borromeo	7pm	John and Jim Knox RIP
Thursday 5th November	7pm	Private intention
Friday 6th November	7pm (book online)	Michael Heneghan, Martin and Kathleen Gaynard
<i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Saturday 7th November (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6pm	Deceased members of McCormack and Martland families
Sunday 8th November	7.30am	People of the Parish
	9.30am	Mohamed Bokari
	11.30am	Annie Kate and Thomas Walsh RIP
	5pm	Agnelo Ernesto de Araujo Thanksgiving
	7pm	Paul Walsh RIP



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