

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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The Week Ahead (Lockdown Restrictions:
(COVID-19; Public Mass is now suspended
until after 2 December)

Sunday 15th November:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:30: Harry Williams

Monday 16th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Holy Souls

Tuesday 17th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Plows & Edginton families

Wednesday 18th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Deceased members of the
Herbert & Sail families

Thursday 19th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Eileen & John Gillett RIP

Friday 20th Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Holy Souls

Saturday 21st Memorial of the Presentation

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09:30: Celebrants Intention

Sunday 22nd November:

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe

09:30: Frank Killian

Psalter Week 1. Weekday Cycle of Readings
Year II

Supporting St Mary's with Donations/Offerings:

Thank you so much: To those who continue to support St Mary's financially at this time. Your support is invaluable to us as we journey through these months keeping the church functioning and now facing the winter months under continued restrictions. As a consequence of the pandemic our income has dropped but our gratitude remains unbounded to those who continue to help and support us.

If you are able any offering will be hugely appreciated to assist with the upkeep of the church. You can still set up a direct debit/standing order. We will send you all the necessary information to do so. Please contact **Eileen Jones** at: eileenjones717@gmail.com for **more details**.

It is also possible to make on-line donations: As the Archdiocese has a system for individuals to continue to donate to the church during this unprecedented time. There is a donate button (top right) on the home page of the diocesan debit card. There are transaction charges levied by the card processing company which amount to 20p + 1.9% of the value of the donation – so for a £10 donation this will amount to £0.39 which will be deducted from the amount we receive. The Archdiocese does however highlight that a standing order remains the most cost effective way for parishioners to donate.



Please Pray for those whose Anniversaries fall during the week ahead: Elizabeth Kilshall, Roger Fowler, Arthur Fallows, Margaret Dinsdale, Eileen Brewer, Sally Blackhurst, John Holmes, John Charles, Dennis Tipper, Inge Dale, Reginald Moore.

For the following, the sick and housebound of the Parish we offer our love and prayers: Janette Colclough, Beth Munroe, Stella Roberts, Jamie McLaughlin, Agnes Anne Wilks, Marie Sowter, Brenda Hammersley, Angela Dartnell, Joan Mern, Josie Goodwin, Joyce Kinder, Hannah Prince, Mary Hackney, Agnes Bradbury. Father Fred, Betty Chadwick, Mary Walton, Paul Gascoigne, John Parsons, Julie Broadbridge, Marilyn Goode, Rod Whiston, Kevin McAuley, Eamon Dooley.

(Please let Fr Paul know if there is anyone who would now wish to be removed from the list)



Parish Prayer Rota for Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask you to send more servants to your people. Choose

from our parishes, from our homes, our schools and colleges, an abundant harvest of apostles for your Kingdom: priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. We pray that those you call may never lose awareness of the dignity and need of their vocation.

O Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, guide all those Master calls to say a joyful "Yes" as you did at the Annunciation. Amen.

For the week beginning Sunday 8th November:

Sun: Michael. Mon: Jean. Tues: Andrew.
Wed: Maureen. Thurs: Terry. Fri: Barbara.
Sat: Joan H.

To join the rota please speak with Veronica

All Red Box Holders: Time to empty your box. This year please empty the contents into a strong plastic bag and make secure. Please make sure that your name and telephone number is clearly visible on or in the bag for accounts purposes. Then, drop it through the letterbox at the presbytery where it will be passed to our new **Local Secretary Sally Herbert**. Sincere thanks to Sally for taking on this role.



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Our recently deceased: Tim Jackson.
Deacon Peter Kilgallon
Sue Waller
Rev Fr Thomas Edward Williams

The Prayer of St. Gertrude

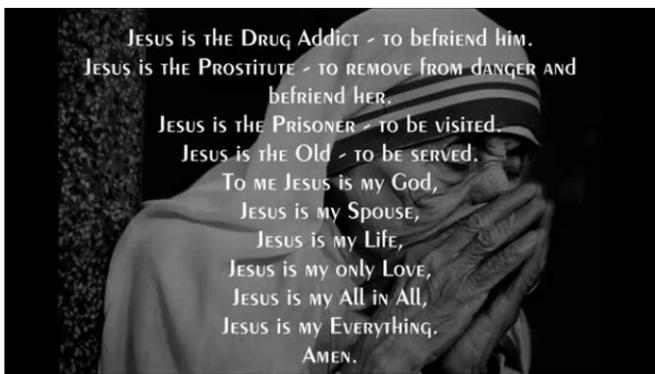
Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.

This Year may I ask that you place the list of those whom you wish to be remembered at Holy Mass during November through the presbytery door. I shall then place them around the candle on the altar in the Lady Chapel where they will remain throughout the month. Those listed will be remembered collectively at every Mass celebrated throughout the month.

Individual Mass intentions remain available should you prefer.



Christmas is coming so don't forget to put in your order for Peter's Pickles. All proceeds in support of St Mary's. To place your order please call Peter and Hazel on 07857658563



Sunday 15th November: World day of the Poor: Prayer for the Poor

Who is Jesus to me?

Jesus is the Word made Flesh. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins on the Cross. Jesus is the Sacrifice at

Holy Mass for the sins of the world and mine. Jesus is the Word - to be spoken. Jesus is the Truth - to be told. Jesus is the Way - to be walked. Jesus is the Light - to be lit. Jesus is the Life - to be loved. Jesus is the Joy - to be shared. Jesus is the Sacrifice - to be given. Jesus is the Bread of Life - to be eaten.

Jesus is the Hungry - to be fed. Jesus is the Thirsty - to be satiated. Jesus is the Naked - to be clothed. Jesus is the Homeless - to be taken in. Jesus is the Sick - to be healed.

Jesus is the Lonely - to be loved. Jesus is the Unwanted - to be wanted. Jesus is the Leper - to wash his wounds. Jesus is the Beggar - to give him a smile. Jesus is the Drunkard - to

listen to him. Jesus is the Little One - to embrace him. Jesus is the Dumb - to speak to him. Jesus is the Crippled - to walk with him. Jesus is the Drug Addict - to befriend him. Jesus is the Prostitute - to remove from danger and befriend her. Jesus is the Prisoner - to be visited. Jesus is the Old - to be served.

To me Jesus is my God, Jesus is my Spouse, Jesus is my Life, Jesus is my only Love, Jesus is my All in All, Jesus is my Everything.

Amen. (*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*)

The Story of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection: It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.