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All Saints

Saturday 1st November 2025

(Sunday cycle year C, weekday cycle year 1, psalter week 3)



“Blessed are the poor in spirit”

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sat 1 st November	4.30pm	For the Parish	All Saints
Sat 8 th	4.30pm	For the Parish	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica & Remembrance Sunday

This week		Readers		Eucharistic Ministers	
Sat 1st		G Hopkinson, R Conboy		G Hopkinson, F Fordyce, J Hothersall	
Bidding prayers	M Gardner	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C Moffatt & C Williamson
Next week		Readers		Eucharistic Ministers	
Sat 8th		L Gardner, K Slater		P Cook, L Gardner, S Schofield	
Bidding prayers	C Snape	Children's Liturgy	As arranged	Collection counters	C & K Snape

Last weekend: attendance: 187, collection: £469.97 – thank you!

Mass Times

St Bede's Clayton Green

Saturday, Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday, 11.00am, weekdays: Tuesday and Friday 9.15am
(Please see their website for any changes: <https://stbedesclaytongreen.co.uk>)

St Chad's Whittle le Woods

Sunday, 9.15am, weekdays: Monday and Thursday 9.15am
(Please see their website for any changes: <https://stchads-southhill.org>)

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

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FROM THIS WEEKEND there will be Mass at **4.30pm each Saturday only** – funerals etc excepted. This is (hopefully) a temporary measure until a final decision regarding the future of the parish is reached once the canonical review is completed. It's important that we continue to support the parish as much as we can by way of Mass attendance.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS will now be available for those who wish to receive it.

PLEASE PRAY for Clare Cook and Fred Graham who have died, for all who are sick or housebound, as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MANY THANKS to all those who contributed in any way to last Wednesday's Mass of Thanksgiving. There will be photos on the website in due course.

IF YOU REQUIRE A PRIEST IN AN EMERGENCY, please contact Fr Mark Beattie on 01257 460154.

Please keep an eye on the **TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS** section of our website – it gets updated regularly.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Autumn), ie from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Student and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

FOLLOWING A HEALTH AND SAFETY SURVEY OF THE GRAVEYARD, a number of gravestones were identified as requiring attention. This ranges from requiring immediate attention, to preventative maintenance. The relevant gravestones have been marked with red/white hazard tape. Please could family/relatives address the issue? If no living family can be identified, the most insecure gravestones may have to be laid flat on the ground.

Unsupervised children should NOT be allowed in the graveyard.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH "Crafty Christmas Market" Saturday 15th November 10.00am to 2.30pm. See the poster on the noticeboard for more information.

This week's commemorations

St Charles Borromeo (1538-84) Cardinal Archbishop of Milan. He reformed the breviary, the catechism, the missal and promoted the education of the clergy. His reforms were not always well received: his aunt, a Dominican nun opposed his introduction of separation grills in convents. On visitations he had doors slammed in his face, he was fired at and a disgruntled monk tried to assassinate him. He gave much of his property to the poor, set up Sunday schools and when famine came, he fed and cared for 3,000 people at his own expense.

Bidding prayers for the Feast of All Saints

Priest: Today, we join our prayers with all the saints in heaven asking them to intercede for us to the Father. Let us now ask with renewed faith, for the needs of our Church and of the world.

Reader: We pray for the Church on earth; may the saints in heaven be an example for all Christians, that they may serve God in the way he wishes. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for peace on earth, that those in authority may follow the example of the saints who worked for peace and love. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for world leaders, that they always consider the poorest and weakest when they govern. Lord in your mercy....

We pray that Fr Raphael settles back into community life at Ampleforth. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for our Parish community as we come to terms with the new arrangements following Fr Raphael's departure. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our loved ones who have died in the hope of new life, may Christ bring them to share his glory with the Saints. Lord in your mercy....

We pray with Mary, Queen of the Saints: Hail Mary....

In silence, we pray with the saints to God our loving Father.

Priest: Lord almighty, we bring before you all our needs, trusting that you will hear and answer them, as we pray with all the saints. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.