



ALL SAINTS

Sunday 2nd November - ALL SAINTS

(Sat) 17:00 - Holy Mass: John C. Matthews, RIP
8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/ Halina Glowacka, RIP
10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP
11:15 - Holy Mass: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP
16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

Monday 3rd November - ALL SOULS DAY ***See Mass times on Next page**

Tuesday 4th November - St. Charles Borromeo

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Mariangela & Raffaele Zurlo, RIP
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Teresa Jonker, RIP
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Wednesday 5th November - Feria

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/ Kornel & Wladyslaw, RIP
19:00 - Holy Mass: O'Shea & Finegan Families, RIP

Thursday 6th November - St. Illtyd

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Szczech Family, RIP
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Gareth Vidler, RIP
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises

Friday 7th November - Blessed Salvio Huix

7:30 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Karpenia Family, RIP
8:30 - Oratory Morning exercises
09:30 - Holy Mass: Donna Cadogan, Int
17:30 - Oratory Evening exercises
19:00 - Offeren ar Wyl Holl Saint Cymru: Pro Populo

Saturday 8th November - Our Lady's Saturday

08:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Monika Glowacka, RIP
16:30 - First Vespers
17:00 - Holy Mass: John C. Matthews, RIP

Sunday 9th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8:00 - Holy Mass: Holy Souls/Fr. Stanislaw Labuda, Int
10:00 - Holy Mass: Angelika Spiteri, RIP
*** Act of Remembrance 11:00**
11:15 - Holy Mass: Zurlo & Ianni Family, RIP
16:00 - Vespers and Benediction

CONFESSION TIMES

Sundays: 15 minutes before and during all Masses
Weekdays: 7:15 to 7.30am ; 9:00 to 9:30am

Since the time of St. Philip Neri, the Fathers of the Oratory have made themselves available for Confessions during daily Mass. Outside of these set times, there is a Confessional Bell positioned in between the two Confessional Boxes in the Church. Ring to alert a Priest.

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9.00- 9.30am
Wednesday 6.00 - 7.00pm

HOLY ROSARY

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 5:30pm
Wednesday: 6:00pm

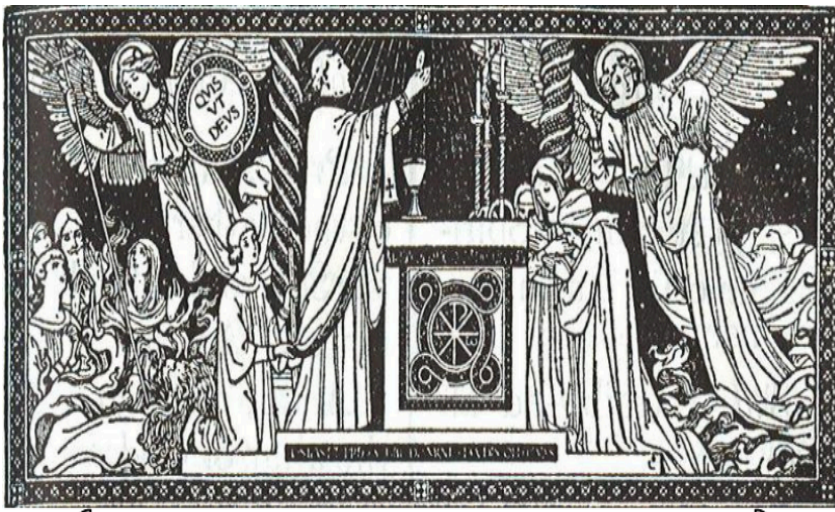
The community pray the Rosary daily for the intentions of the Parish, for those who are sick and have died recently. If you would like an intention added to the list please let one of the community know.



VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Friday: After morning Masses

The veneration of the relic of St. Philip Neri is a long-standing Oratory custom. When we pray before his relic, we ask for his intercession and strength to live more faithfully as Catholics.



ALL SOULS DAY

TIMES OF MASSES

7:30

8:30

9:30

10:30

11:30

14:00

15:00

16:00

18:00

19:00 WITH PROCESSION TO COLLUMBARIUM

VESPERS FOR THE DEAD

17:00

On All Souls' Day, each priest has the special privilege of celebrating three Requiem Masses. This beautiful tradition reminds us of our sacred duty to pray for the souls in purgatory, the faithful departed who still await the fullness of God's light.

"We have loved them in life, let us not forget them in Death"

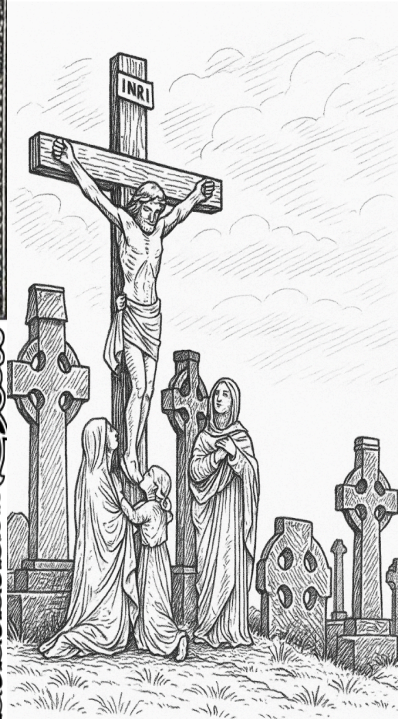
St. Ambrose

BLESSING OF GRAVES

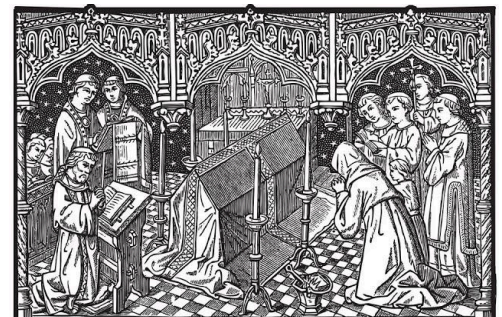
November 4th
Fr Sebastian visit
Pontypridd
cemetery
at 1pm

November 7th
A Father of the
Oratory will be
at the main gates
of the cemetery
at 2pm

The Fathers will
visit:
Cathays
Thornhill
Western (Ely)



MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



VESPERS FOR THE DEAD - MONDAYS 17:30

Prayer for All The Faithful Departed

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
them. May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace.**

Amen.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for the SICK

Please join the Cardiff Oratory Fathers and Brothers in praying daily for the sick and those who have care for them.

Sian Haffield, Dylan Barry, Dianna Ward, Jimmy Pratt, Mike Grant, Shirley O'Leary, Victoria Sweeney, A.& N Xavier Philips, Kevin Harris, Kate, Pauline Cook, Daniel Doran, Robert Matthews, Rita Taylor, John C. Keenan, Dennis Kassimi, Shirley Thomas, Neil B. Anne, Daniel, Sarah Caswell, Mary May Cassidy, Rosa Tannorella, Veronica Williams, Gary Britton, Clare Schwartz, Martin Flynn, Darren, Summer Hutchinson, Johnnie Doherty, Patricia Yarwood, Libby Conway, Elizabeth Conway, Summer Arnesen, Dianne, Laura, Jane, Lucy Iacobucci, Dorotka Sookanadenchetty, Jason Benedito, Gareth Bowen, Ann Henry, Sarah, Claire Hawkey, Danielle Camilleri, Jane Morris, Jonathan Bowen.

THIS WEEK'S VIGIL LAMPS

Please use the dedicated candle envelopes in church to make a donation for your vigil candle. If you would like to have one of the vigil lamps burn for a loved one's anniversary or for some special intention or in thanksgiving please use the candle envelopes or write the name on an envelope and drop it in the plate or the sacristy. For a donation of £4.50, to pay for the candle, your intention will be remembered by the whole Parish for one week.

- Blessed Sacrament: Judge Patrick Curran, QC, RIP
- Sacred Heart: Charlotte, Luke, & Nathan Bridge
- Divine Mercy Chapel: Glowacki & Szczech Families
- The Lady Chapel: Pat, Anne, Liz, Cath, & Hazel Whitfield
- Chantry of Our Lady: Children of St. Alban's School
- Our Lady of Pity: Catherine Aghedo, RIP
- St Joseph: Vocations to the Oratory
- Our Lady of Walsingham: David Woolf & the Order of St. Lazarus

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd - Tai Chi with Jeanette

11:00-12:30

Jeanette who teaches the low-impact Chinese martial art. Great for improving balance, breathing and for relaxation. Suitable for all ages.

Tuesday 4th November - Coffee Morning

10-12:30

The monthly coffee morning returns this week. There is the 200 club draw plus a few games of bingo to be enjoyed. It is a great way to socialise and have some lovely cakes as well.

Tuesday 4th - Bible Study

18:30-19:15

The monthly Bible study takes place in the Lower Sacristy. This month we are looking at chapters one and two of Luke.

Friday 7th November - Men's Group

19:30-21:00

The men's group will be meeting this Friday after the Vigil Mass for All Saints of Wales. The Mass takes place instead of the usual time in Adoration.

St. Alban's Rugby Report



Cup action last weekend, as St. Alban's hosted the Mid-Wales outfit of Abercarf. Both teams did not know much about each other, but the one thing that could be known was that the away side would be forward heavy.

Coming off a great win against rivals Llanharan, the Buns felt in good shape. The cup is always a nice addition to the season, last year in particular where they got to the final. But It also give chance to some youngsters and fringe players to make their mark in a push to get into the first XV.

The game was close with both teams trading tries in the first half. St. Alban's managed to get another try but the visitors immediately struck back. The game was on a pendulum. At half time the score was 14-14.

Abercarf managed to take the lead early in the second half with a try and a penalty. This lead would be insurmountable as much as the Buns tried. They managed to claw back some points with a try but the damage was done. A final try from Abercarf all but secured their place in the next round of the cup. St. Alban's managed to get a consolation try at the end, the final score was 26-31.

League action returns to Tremorfa park this Saturday as St. Alban's welcome Abercynon down from the valleys. Abercynon sit one place behind St. Alban's in the league but the Buns have a game in hand. If St. Alban's win, they will extend their lead over Aber and hope to leapfrog into second place.

FR. SEBASTIAN WRITES

The annual commemoration of all the faithful departed during the month of November grows for most of us with every passing year. The mantel piece or sideboard exhibits fewer cards from those who formed and shaped us, who were the permanent and unfaltering points of loving reference in our lives. The stability that they gave us during their lives is transformed now by the experience of their deaths and so we find ourselves having to share more fully in the hope of the Resurrection so as to share in their lives now, and our hoped for the future with them.

In those intensely difficult moments that affront us from time to time, the immediacy of being able to speak with them, or just have their knowing company has to be matured by the realisation and acceptance that there is no Grace without the Cross. One must stand silent at the foot of the Cross not as spectator but as witness to the eternal. November is a mixed month in the realms of nature and grace. The shorter days, the chill winds, visits to the cemetery, the Annual Act of Remembrance all tutor us to develop a supernatural vision. Devotion to the Holy Souls is as far as is possible from the fiendish cult of death popularised by American tv culture and now crassly intruding upon our streets. November is about Christ's victory over death, Eternal light and life. The dead and death can hold no terrors for the devout Catholic. Death was conquered in Baptism.

The mawkish display of recent days is a barometer of the spiritual poverty of our age and the urgency to proclaim Jesus Christ with the same fervour as St Alban and St Amphibalus. The Holy Souls rest in peace "RIP" because they live in God's vision eternally. Their souls have never been more alive!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY



NOVEMBER

LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Friday 28th at 4:30pm outside the Church

One of the highlights of the year is happening, the arrival of the Christmas tree! This year, the tree lights will be switched on at 4:30 p.m., accompanied by the joyful singing of Christmas carols. Father Christmas will be joining us too, ready to collect letters from children with their Christmas wishes. Don't miss this wonderful start to the holiday season!

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 29th from 10am - 1pm in the Parish Hall

Join us for a delightful day of festive treats, handmade gifts, and seasonal cheer. Tables are available for just £10 to sell crafts and other Christmas treats.

YOUNG ADULTS OPEN MIC

Sunday 30th from 6pm-9pm in the Parish Hall

After the success of the last Open Mic, the young adults have asked for another one to be held. Those 18-35 are encouraged to come along and show off your talents, whether it be singing or storytelling. There will be refreshments available. Tickets will be £2.

DECEMBER

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday 12th 7pm in the Church

The Annual festival of Lessons and Carols is another highlight of the Christmas season. His Grace, the Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia will preside this year. Following the service there will be minced pies and mulled wine in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Saturday 20th starting at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

The Christmas Social is always a jolly occasion where there will be Carols, Pantomime Sketches and the Christmas raffle draw.

Offeren Cymraeg ar Wyl Holl
Saint Cymru
7fed Tachwedd am 19:00

MASS IN WELSH

To celebrate the feast day of All Saints of Wales, there will be a vigil Mass in the Welsh Language on the 7th November at 7pm.

Croeso cynnes i bawb.





This week, I read 'Great Contemporaries', by Winston Churchill.

First published in 1937, the text of my copy (published by the Folio Society in 2015, with an excellent preface by the author's granddaughter, Celia Sandys) follows that of the 1938 second revised edition and comprises 25 pen portraits of eminent contemporaries of the author, many of whom he knew personally.

This is quite a substantial work, but each of the 25 chapters is self-contained, making it easy to pick up and put down. Indeed, although I read the whole book, it is equally possible to read some chapters and ignore others, were one so inclined. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the book has a pronounced bias towards political figures; but it is also international in its outlook, with a significant number of chapters devoted to non-British figures. As one might expect, the book is extremely well-written and Churchill's unmistakable prose is as readable as ever. Some of the individuals described are now largely forgotten, of course, but many remain household names. All were giants in their day, however, if not always for entirely positive reasons. One of the most striking things about this book is the surprising degree of empathy and objectivity which Churchill was able to achieve. When writing of the Kaiser, for example, Churchill begins with the words, 'No one should judge the career of the Emperor William II without asking the question, 'What should I have done in his position?'' He then casts considerable doubt on whether most of us would have acted differently had we been in the emperor's place. It is hard to imagine a modern politician writing of a vanquished enemy leader with such understanding.

The chapter dealing with Adolf Hitler was written in 1935, just two years after the Nazis came to power in Germany. The title of the chapter alone – 'Hitler and His Choice' – is revealing because Churchill recognized that Hitler's career could go one of two ways. Even then, however, he saw the danger and merely hoped that he would be proved wrong. The final chapter is entitled 'Roosevelt from Afar', which seemed to me a choice both fitting and characteristically prescient, given what was to follow. Indeed, it is hard not to think that Churchill wrote that chapter with one eye on the future. He was convinced that the fate of Europe would one day turn upon American intervention, gazing across the Atlantic 'from whence cometh my help', and mindful of the need to flatter Roosevelt wherever possible in the meantime!

In all, this was an excellent book which I enjoyed immensely. It was interesting, informative, and a pleasure to read.

Missio Red Box Appeal



It's that time again! Please empty your Red Box and pop the contents into a bag with your name on it. A new label will be left for you as soon as possible.

If you don't yet have a Red Box and would like one, please see Tina at the Saturday evening Mass or John Houlston on Sunday morning.



First Holy Communion and Confession 2026

Classes for children wishing to receive these Sacraments of Initiation will begin on the 11th January. Classes will take place in the Lower Sacristy from 4:30pm-6pm. If you wish your child to begin in January please speak to either Fr. Iltyd, Maggie or Theresa. The deadline for enrolment is the 21st December.

Catechesis is a vital part of the Church's mission, especially in the formation of children. It is through catechesis that the faith is passed on, not just as knowledge, but as a living relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are naturally open to wonder and truth; catechesis nurtures that openness, helping them to understand that they are loved by God and called to follow Him. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) By learning the prayers, stories, and teachings of the Church, they begin to build the foundation of a lifelong faith that will sustain them through every stage of life.

This year, our parish is introducing a new program from Dynamic Catholic called **Blessed**. It is a beautifully designed and engaging catechetical series created especially for children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Through vivid storytelling, animation, and relatable lessons, *Blessed* helps children not only learn about the sacraments but truly fall in love with them. The program encourages families to grow together in faith, turning preparation for the sacraments into a shared spiritual journey.

With *Blessed*, we hope to make catechesis an experience of joy and encounter, helping the young ones to see that the faith is not just something to study, but something to live, celebrate, and treasure for a lifetime.

Children's Liturgy

Each Sunday there is Children's Liturgy in the Lower Sacristy during the 10am Mass.

The Children learn about that Sunday's Gospel and how to put it into practice.

Speak to Theresa about your child joining.



St. John Henry Newman, Doctor of the Church

On the 1st November, Pope Leo XIV named St. John Henry Newman as the latest Doctor of the Church, a great honour for him and the universal Church. But what does this mean? A Doctor of the Church is a saint formally recognized by the Catholic Church for exceptional holiness, deep learning, and an enduring contribution to Christian teaching. The title honours those whose writings and lives have guided the faithful toward a clearer understanding of divine truth. To be named a Doctor, one must combine the sanctity of life with sound doctrine and the ability to express the faith in a way that enlightens all generations. These teachers help the Church grow in wisdom, offering timeless insights that strengthen both belief and practice across the ages.

St. John Henry Newman proved himself worthy of being a Doctor of the Church through his careful and faithful exploration of how faith and reason work together. His writings—especially *An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine* and *The Grammar of Assent*—clarified how the Church's understanding of truth matures under the Holy Spirit's guidance. Newman's teaching on conscience and the role of the intellect in faith continues to shape Catholic thought today. His integrity, humility, and love for truth mark him as both a saint and a teacher whose wisdom continues to serve the Church and the modern world.



Of your charity
Please pray for the soul of

Mr Peter Grainger

Funeral Mass on Monday 17th
November at 11am

Eternal Rest grant unto her O lord
and let perpetual light shine upon
her.

Jesus Mercy + Mary Help

Fr Sebastian would
like to acknowledge
a generous £100
donation to the
restoration fund by
a parishioner.



Christmas
REPOSITORY

AVAILABLE FROM THIS
SUNDAY

Crib scenes
Advent calendars
Gifts