

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Newsletter

All Saints

1st November 2020



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(Order of Friars Minor Conventual Registered Charity No 249881)

RECENTLY DECEASED: + Christopher Crookall

NOVEMBER LISTS are available in Church. Please complete the list with the names of those you wish to be remembered in November and return to the parish office or Church with your offering. Mass will be offered during November for those enrolled in the Altar List of the Dead.

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – All Souls Day. Mass will be offered at 12.00 and 7.30pm. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is an opportunity to remember in a very special way deceased family members, friends and parishioners.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES will take place on Sunday, 8th November at 3.00pm in Allerton Cemetery and on Sunday 15th November at 3.00pm in Springwood Cemetery. Please arrange with Fr. Kevin if you would like your family grave blessed. Please quote the section and grave number.

CHRISTMAS CARDS [16 cards per box] will be available in the piety stall from Sunday 15th November. If you could let Fr. Kevin know how many boxes of cards you may require this would help when ordering in stock.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS will also be available. Individual Mass will be offered for each Bouquet. The offering for the Mass is £6.00 (including the card).

CHRISTMAS 2020: Mass times will be at 9.00pm (Vigil); 8.00am, 10.00am and 12.00. Each Christmas Mass will be ticketed. 60 tickets will be available per Mass. Priority will be given to those who attend Mass each Sunday. It is satisfactory to attend one Mass at Christmas. Tickets will be available from Friday 11th December at the Friary only and names must be submitted to correspond to the ticket number. Children will also need a ticket. If you book and do not show, then you will be depriving someone else who wishes to be present at Mass. This may be subject to change if the government puts in place further restrictions.

First Communion Certificates for 2019 are available for collection from the parish office.

POPPY APPEAL: Poppies are available on a table at the back of church. Please place your donation in the wall box.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE: We start our journey towards Advent in the company of Saints and all those who have gone before us, and we take time to remember in these autumnal days. I will be lighting a candle for my father this month - he has been gone for 13 years now, but his love remains a solid legacy. There are some new resources available on the Archdiocesan website including bereavement support as well as details on Armchair Retreats. As a Pastoral Area it would be lovely to be able to come together in some way during Advent and I am putting together an online Advent service that will be available on YouTube, trying to incorporate all our parishes in some way. If anyone is interested in being involved do let me know. Pope Francis: "To be saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone". Keep safe, God Bless, Helen

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES: For 97 years, the friars at St. Anthony of Padua Church have been entrusted with the preparation of adults and children for the Sacraments. Instruction is provided with the help of catechists. It has been made clear in the parish newsletter and through the primary school that registration for the sacramental programme closed on 31st July 2020. First Confession and First Holy Communion are neither social events nor rites of passage. If one is not attending Mass then the Sacraments will be deferred. Viewing the Sacraments as part of a social calendar or obtaining a place in a Catholic School are not reasons to receive the Sacraments.

CONFIRMATION 2021: All candidates, whether he/she attends a Catholic or non-Catholic school are required to register with Animate Youth Ministries at www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

ARMCHAIR RETREATS: Denis Blackledge SJ, Jesuit Parish Priest of St Francis Xavier's Church (SFX) delivers a series of armchair retreats
www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/armchair-retreats

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/bereavement

SAFETY: Please note that hand-sanitiser is provided in church to be used to prevent the spread of germs. Several times it has been observed from the sanctuary that people are neither using the sanitisers nor failing to sign in.

DISCLAIMER NOTICE: the friars will not be held responsible if you choose to ignore the requirements of sanitisation. Even if you are late for Mass, you are required to sign in and use the hand sanitisers. Failure to do so may result in entry to the Church being refused.

WEATHER PERMITTING a Service of Light for the deceased parishioners in 2020 will be held towards the end of November. Families will be notified about this in due course.

Mass times: October 2020

31. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Greta Lyons Landry rip (4 th Anniversary)
01. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	Arthur Cottenham rip (A)
02. Monday	12.00 noon	Holy Souls
	7.30 pm	Fr. J A Dharmardy (Speedy recovery)
03. Tuesday	12.00 noon	Beryl Messenger rip
04. Wednesday	12.00 noon	No Public Mass today. (Nov – Dec)
05. Thursday	12.00 noon	A friend (Speedy recovery)
06. Friday	12.00 noon	Successful Cancer Treatment.
07. Vigil	6.00 pm.	Peggy Cain (Birthday Remembrance 100th)
08. Sunday	8.00 am.	November Dead List
	10.00 am.	Parishioners
	12.00 noon	John Montgomery rip (8 th Anniversary)

Masses Received. Fr. J A Dharmardy (Speedy recovery), A friend (Speedy recovery), Daniel Mellon rip (8th A) x 2, Arthur Cottenham rip (A), Donald J Philip rip (A), Donald A Philip rip (A), John Angus Philip rip (A), Greta Lyons Landry rip (A), Successful Cancer Treatment, Beryl Messenger rip, Bernard O’Keeffe (BR), Holy Souls.

Church Humour:



Saint Martin de Porres (1579 - 1639)

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

He was born in Lima in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse.

Despite his father’s opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.

Sunday Thought for the day. "Seeing the crowds, Jesus ... began to speak."

"What's this water people keep talking about?" the baby fish asked the mammy fish. "Water is everywhere, water is all around you," she replied. "But what is it? What does it look like?" "Well, you can't see it, but it is all around you," she explained, patiently. "What colour is it, what shape is it, how can I know that it's there at all?" the baby fish asked, sensing he was getting the better of the argument.

In exasperation, the mother fish took the baby fish to the edge of the lake and told him to swim fast and dive out onto the shore. He did, landed with a bump and immediately found he couldn't move, or see properly or even breathe. Mother fish swam to the edge of the water, and pulled and nudged her baby back into the water. "I mightn't be able to tell you exactly what water is," she said, "but you're never going to doubt now that it exists, and that your whole life depends on it."

This feast of All Saints celebrates the saints in heaven. But what is this kingdom of heaven that people keep talking about? How do we know that there are such things as saints? Different people have different images to help visualise what heaven is like: from the picture of angels sitting around on clouds strumming harps all day, to the more scriptural images such as a royal court, a wedding feast or a banquet.

The first reading offers us a very graphic depiction of what heaven is like. John's symbolic picture is a vision of all peoples, from every part of the world, gathered in praise of God. But can we really know that there is such a thing as the kingdom of heaven, or what it is like, or that saints exist at all?

Like the baby fish, we can demand proof for something that is so close to us, so much a part of our daily experience, that we fail to see it. That, in part, is what Jesus is conveying to the crowd in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus isn't just describing the kind of virtues that we need to get into the kingdom of heaven, he is describing the very qualities which he sees exhibited in the lives of the people around him.

It is as if he were saying: Open your eyes. Do you want to know what God's kingdom is like, what it consists of? It consists in these qualities: poverty of spirit, gentleness, compassion, empathy, mercy, hunger for justice. But don't look up to the skies, waiting for these things to drop down miraculously from heaven. These qualities are all around you, and they are within you. You are the poor in spirit, you are the merciful, you are the pure in heart.

It was when he saw the crowds that Jesus said these things. He was able to see beneath the surface, beneath the layer of weakness, failure and sin which covers us all, to see the kingdom of God beneath. It is that reality of the kingdom of God which Jesus points to and calls forth, for the kingdom of God is within us, is among us. That is the inescapable reality of our lives. We might try to deny it (as the baby fish tried to deny the reality of water), or find it hard to explain (like the mother fish), but we cannot live without it.

We can go through our day, even through the whole of our lives, doubting that God's kingdom is real, or believing that it is a reality that we will encounter only at the end of our lives on earth. The truth is that God's kingdom is very close to us, as Jesus so often told the people, in fact it is among us.

So do we see? Do we see those signs of the kingdom, those acts of mercy, of dedication and commitment, those acts of gentleness and service, those small and large struggles for justice which are part and parcel of God's kingdom? Are we Kingdom spotters? And more than that, are we participants in God's kingdom, in working for its up-building?

Yes, we know that the kingdom will never be completed in our own lifetimes. We await its consummation in heaven. But the Lord invites us to be part of that enterprise now by living out precisely those qualities which make up the kingdom, and which the saints embodied while they were alive on earth. The Beatitudes act as guidelines, signposts on our own path of discipleship. For today is the feast of All Saints, and God wants us to be precisely that - people of the Beatitudes, people of the kingdom, his saints.

Bidding Prayers

All Saints

1st November 2020

God of life, as we begin the month of November, we celebrate living saints and also those who have gone before us. We remember that we are all united in your undying love as we bring our prayers before you.

1. Let us pray for Pope Francis as he leads the Church towards our eternal home in heaven: may he help us to look forward to eternal life with God, when we will be reunited with everyone we've loved and who has gone before us.
2. Let us pray for governments, scientists and frontline workers trying to address the complexities of the coronavirus pandemic: may they work together to bring recovery and protection to those who are sick, vulnerable and in need of support.
3. Let us pray for all those men, women and children who are generously giving of their time and energy in order to help others: may God reward, bless and protect them.
4. Let us pray for anybody experiencing job insecurity and possible unemployment: may they and their families find peace of mind and security at this time.
5. Let us pray for the people of the United States of America as they elect a President and government who will lead them during the next four years: may

they vote with wisdom and help to build a world of peace, understanding and hope.

6. Let us pray for our deceased family members, friends, colleagues and acquaintances: may they be enjoying the fullness of eternal life and love in heaven.
7. Let us pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently Christopher Crookall and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Fr. Lambert Kennedy, Collette Feenan, Larry Burrell, Carmen Sanchez, Paul Lever, Daniel Mellon, David Roberts, John Montgomery, Cassie Rooney, John Perry, Bernadette Mary Clark, Frances Peers, Margaret Keating, James Fox, Anne O'Sullivan, Francis Comer. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Father God, with your Son and Holy Spirit, we praise and thank you because you are with us at every moment of our lives, past, present and to come. Amen.

Prayer during the Coronavirus crisis.

Generous and Merciful God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old; that we may look after each other in these challenging times, especially those among us who are vulnerable. May your example give us the courage we need to go to the margins, wherever they may be. Heal us of our fear.

Healing God, bring healing to those who are sick with the Coronavirus and be with their families and neighbors. We pray especially for those who are isolated, that they may know your love. Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

God of Strength, accompany all those who serve us with such love and generosity in the medical profession and in all our healthcare facilities. We give thanks for their continued work in the service of people. We ask you to bless them, strengthen them and guide them with your abundant goodness.

God of Wisdom, we ask you to guide the leaders in healthcare and governance; that they may make the right decisions for the wellbeing of people.

O God of creation and God of life, we, your people here in Mossley Hill, place ourselves and our world in your protection and love. May your peace be with us and enfold us today, tomorrow and during the time ahead. Amen.



Please pray for the sick: Margaret Barrow, Joanne & Julian Bone, Michael Brooks, Christopher Browne, Carol Bennett, Seamus Carten, Timothy Clarkson, Derek Checkland, Tom Culley, Conor Daly, Alice Feeney, Grace Fernando, Patricia Fitzgerald, Gail Flaherty, Gerry Foley, Marian Gallagher, Joan Ganner, Eunice Garforth, Clare Giblin, James Grant, John Green, Irene Gregory, Juliette Hannon, Lilian Hill, Fr Gerald Hicks, Adrian Hill, Lilian Hill, David Jeffrey, Mark Kelly, Joan Kemp, Denise Kennedy, Joseph Kennedy, Maureen Kerruish, David Lee, Jennie & Leighton, Maria & Clare Leonard, Sue Lethbridge, Helen Linford, Eva Littler, Freddie Keegan, Elma Kirwan, Patricia McAuley, Winnie McFadden, Joseph McKenna, Simon McLeod, Danny McSweeney, Kevin McSweeney, Stephan Malick, Angela Millan, John Monaghan, Rihanna Mughan, Marisa & Gianpietro Pacati, Cheryl Power, Terence Randles, Paul Rattigan, Hugh Reily, Tess Rice, Kenny Roberts, Therese de Rouffignac, Jacob Scott, Cecelia Shaw, David Smallwood, Jenny Spann, Patricia Steele, Eileen Stokes, Joseph Stokes, Mary Summerfield, Theo (child), Lisa Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Tony and Marie, Pat Unwin, Ewan James Vicars, Peggy Westhead, James Whelan, Sophie Williams, Michelle Worthington. and John Young.



Sunday 1 November 2020
 Matthew 5:1-12
 All Saints

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

My name is _____

Jesus is teaching his listeners how to be happy. Jesus says that people who are poor, sad or humble are happy, because they know they need God. People who love others are very close to God.

BE HAPPY

Find happiness by following Jesus' path.



Our beautiful world



Here are some of the people Jesus says are blessed or happy.

Add some things that make YOU happy!

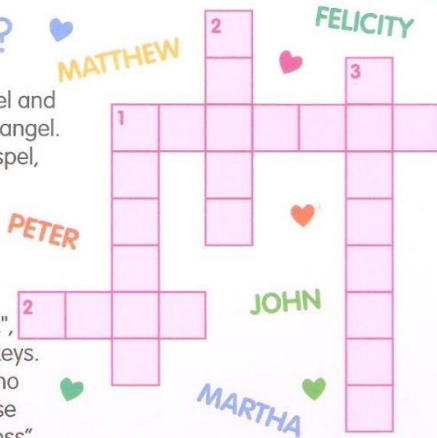
Which saint?

Across

1. He wrote today's Gospel and is often shown with an angel.
2. Writer of the fourth Gospel, often carrying a book.

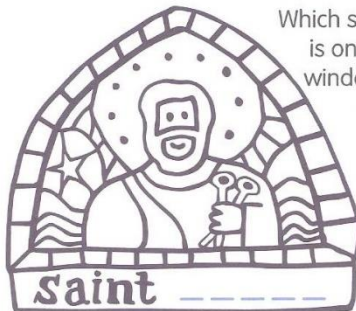
Down

1. She lived in Bethany with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus.
2. His name means "rock", often shown carrying keys.
3. An African Christian who died for her faith, whose name means "happiness".



All Saints

Today is All Saints' Day, when we remember the people whose lives made God happy. Saints are often shown with a halo – a glow or a circle around their heads to show they are holy. What colour will you make the halo?



Which saint is on the window?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, life with you is good! Please help me to share the happiness you give me with the people I see every day. Amen.

Answers: CROSSWORD: Across 1. Matthew, 2. John, Down 1. Martha, 2. Peter, 3. Felicity. St Peter is on the window.

IN MEMORIAM

2020

Winifred Clarke

Ann Murphy

John Moore

James Grant

Florence McMahon

Reta Murphy

Thomas Langley

Catherine Jacks

Cyril Wilcoxon

Michael Scanlon

James O'Reilly

John Ainsworth

James O'Prey

Norman Byrne

Neville Clarkson

Fr. Colmcille Murphy OFM Conv.

Kathleen Price

William O'Reilly

Jack Garth Melling

Angela McGrath

Mary Frances McKenna

Christopher James Crookall

Friar Mauro M. GAMBETTI OFM Conv.
New Conventual Franciscan Cardinal



During the *Angelus* last Sunday, October 25th 2020, Pope Francis announced the next Consistory, which will be held on November 28th 2020. On this day he will create thirteen new Cardinals, one of whom will be Friar Mauro M. GAMBETTI, the current Custos of the Sacred Convent in Assisi. Cardinal-elect Gambetti is the first Conventual Franciscan to be elevated to the College of Cardinals in 159 years since Cardinal Antonio Maria (Niccolò) Panebianco, OFM Conv. in 1861.

Friar Mauro was born on October 27th, 1965 in Castel San Pietro Terme, Italy. In September 1992 he graduated from the University of Bologna, Italy with a degree in mechanical engineering. He then began his formation in our Order. He made his simple profession on August 29th 1995, and his solemn profession on September 20th 1998. After earning a Bachelor's Degree in Theology at the Theological Institute of Assisi, he obtained a Licentiate in Theological Anthropology at the Theological Faculty of Central Italy in Florence. He was ordained to the priesthood on January 8, 2000, at the Santissimo Crocifisso del Signore Nostro Gesù Cristo Friary in Longiano, Italy.

While residing in that community, he held the position of Guardian and Director of Youth and Vocation Ministry. In 2009, the friars of the then Province of Bologna elected him as their Minister Provincial. He held that office until February 22nd 2013, when he was called to be the Custos of the General Custody of the Sacred Convent of St. Francis in Italy (Assisi) from 2013 to 2017 and again from 2017. In 2013, the Bishop of Assisi-Nocera Umbra-Gualdo Tadino appointed him Episcopal Vicar for the pastoral care of the Papal Basilica of St. Francis (Assisi) and other places of worship served by our friars. During this time he was also President of the Federation of Inter-Mediterranean Ministers Provincial which covers Continental Europe.

Please pray for Fr. Mauro as he undertakes this new appointment to the College of Cardinals.