

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HOLY HOUR

This Monday 2nd December 7pm—8pm
And every First Monday of the month

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES

AT KIDMORE END CEMETERY
This Sunday 10th November at 2pm

YOUTH MASS

Sunday 17th November 10.30am and
each third Sunday of the month during term time

CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING & SUPPER **Friday, 22nd November, 7pm**

Come and enjoy an evening stirring up your own
Christmas Pudding. Then indulge in a mug of mulled wine
and a buffet supper

Ticket forms are now available at the back of Church
Please return to Krissie in the office.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP

A Workshop is planned for Saturday 14th December
in the Church Hall. Arrive 9.30am for a 10am start and the
workshop will run until Midday.

Numbers are restricted, therefore we shall have to work on a strictly
first come first served basis.

Please could you email or telephone either of us
if you are interested.

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Thought for the week **32nd Sunday of the Year (B)** **10th November, 2024**

Your Money or Your Life?

There are times when it can feel as if everyone is asking for money – all for good causes: Children in Need, CAFOD Family Fast Day, The Poppy Appeal, second collections at church, CIDIC.... The list goes on and on. Social scientists often term the result of this as compassion fatigue.

In our reading from the first book of the Kings, the widow gives everything she has to Elijah – the last dregs of food that might keep her and her son alive for their last day. Despite her generosity neither her handful of meal nor her little bit of oil are used up – she is rewarded by the Lord for her generosity there and then.

When Jesus observes the widow dropping her last couple of coins into the collection box he commends her to the disciples because “*from the little she had has put in ..., all she had to live on.*” Her reward is not likely to be in this world.

Four weeks ago in the Gospel, Jesus told the devout young man to “*Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor; and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.*” Note, he is told to rid himself of his earthly wealth before following Jesus.

So what are we to do?

Are we all called to give up everything for the Kingdom?

I don’t have an answer for me, so I’ll need to go back to prayer for guidance.

One last thought. When approached by someone on the street asking for “money for food” and there’s a doubt as to what they want the money for: remember, what they do with the cash is on their conscience; whether you give or not is on yours!

A Parishioner



We ask you please, to pray for the following people who need your prayers:

Please pray for Rogan, (Peter Halter's sister Jean's great grandson) whose Leukaemia has returned and very sadly they say nothing more can be done. Prayers are needed more than ever now. Please also pray for Jean herself who has macular degeneration.

Please pray for Mary Edwards who is awaiting knee surgery and for her son Ian who is unwell.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Robert Brooks who is now undergoing chemotherapy and awaiting further blood test results

Thank you for all your prayers for Joe Bunton who is transitioning into a care home and continues to need our prayers as he lives with Tuberous Sclerosis, Epilepsy and Autism with Severe learning difficulties. These conditions present huge challenges to his life.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 3 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer.

Please pray for Vera Bird's Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the children and staff at St Martin's school

Please pray for our parishioners in St Luke's and Abbeycrest Nursing Homes



Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Hilda Blow, James and Lena Dnova, Winifred Ferns, Bernard Lowe, Peter, Brian and James Bird, Bill Buffery, Geza Tolth, Billy Tutt, Sylvia Warder, Eunice Dover.