

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ALL SAINTS DAY 1ST NOVEMBER IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

ALL SOULS DAY 2ND NOVEMBER

FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY 5TH, NOVEMBER 10.30AM

HOLY HOUR NEXT MONDAY 6th November, 7pm—8pm

THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

The weekend 4th/5th November after all Masses.

Please bring any unwanted/unused Christmas Cards to Church the weekend of 28th/29th October.

These will then be displayed on the weekend of the 4th/5th November when you can

Donate £1 to CIRDIC and choose up to 10 cards to take away

Reusing unwanted items and cutting down on waste

HOLY HOUR

6TH NOVEMBER, 7pm - 8pm

BLESSING OF GRAVES—KIDMORE END CEMETERY

SUNDAY 12TH, NOVEMBER 2.00PM

CHRISTMAS PUDDING MAKING EVENING

Friday, 24th November, 7pm in St Michael's Church Hall

Sign up sheets available at the back of Church

please return to the parish office by Sunday 12th Nov.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER WORKSHOP

A Workshop is planned on Saturday, December 16th in the Church Hall.

Arrive 9.30 am for a 10 am start until Midday.

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

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

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Thought for the Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th October 2023

October draws to a close with Halloween. There was no fuss when I was a child, but it became more prominent as my children were growing up. Many years ago the parish took up a suggestion by a Catholic organisation to celebrate a 'Night of Light' with our young people, instead of Halloween. The term Night of Light better describes 31st October than the association we now have with witches, zombies, skeletons etc. because it is indeed All Hallows Eve, the evening before All Saints Day.

November begins with All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, when we are invited to celebrate all those unknown saints who are now in heaven. Perhaps members of our own families are among them. It is important that we give thanks and show our gratitude to those who have persevered and handed down the faith through the generations.

On the 2nd November, the Church prays for All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), those who have yet to enter heaven, but are undergoing a final purification in order to meet God face to face. Again, family members and friends will be among them. We have the power to assist them in their transition through our participation in the Mass and our personal prayers and sacrifices.

The annual Blessing of Graves at Kidmore End cemetery (2pm, Sunday 12th November) provides an opportunity to pray for particular members of our parish who have died. We owe these people a great debt of gratitude for their commitment to building up the parish we have inherited. The least we can do is pray for them.

During November, with thoughts on those who have died, we must heed carefully the words of St Paul,

"We would have you be clear about those who sleep in death, brothers; otherwise you might yield to grief, like those with no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, God will bring forth with him from the dead those who have fallen asleep believing in him."

(1Thes 4:13-14)

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please pray for Kim, Paul and Joe Bunton (Joe has severe learning difficulties and the family are struggling to find help or any respite care.) The parents have had to give up their jobs to look after Joe and they desperately need your prayers that they will find help.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan whose further recovery from cancer surgery is proving difficult.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is now out of hospital but continues to need our prayers following his bone marrow transplant,

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

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

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

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

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

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

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

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

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.



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

Kevin Geherty, Oliver Keogh, Theresa O'Shea, Monsignor Michael Hoban, Frederica Mary King, Christine Thompson, Cher-Vaughan Issel, Deacon, Paul Grosvenor, Fr. Frank Dawson Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Suzanne Meyers, Anna-Maria White, Margot Gubbin.

Throughout November we remember family and friends who have died. Please write the names of those people who you wish to be prayed for on a piece of paper or use one of the printed lists at the back of Church and then put this in an envelope and into the basket on the altar. Those who have died will be remembered at every Mass that is celebrated.