

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 3rd November 10.30am and
each first Sunday of the month during term time

HOLY HOUR

This Monday 4th November 7pm—8pm
And every First Monday of the month

BLESSINGS OF THE GRAVES

AT KIDMORE END CEMETERY

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 **31st Sunday of the Year (B)** **3rd November, 2024**

“You are not far from the kingdom of God”

In today's gospel these words were spoken by Jesus to the scribe who asked him which is the first of all the commandments. Jesus could see into the man's heart and recognised that in his heart was the true understanding of religion. That our religious practices are not an end in themselves, but are a means to constantly deepen our love of God (with all our heart, soul, mind and strength) and our neighbour as ourself. Left on our own we would be very vulnerable to following the false gods the world offers us in many guises, and thinking only of ourselves. But Jesus hasn't abandoned us, he continues to guide and strengthen us through the ministry of his Church. When Jesus looks into each of our hearts is he able to say, *‘You are not far from the kingdom of God?’*

Jesus brought his kingdom into this world when he took flesh and became as we are. Yet while we get glimpses of his kingdom as we make our pilgrimage through this life, the fullness of his kingdom will be revealed when we see God face to face. Many we have loved have completed their earthly journey. Our hope and faith tell us that for them, *‘Life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.’*

Although we can pray for our deceased loved ones and acquaintances at any time, we traditionally make a special effort during the month of November. Our prayer for them is that Jesus greets them with the words, *‘Your journey is over, welcome to the kingdom of God.’* As we pray for them let us also not forget the countless killed this year through war and violence, and those with no one to pray for them.

Deacon Brian



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.

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 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;

Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville, Fr. Frank Dawson, Suzanne Meyers, Anna-Maria White, Margot Gubbin, Patrick Burke, Rita Creighton, Henry Prendergast, Bertha Rementina Rodrigues, Paloma Evans, Ester and Charlie, Alfreda Hubbard, Mary Hunt, William Walton, Nora Smyth.