

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FAMILY MASS
SUNDAY 5TH, NOVEMBER 10.30AM

THE CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

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

Please bring any unwanted/unused Christmas Cards to Church. These will then be displayed this weekend

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 THIS MONDAY 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

Thirty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th November, 2023

November: pray for the dead and the living

Now that we are in November: the clocks changing; the days feeling shorter and shorter and with the cold and the damp everything seems to be pointing to winter. There seems little to be cheery about – even less so if you listen to too much news coverage! Yet the Church starts the month off with a celebration – when, Last Wednesday, we rejoiced in All Saints.

Amongst all that seems wrong with our world, a world that sometimes seems to be dominated by those of evil intent we have a light held up for us. Millions of men and women who have gone before us have been cleansed and their reward is to dwell in that light that is the presence of God. They too faced a world full of evil and hardship. We are invited to rejoice in their sainthood and also to pray for those who, as Father Michael would say, are in the process of having a “*wash and brush up*” before achieving that heavenly goal.

In this month let us remember to pray not only for those that have died, but also for the living: our fellow parishioners, friends, colleagues and family members We are also in need of that “*wash and brush up*” and can be cheered by the knowledge that we journey together supported by each other's prayers and by community.

There are four weeks left before Advent and a liturgical New Year begins, so why not make November a month of Autumn Spiritual Cleaning to prepare ourselves for whatever that year ahead holds.

A Parishioner



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;

Patrick Barke, Rita Creighton, Henry Prendergast, Bertha Rementina Rodrigues, Paloma Evans, Ester and Charlie, Alfreda Hubbard, Mary Hunt, William Walton, Nora Smyth, Hilda Blow, James and Lena Dnova, Winifred Ferns, Bernard Lowe, Peter, Brian and James Bird

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.