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27 OCTOBER 2024 – 30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

Divine Office: Week 2

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER - IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

All Saints Day honours the saints in Heaven – those who have been recognised by the Church as saints (whose love for God has been perfected in this life) – as well as **those who have not been canonised**. The feast was established in Rome as a result of the emperor's giving of the Pantheon (the temple to all the gods) to the Church and its dedication to St Mary and All the Martyrs. The saints carry heaven wherever they go. All Saints Day is a day of heaven, a reminder that heaven is not far away, distant and inaccessible.

We should not make the mistake of thinking that the feasts of saints, including the Solemnity of All Saints, are primarily about individual saints. The feasts of saints, be it individual saints or All Saints, are first and foremost about Jesus Christ. Without Him, there would be no sanctity, or possibility of human beings adhering successfully to God's grace. The saints are not about themselves but about God: how God, amid the diversity of human life and circumstances, is able to lead his children back to Himself. Thus, every feast of an individual saint, as well as the collective feast of All Saints, leads us back to Vatican II's teaching: that holiness is for everyone. The sheer multitude and diversity of the saints bears witness to how no state in life is excluded from holiness. There are popes and peasants, workers and teachers, former drunks and former fornicators, converts and cradle Catholics, those fallen away who fell back, ascetics and well-fed. Wherever there are people, there can be saints.

"But I am not perfect," you say. Well, you're honest. But the key to sanctity is recognising that it is not you, but God, who must lead the way down that path. It is God who begins this good work in each of us, and brings it to completion. Your duty is not to stop, because there is no stop: as in love, one has never "loved enough" - when one stops, one has already begun to slip back. You are not perfect, but you can be better.

Vatican II reminded us that holiness is not some special characteristic reserved for priests and religious: *"all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect"* (Lumen Gentium, No. 11).

***"Be holy, for I, the Lord, am holy"* (Leviticus 11:44). *"You shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matthew 5:48)**

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

As the weather grows colder and the leaves fall, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us. November is the month in which the Church prays for the dead, especially Souls in Purgatory – those who have died in grace, yet who have failed in this life to make satisfaction for all of their sins.

What do Catholics believe: As Catholic Christians, *we believe* that the dead are not gone. Their bodies have died, but their souls live on forever. We believe that our deceased loved ones who died in God's love are a very real part of the Church. We, the Faithful, are divided into three parts: The **Church Militant**: the pilgrim Church on earth; The **Church Triumphant**: all who have died and gone straight to heaven (saints – those whose love for God has been perfected in this life); The **Church Suffering**: those in Purgatory (those who have loved God imperfectly but have repented), for whom we are praying this month. Catholic teaching regarding prayers for the dead is bound up inseparably with Church teaching on Purgatory, and the more general doctrine of the Communion of Saints. The teaching is sometimes misunderstood. It is not a second-chance for damned (unrepentant) souls. Instead, it is a ***state of cleansing and purification for souls destined for heaven***.

St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians is probably the most straightforward text in Sacred Scripture on the existence of Purgatory: *"Each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire"* (3:11-15).

The word **Purgatory** is related to the verb, **to purge**, which means to **cleanse or purify**. To put it in everyday terms, Purgatory is a place or state where one gets "*cleaned up*" before entering into the presence of Almighty loving God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) puts it like this ***"all who die in God's grace, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven"*** (CCC1030). The Church has no official teaching as to the duration, place, or nature of this purification, although the biblical image of fire has been used as a way to explain the nature of the purification, while others hold that Purgatory should be thought of as a '*state*' rather than a place (outside time and space).

An Ancient Practice: The Old Testament evidences the offering of **prayers and alms** for the souls of the dead, eg. In *2 Maccabees 12:45* says *"they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them"* and *"it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins"*. This also shows an early belief in a 'time/place' of cleansing. Christians have been praying for their departed brothers and sisters since the earliest days of Christianity, to which early liturgies and inscriptions on catacomb walls attest. In the New Testament, St Paul prays for mercy for his departed friend Onesiphorus (*2 Timothy 1:18*). Early Christian writers Tertullian and St Cyprian testify to the regular practice of praying for the souls of the departed. In the **6th century** Benedictine communities held commemorations for the departed on the feast of Pentecost, and All Souls' Day eventually became a universal festival.

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls in Purgatory. They are no longer able to pray for, or merit anything for themselves: they rely entirely on others to pray for them and make sacrifices on their behalf, to help ease their suffering and advance them through their purification. Praying for the faithful departed is an act of charity and is pleasing to God. A Plenary or Partial Indulgence may be obtained for the Holy Souls under certain conditions.

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR ALL SOULS DAY is a special indulgence that can be granted to Catholics who meet certain requirements: Visit a church on November 2 and recite the Our Father and the Creed; visit a cemetery at any time during November and pray for the deceased; as well as the three usual requirements of praying for the pope's intentions, making a sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist on the date or as close as possible during November. A plenary indulgence remits all temporal punishment due to sin.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 27 OCTOBER 2024 – YEAR B **30TH SUNDAY of Ordinary Time**


Masses at St Peter's Church are also LIVE STREAMED via YouTube: <https://youtube.com/@stpeterschurchscarborough>

Saturday	26	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Sunday	27	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's <i>Children's choir lead the singing</i>	
Monday	28	10am	St Joseph's	SS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES
Tuesday	29	5.30pm	St Edward's	
Wednesday	30	10am	St Peter's	
Thursday	31	10am	St Joseph's	
		5.30pm	St Edward's	ALL SAINTS VIGIL
Friday	1	10am	St Joseph's	ALL SAINTS DAY
		7pm	St Peter's	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Saturday	2	10am	St Peter's	All Souls Day (Plenary Indulgence)
		12 noon	St Josephs	

MASS IN THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE celebrated monthly **9.30am** on **4th Sunday of month** at St Edward's Church.

CONFESSIONS Normal times **Sat: 10.30-11am** at St Peter's & **5-5.20pm** at St Edward's; **Sun: 9-9.20am** at St Joseph's; & **by request**

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT weekdays **9.15 - 9.55am** at St Peter's, **1 hour before Mass** at St Joseph's, **5pm** St Edward's
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (*Children only*) St Peter's **1st Sunday monthly**; St Joseph's **Sundays, weekly**
ST PETER'S SCHOOL PRAYER WALL <https://padlet.com/ajwilson14/our-prayer-intentions-wall-zbws1e06ezgdq165>
HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: *We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.*

RECENTLY DEAD: Tony Chico, Gregory Carr, Pauline Brown, Mgr. Canon Walton; **ANNIVS:** Lina Ford, Eleanor Duffy, Andrew Carr, Mary Carney, Eliza Dofitas, Antony & Annie Alonzi; **MASS ATTENDANCE:** **Vigil:** St Edward's **81** **Sunday:** St Joseph's **134;** St Peter's **149;** Polish **55** (est); **Total 437;** **OFFERINGS:** Loose Plate **£553;** Gift Aid Envelopes **£312,** **Standing Orders £760** (av.); Contactless **£1,108;** Polish: **£30;** **Total £2,763.** **Thank you!** **STANDING ORDER/ONLINE GIVING** Parish Bank: Barclays, Account No: **50003417,** Sort Code: **20-56-90,** Name: *Diocese of Middlesbrough.* **Include a reference** if Gift Aiding your donation (please sign a parish declaration) **OR** donate online at <https://donate.mydona.com/st-peters-church-scarborough>; **300 CLUB WEEKLY WINNER: £25 No.24; £10 No.42** 
 Congratulations! **£1** p/wk for 2 numbers.

FUNERAL SERVICE (not Mass) for Greg Carr aged 49yrs: **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 30 October** at St Peter's Church.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS Friday 1 November – it is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** See Mass times above.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS Saturday 2 November. *Not a Holy Day of Obligation* but do your best to get to Mass & visit cemetery.
HALLOWEEN is upon us. Remember this is not a celebration of witches and ghouls. Halloween is a contraction of 'All Hallows' Eve'. 'Hallow' is from old Germanic, meaning 'Holy'. 'E'en' is short for *Even* meaning *Evening*. It is another way of saying the 'Eve of All Saints Day'. This Halloween, **why not dress up as your favourite saint, or carve your pumpkin with a Christian image.** If you *do* want a scary Halloween, ponder the phenomenal amount of waste this day produces. Consider the environment. Pumpkins can be a treat to eat.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10 November. Poppy Boxes now available in each church – **wear your poppy with pride.**

CEMETERY SUNDAY/ BLESSING OF GRAVES 3pm on **Sunday 3 November** at Woodlands cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICE Candle Service for those who died in 2024 will be at **7pm** on **Friday 29 November** at St Peter's Church.

NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES & LISTS for **Month of Holy Souls** are now available. Add **the names of deceased and place in the envelope with your donation.** These can be handed in via the collection bags.

ROSARY NIGHT ON THE COAST 8pm **Thur 31 Oct** on the **parish YouTube channel** (follow the Livestream link on our website) to conclude the month of the Holy Rosary. Tune in, pray the Rosary from the comfort of your own home. Have a statue corner.

FIRST CONFESSION/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Names needed for those in **non-Catholic** schools.

MEETING OF PROCLAIMERS (Readers) NOTE CHANGE OF DATES **Friday 1 November at 6pm** at St Peter's (before Holy Day Mass); **Saturday 2 November after 10am Mass** at St Peter's (no change) and **Sunday 3 November at 12.45 Mass** at St Peter's. Please do your best to attend, and add your name to the sign-up list at back of church.

PARISH LUNCH **Wednesday 13 November** in St Peter's Parish Centre after 11.30am Mass.

ST JOSEPHS CHURCH 65 YEARS CELEBRATION A committee is needed get the Booklet of articles/photos. Any Volunteers?

CLOCKS GO BACK 1 hour at **2am** this Sunday 27 October – you get an extra hour in bed this Sunday! **YIPPIE!!**

POLISH CATHOLIC MISSION in England and Wales has been celebrating its 130th anniversary. The beginnings of pastoral care for Polish immigrants' dates back to **1832,** but was not properly established until **1894.** Read more on the website of the Bishops Conference of England & Wales at: www.cbcew.org.uk/polish-catholic-mission-in-england-and-wales-celebrates-its-130th-anniversary

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY collection last weekend raised **£574** MISSIO's global missionary work. **Thank you.**

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS is scarboroughcatholicparishes@rcdmidd.org.uk (see top of the newsletter). Please use this address from now on. Note, the old address is set up to forward to our new address, so for the time being we will still receive your email if you make a mistake.

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL **Please seriously consider writing to your MP** stating your opposition to this Bill. **Letters have more impact** than emails/petitions. SPUC has provided lots of information to help you to write a letter, and to understand the issues involved. Go to <https://www.spuc.org.uk/Resources/Write-to-your-MP> Send letters to your MP, **Alison Humes,** at the **House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA** (not the local office) or email: alison.hume.mp@parliament.uk. Also, *Charity Right to Life UK* provides a pre-written letter if you're unsure what to write. Copy into a letter or email, or send via their online platform. Click link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

SUNDAY SMILE: (HALLOWEEN JOKE) **Q.** Why was Cinderella bad at football? **A.** Because she had a pumpkin for a coach.