



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 All Saints (Year B)

**Gospel**!: The feast and its objectives:

All the departed souls who are now with God in glory are considered saints. All Saints Day is intended to honour the memory of countless unknown and uncanonized saints who have no feast days. Today we thank God for giving ordinary men and women a share in His holiness and Heavenly glory as a reward for their Faith. This feast is observed to teach us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession.

The Church reminds us today that God's call for holiness is universal, that all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. Holiness is related to the word wholesomeness. We grow in holiness when we live wholesome lives of integrity, truth, justice, charity, mercy, and compassion, sharing our blessings with others.

We need to take the shortcuts practiced by three St. Teresas:

- i) St. Teresa of Avila: Recharge your spiritual batteries every day by prayer, namely, listening to God and talking to Him
- ii) St. Therese of Lisieux: Convert every action into prayer by offering it to God for His glory and for the salvation of souls and by doing God's will to the best of your ability.
- iii) St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa): Do ordinary things with great love. Do something beautiful for God.

### **Readers**

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Jo Williams	Richard Shrimplin	Liz Greaves

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

**BST** remember clocks go back this weekend one hour.

**Confessions** on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

**Adult Catechism** in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism runs after 11am Mass on Sundays. As we progress, we may consider alternative times which may suit more people.

**First Holy communion** preparation starts on the last Saturday of this Month (30th of October) by 11am. The venue is in the Church. We are lucky to have a capable teacher who will assist in the preparation. We therefore ask the parents to bring their children who have reached the age of receiving the Holy communion to join in the preparation.

Sat 30 Oct	06:30 PM	All Saints	Fr John Gaul
Sun 31 Oct	09:30 AM		Victor Thompson
	11:00 AM		Robert Williams Family (Living & Dead)
Mon 01 Nov	10:00 AM	Monday in the 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Tony Podesta BD ANNV.
Tue 02 Nov	10:00 AM	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)	For the Souls in Purgatory
	01:00 PM		Those Buried in Whitchurch Cemetery
	06:30 PM		Tony Jones
Wed 03 Nov	No Mass	Wednesday in the 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (in the sacristy)	For the Souls in Purgatory
		<a href="#">Saint Martin de Porres, religious</a>	
Thu 04 Nov	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop</a>	All our departed Parishioners
Fri 05 Nov	06:00 PM	Friday in the 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Sacred Heart of Jesus
		<b>FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION</b>	
Sat 06 Nov	06:30 PM	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr John Gaul
Sun 07 Nov	09:30 AM		Departed Souls
	11:00 AM		Departed Souls

**Month of the Holy Souls:** May we be reminded that the Month of November is a special time to pray for our departed family members, friends, and parishioners. Let us be Generous in offering masses for them. Write the names of all you know and put it in the envelope and drop them at the basket provided in front of the Church. Mass stipend is appreciated.

**Announcement** Today Sunday is All Saints and Tuesday is all Souls. The time of the masses remain the same except for Tuesday we have additional masses at 1pm and 6:30pm. On Friday, there is first Friday devotion mass by 6pm.

We want our parishioners who can make it to join us at the Whitchurch cemetery for Divine Mercy Rosary at 11:30am on Tuesday—Solemnity of All Souls (2nd of November) for 15 minutes.

**COP 26** Thank you to all who joined in the Monday prayer session. The ‘**Raise your Voice for Climate Justice**’ event is being held in Whitchurch next Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November in the Bullring from 10am to 3pm to publicise COP26 in Glasgow and to enable local people to express their hopes for Climate Justice. This is a Churches Together initiative and has been opened up to include as many groups and people as possible as our voices have more impact when they are raised together. Please join in and support the fight for climate justice.

**A message from CAFOD:** Thank you for supporting our **Climate Crisis Appeal** for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)  
For more information see [cafod.org.uk/COP26](https://cafod.org.uk/COP26)

*May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.*

**Foodbank** The Foodbank has now re-opened so that we are able to meet and speak with clients. Appropriate Covid protection measures are however still in place. Thank you for your continuing donations. Items we are short of are listed on the Foodbank website [www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk). We are always short of shopping bags. Please leave any you can spare in the church porch.

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	24 October	-	£235.05
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£103.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: “**St George Whitchurch**” which is the correct name for the parish account.

**Covid 19 Test Kits** the Local Health Authority has asked us to continue distributing Lateral Flow Covid test kits through our parish community. You can find these at the back of church. Please help yourselves.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.