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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR A

Owing to the new restrictions imposed by the Government to combat the spread of Covid-19, there will be no public celebration of Mass in our churches until at least Saturday, 5th December. Fr Paul will continue to say Mass in private for any intentions, especially those of our friends and family who have died and whom we remember especially in this month of November.

St Patrick's will be open for Private Prayer on Wednesdays as usual

Wednesday, 18th November

St Patrick's, Forest Town

Open for Private Prayer

10.00 am – 11.00 am

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Monday, 16th November

St Edmund of Abingdon (Bishop)

Tuesday, 17th November

St Hugh of Lincoln (Bishop) (Diocesan Patron)

Wednesday, 18th November

Dedication of Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul

Saturday, 21st November

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

LIVE MASS STREAMS THIS WEEK : Please refer to the Diocesan website for details of live-streamed Masses. Bishop Patrick's channel on YouTube also has details. See also www.mass-online.org or www.churchservices.tv and www.vaticannews.va for other live-streamed services and messages from Pope Francis

Your Prayers are requested for those who are sick or are recovering: Helen M, Fr John C, Fr John G.; Roy S, John R; Bridie W, Alan S, Sheila T, Ronald T, Diane J-B and all those suffering from the coronavirus. *Please let Fr Paul know of anyone else who needs our prayers at this time.*

POPE FRANCIS ENCYCLICAL "FRATELLI TUTTI": The Pope's latest message to the Church is now available on www.vatican.va

November is the month of the Holy Souls. During this month we pray especially for our departed friends and loved ones on the last great journey towards the eternal light of God. As Catholics we believe that although those who have died are separated from us physically, they remain connected to us as members of the Church. **Holy Souls Envelopes:** We continue the tradition of placing the names of your deceased family, friends and relatives by the altar during November. Envelopes will be available for you to take from church for this purpose. If you are not currently able to get Mass, please feel free to email your list to the parish, stating clearly which church (St Patrick's or St Joseph's) you wish the lists to be placed in.

Spiritual Communion *There are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, through illness or due to their personal disposition. Even though some may not receive 'sacramental' Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one to remember and reaffirm. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. (cf. Celebrating the Mass 212)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

With this our second lockdown, sadly the celebration of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion have had to be postponed once again. Naturally, the children and their parents are upset. Please continue to pray for them. As soon as our churches are allowed to reopen for public worship, these sacraments will be celebrated. In the meantime, I will continue to work with the children until they have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. I do not want to leave the children without support from the church at this distressing time. Thank you for your prayers. Julia Melges

First Holy Communion preparation programme 2021

Some parents have been inquiring about the preparation programme timetable for the next cohort of children. At this time and until the current group of children have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, the next cohort of children cannot start their preparation programme. Be assured, their programme will start as soon as possible after the reopening of our churches. Thank you. Julia Melges

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS: Attendance at Masses in both churches will be by pre-booking only. Booking details are on the front of this newsletter. It is on a first-come-first-served basis and a waiting list system will be in place so please contact us if, having booked, you are unable to attend. Social distancing will be set at 2m, so please observe this as you arrive and leave church. If you are in the extremely clinically vulnerable (shielding) category, then please continue to protect yourself by staying at home and praying for the parish community or a live streamed Mass. The Sunday obligation continues to be suspended, so if you are unsure about coming, do not feel under any obligation to attend. If you or someone in your household displays symptoms of Covid19, then please stay at home. Stewards will assist in arriving and leaving church to that people are kept safe. Parishioners are strongly advised not to car share or offer lifts to people outside their household. **Only funerals can now be celebrated in church but numbers are limited to 30.**

Jeff Cavins Bible Timeline Course: This online course started on 4th November. Details available on <https://comeandsee.org>

SCHOOL NEWS: For information on the schools' activities, please visit their respective websites. A number of vacancies exist within the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust and details can be found at <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/vacancies-and-recruitment/>

PARISH FINANCES: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SET UP STANDING ORDER ARRANGEMENTS THUS FAR. The return of Mass in St Joseph's has helped as people have been generous in their donations but we are still a long way down on income compared to last year and expenses have not decreased by that amount. If you would like to set up a standing order to cover the amount you would usually put in the collection, please go to our website and click on the **News Page** where you will find a link to enable you to set up this payment. If you have any queries or experience difficulties, please contact Len Hutton. If you are unable to set up a Standing Order, perhaps you could set aside your weekly offering so that it can be collected when things return to something like normality. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

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FOOD BANK APPEAL: Please continue to donate items for the Ollerton Food Bank which are all the more important at this time. There are no restrictions on what you can donate (including clothing). Please leave any donations in the box at the back of the church.

Items for inclusion in the newsletter can be e-mailed to Fr Paul or Ken Daly (kendaly@hotmail.co.uk) by Wednesday of each week