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WEEKLY BULLETIN 8th – 14th NOVEMBER 2020

THIRTY SECOND 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, 11th November

St Patrick's, Forest Town

Open for Private Prayer 10.00 am – 11.00 am

THIS WEEK'S FEASTS:

Monday, 9th November	Dedication of the Latearn Basilica
Tuesday, 10th November	St Leo the Great (Pope, Doctor)
Wednesday, 11th November	St Martin of Tours (Bishop)
Thursday, 12th November	St Josaphat (Bishop, Martyr)

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

VOLUNTEERS: *Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help with stewarding and cleaning. If anyone is free on a Wednesday to assist with the stewarding for Private Prayer, please let Fr Paul know.*

Your Prayers are requested for: Malcolm S; Jay; Liz T (Anne's niece); Jackson L (in thanksgiving for a recovery from his operation); Martin M; Rosemary S; John S; Tina T; Mary C, KP (Karen's brother-in-law), Joseph D, Noel De L; Danny De L; Dianna B, Mary M, Theresa D; Ron and Jean M; Fr John C, Claire D, Richard G-O and Mrs C. Casey . All those suffering from the coronavirus and those working in the NHS or Care Services; those working in essential services to keep our country functioning *Please let Fr Paul know of anyone who would like to be remembered in our prayers.*

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.

WEDNESDAY, 11th NOVEMBER: On this anniversary of the Armistice which ended World War I, we remember all those who have died in conflict through the ages.

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

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.**

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

FIRST COMMUNIONS: The First Communion programme this year will begin shortly and volunteers are requested from anyone in the parish who is willing to help out as a Catechist. Please give your name to Fr Paul who will arrange for further details to be given to you. The children who began their programme last year will be included.

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

EMILY HARRIS FOUNDATION: As you may know, Cory Marsh is fundraising for this charity and to date has raised nearly £400. He is hoping to increase this through the sale of personalised Face Masks which will be available at £2 each and feature designs of bees, butterflies, and Harry Potter. See Cory for more details.

FOOD BANK: Thank you for your continued donation of goods and money. If you want to know more or feel you can give up some time to volunteer at the foodbank, please speak to Angela Grabowski. Angela will collect the donations from the back of Church after Mass on Sunday. They can also be left directly with the Food Bank on Monday and Thursday afternoons at the Stable Centre in Mansfield Woodhouse. **Items urgently needed at the moment are: cleaning materials (e.g. flash, bleach), large nappies (size 6 and above); baby wipes; fairy liquid; toiletries; tins of stewing steak, casseroles, meat pies in tins etc**

SCHOOL NEWS: For information on the schools' activities, please visit their respective websites.

PARISH FINANCES: Sunday, 1st November Envelopes £145.10 Loose Plate £41.00 Total £191.10
Development Fund £128.00 Second Collections £166.00

Thank you for your generosity and to everyone who has set up a Standing Order – details on the website. If you are writing a cheque, please make it payable to St Patrick's RCP Forest Town (*not just St Patrick's Church as the bank does not always accept this name*).

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS: *The Parish Council is trying to make sure that parishioners are kept informed about activities in the parish. Several people receive the newsletter by e-mail and if you would like to be added to this list, please contact kendaly@hotmail.co.uk. If you know of parishioners who cannot get to church (as and when Mass recommences) and who might welcome a phone call, please let Fr Paul know.*