

ALL SAINTS

1st November- 7th November 2020

NEWSLETTER

SACRED HEART

Year A • Ferial Cycle 2 • Psalter Week 3

CELEBRATING THE ORDINARY TO THE SUPER-ORDINARY

Today we honour, not just the canonized Saints, who are likely to be well known, but all the ones who are unknown and unrecognized. A day commemorating the Saints is actually a day of rejoicing in the greatness of the Lord and hoping in His love. The victory that we see in the Saints testifies to the Lord himself.

Today's celebration gives us the opportunity, once again, to reflect on and examine the great task to which we all are called. What is Sainthood and who are the Saints? The Saints are human beings like every one of us here today. They are flesh and blood like us, in fact mere creatures like us who have allowed God to complete His creation in them by living to the fullest all their possibilities.

The First reading, from the Book of Revelations, tells us that a huge throng, so many that they cannot be numbered, are clothed in the white robes of sanctity holding the palm branches of victory in their hands. The Saints, you see, are innumerable as their number is impossible to determine. The number 144 is a multiple of 12, which in turn is four times three, that is, the sum of what is immeasurable, which reaches the extremes of the four cardinal points. These Saints are from all races, countries and cultures, they are of all ages, gender, state and trade. Recent Popes, especially John Paul II, have emphasized this universality by beatifying and canonizing numerous men and women of faith across the five continents. It is an immeasurable number, because in truth, all those who live and die in a state of grace and friendship with God are Saints.

The real fact is that the Saints were simple and ordinary men, women, and children too. What marks them out was that they carried to its full completion the work of creation and redemption in them by doing what they did well and exceptionally too. It is not in doing strange, extra-ordinary things that greatness and holiness consists in, but in doing common, ordinary things well. "What is worth doing, is worth doing well." If it is not worth doing well, then it is not worth doing at all. This is what is evident in the lives of the Saints. Someone describes what it is to be a Saint in the following words: 'You put your whole self into whatever you do, and you do all that you do to please God.' The Saints are the transparency (evidence, reflection) of God's power. He acts in those who really trust Him and give themselves totally to Him as tools in His hands. The Saints were not just born. They became Saints, they underwent a conversion - a change of heart which resulted in a change of life. This change did not happen overnight, but was the result of a long and painful struggle.

Our celebration today is prompted by one fact and doctrine of the Church. Even though the Saints may be dead, it is believed and also experienced that they are still with us. In fact we are still united with them. This is expressed in the teaching we know as "the Communion of the Saints". We express it in the Creed that there is an enduring bond of unity between us living in this world and those before us who have gone to their eternal reward in heaven. The Communion of Saints points to the fact that there is considerable interaction between heaven and our world.

The Church militant is urged on by the Church triumphant (those whose race is done and whose fight is won). The Church on earth receives encouragement from the Church in heaven. It is that "Communion of the Saints" that we celebrate today.

With the Saints we make up a great family. And so the celebration of today is a family celebration. It is also a celebration of what we are, hopefully, in the process of becoming ourselves. It is a celebration of potential saints, our celebration. May the celebration of today usher in a spirit of joy, peace and gladness into the hearts and bodies that are sick, worried, troubled and broken. May all our prayers to the Saints support and carry us through the various phases of the moment. And on the last day, may each one of us be counted among the Saints in the heavenly Jerusalem, in that fellowship of the Saints where Jesus is Lord forever and ever to the glory of the Father through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING:
APOCALYPSE 7:2-4,9-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM :
PSALM 23(24):1-6

SECOND READING:
1 JOHN 3:1-3

GOSPEL:
MATTHEW 5:1-12

LEARN

“The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching. They take up the promises made to the chosen people since Abraham. The Beatitudes fulfill the promises by ordering them no longer merely to the possession of a territory, but to the Kingdom of heaven”

CCC1716,, MATTHEW 5:3-12



SACRED HEART OF JESUS – CAMBERWELL

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All Saints - Year A

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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00pm (Sat) 8:30am
10:00am 11:30am* 6:00pm
* with Children's Liturgy
3:00pm (KCH chapel)

CONFESSION:

Sat: 10.30am - 10.45am
5.00pm - 5.45pm
Eucharistic Adoration:
Sunday 4:30 - 5:30pm
Friday 7:30 - 8:30pm

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:45am
Saturday 9:45am

ROSARY

After weekday Masses

PRAYER GROUPS

Sacred Heart Association:

Friday: 6.00pm
1st Friday 7:30pm

Our Lady & Divine Mercy:

Thursday 5:30 pm

Legion of Mary Seniors:

Thursday 7.00pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Saturday 7pm

St. John Bosco Junior Altar Servers

Tuesdays 5.30pm

Adult Altar Servers

Sunday after 11.30am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

1ST NOVEMBER—7TH NOVEMBER, 2020

SUNDAY 1ST

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (A)

6.00PM

Dimitri Nana for the gift of vocation, work and a home for the family

10. 00AM

Emilio Apolonio & Esdra Apolonio RIP, Charles Mwaura Ngugi, RIP, Nkechi Ochije—Bature and family in Thanksgiving

12.00 PM

Ludovic Broua N'doua thanksgiving for God's favour. Gifty Kwakye Birthday Thanksgiving. Appiagyei Asante Birthday Thanksgiving. Sweet Bazuaye in thanksgiving to God for his goodness and mercies. Francesca Agbaosi's birthday thanksgiving. UCM members and their families in thanksgiving to God and for eternal repose of family members. Lloyd Alfred Jones, RIP . Georgina Addae & Joseph Addae, RIP. Emmanuel & Clara Onochie. Dapo Williams, RIP.

6.00 PM

People of the Parish

MONDAY 2ND

ALL SOULS

9.00 AM

Sebastiano Vincenza Cuomo. William Onwochie & Grace Onwochie, eternal repose. Chief Peter Uba & Patricia Uba, RIP.

7.00 PM

Eliane Cheong See & Roger Cheong See, eternal repose

TUESDAY 3RD

FERIA

9.00AM

Thomas Rose Jnr, Kathleen Rose, Thomas Rose Snr. Jose Hounnou & Hermann Rey, RIP

7.00 PM

Leah Agbaosi, Birthday Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY 4TH

MEMORIAL OF ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

9.00 AM

John + Martha Rayne

7.00 PM

Allan Butcher, for strength and courage. Caroline Ohout—Millogo, Birthday Thanksgiving

THURSDAY 5TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Reseda NgPak Leung, RIP. Roger NgPak Leung, RIP

7.00 PM

Holy souls

FRIDAY 6TH

FERIA

9.00 AM

Alice McManus Gotwell. Josephine Popp, RIP

7.00 PM

Johnanna Sims, praying for dead relatives and friends

SATURDAY 7TH

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE

10.00AM

Norman Popp, RIP

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Parish community of Sacred Heart, Camberwell celebrates the presence of Christ in our lives. Central and true to our name, we celebrate, we stand, and we dedicate our lives, witnessing to the unending love and friendship of God, through His beloved Son, in whose Heart of love we find daily strength for our journey. We are a catholic community, diverse and multicultural. Everyone has a voice and everyone is welcome.

We strive to make visible, God's love and care for the world in word, sacrament, and service to all. Nourished by the sacraments and in our diversity, we strive to create a supportive parish family that fosters communication. We use our talents as responsible stewards-accountable to God, to our neighbour, to our community and to the world at large.

Rev Fr Victor Darlington .

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READINGS

APOCALYPSE 7:2-4,9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.'

Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.' "

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 23(24):1-6

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord .

- 1 The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.
- 2 Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things .
- 3 He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob

SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples.

Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord .

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

PARISH FINANCE: WEEKLY DONATIONS

Donations can be paid into the Parish Account:
Sacred Heart Church Camberwell
Sort Code: 60-50-01
Account Number: 79102409

GIFT AID & OFFERING

We have the Offering and Gift Aid boxes at the entrance and exit doors. The stewards are also standing at the exit and entrance doors with the offering bags for our collections. We are encouraged to make our offerings and drop our gift aid envelopes after Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID USERS

Please all gift aid users are kindly encouraged to pick up their envelopes at the exit door of the church with your names & numbers indicated on the envelopes.

FROM THE FINANCE DESK

We can now register our gift aid envelope online by picking a form from the parish website. After the details are entered, kindly email to:

camberwellfinance@rcaos.org.uk.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

November is the month we pray for our loved ones who have died. Monday 2nd November is All Souls' Day. A box will be in the sanctuary for parishioners to write out the names of their loved ones and to make a mass offering for the holy souls. A picture board of our loved ones who have died will also be in the sanctuary.

If you have a funeral program or picture of a recently deceased family member please add them to our collection. Our parish memorial mass will take on Friday 20th November at 7pm. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine on them forever Amen

PRIEST TRAINING FUND SECOND COLLECTION

The Priest Training fund, known as the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, pays for the men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark.

It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying "Yes" to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark.

BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The baptism and first holy communion classes for our parish children will begin soon. The forms are now available at the exit door and also on the Parish website at

www.sacredheartchurchcamberwell.co.uk/forms.

Forms should be filled and submitted by the **15th of November**. The first compulsory class with parents of the children and Fr. Victor is Saturday **21st November at 11am in the Parish hall**.

The first class for the children and their parents is on **Friday 12th December at 9am in the parish hall**.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday 6th November, 2020 is our First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12noon to 7pm. Come and spend sometime with our Eucharistic Lord

PILGRIMAGE 2020

Dear Pilgrim,

It is with regret and sadness that, due to the unprecedented circumstances caused by COVID-19, the decision was made to postpone your planned 2020 Pilgrimage to Rome, San Giovanni and Loreto. Deposits have been paid to both British Airways and the hotels, but they have agreed that we can postpone the reservations until 2021.

As you have already booked and paid a deposit for the 2020 Pilgrimage, we of course will give you the option to take up a 2021 place, before advertising generally. Therefore do please advise if you wish to have one of these places. The dates are not as yet set but we should have some information in the near future. The deposit paid will simply be transferred to your booking for 2021. please be rest assured, Tangney Tours is a fully bonded Company and your money is safe with them. **PLEASE ADVISE YOUR CHOICE BY EMAILING gill@tangney-tours.com OR CALL 01732886666.**

FACE MASK/FACE COVERING

Please be reminded that face mask or face covering is recommended for everyone attending Mass except for those exempted on health grounds.

The parish is no longer able to provide you with one. Kindly ensure you have your own mask for the safety of us all.

NOTICES OF THE WEEK

RESUMPTION OF WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

IN THE PARISH

Any of the Pious Prayer Groups in the Parish, who feel they are ready to begin prayer meetings again under the new restrictions guiding us for Masses, are now encouraged to do the following:

1. Each prayer group should appoint a safeguarding officer and a steward and submit the names and contact information to Fr. Victor.
2. Soon after meeting this request, prayer groups can begin their weekly prayers. For the sake of clarity, the following are the weekly prayer groups of our parish: The Legion of Mary, the Charismatic, the Divine Mercy group and Sacred Heart Association.
3. At all prayer meetings, the 2 meter social distancing must be observed, sanitise your hands before entering the Church and when leaving the Church. Face covering must be used except by those exempted due to health reasons. The steward should ensure everyone writes their names for Track and Trace. No group singing is allowed during prayers. However, a cantor or a soloist can sing and the organ or Piano is permitted. No passing of prayer books, each person should have his/hers. Physical contact with anyone is not permitted during prayers. The duration for prayer meeting is maximum of one hour. After the prayer meeting, the safeguarding officer for the group and the steward will ensure the pews are thoroughly cleaned with recommended anti bacterial wipes without bleach.
4. The UCM and St. Theresa's society are also permitted to meet only for prayers avoiding their usual meeting patterns. This way such meetings are permitted inside the Church. Both groups can alternate their meetings at the choir gallery. If they must proceed with this arrangement, please give us the names of your safeguarding officer/steward as requested for other societies.
5. Please note that cultural/social gatherings of communities within the parish are not permitted at this time.

Finally, as we all are aware, the coronavirus is still very much with us and restrictions are being tightened. We have to adapt to safety rules and learn to live with it. In the last two weeks, two parishes and their parish priests tested positive of the virus and have been shot down for two weeks. Let us remain careful and cautious as we create a safe environment for our collective worship. God bless you all.

Father Victor

CONSULTATION AND FORM SIGNING

Since the presbytery and the parish office is not Covid-19 risk assessed, unfortunately face to face consultation and form signing with Fr. Victor is not permitted at this time. However, for those who wish to sign any forms or other documents, they are encouraged to fill in their parts and then drop off the form through our letter box addressed to me. Such forms will be ready for pick up by next day between 10am and 4pm. For any other consultations please email camberwell@rcaos.org.uk or call any of the priests directly or by text message, we shall respond to you promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Loving and healing God, we turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts. Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old, that we may look after one another in these challenging days. Bring healing to those who are sick and all who work in our medical facilities. Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance, that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our plea—we who are put to the test—and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.



HOUSEBOUND & SICK

Debitu Hadgu, Donaldson Opoku, Sue McCarthy, Peter Kellegher, Eileen Hartnett, Jessie Vincent, Adelaide Peters, Margaret Lynch, Birdie Heffernan, Angela Smith. Joan Bastin, Eileen Nimmo, Timothy Angol, Rita Greaway, Agnes Omeike, Andra Martin, Ashley Isochukwu Igwebike, Anthony Okoh, Johanna Sims, Ursula Lubrano, Troy Benjamin, Lucy Tousaint, Basil Pereira, Kathleen Lennon, Minnian Davies, MarieAugust, Rueben Jameson, AlbaJuliana Ramirez. Kenny Lawal, Kathleen Gray. Robert / Eileen O'Dempsey, Indria Singh, Ulina Pierre, Arielle Miambanzila, Paulin Ngang, Cian Dinsmore, Joseph Murray, Sheelly Choudray, Nesar Ali, Ewen Aitchison, Rasheeda, Kelly Knightly, Eileen Moore, Agnes Smith, James Mc Donald, Fr. Chris Dooley, Velda, Mary Regan Marie Perla, Elsie Devereaux, Alba Juliana Ramirez, James Mc Donald, Doreen Barnett, Barbara Kendall, Esther Eugene, Declan Finn, Caleem McDonagh, Imelda Kerr, Jackie Skeete, Taylor Thompson, Zafar Jabal, Tina Kevitt, Nirajan Bhai, Nicola Hermenstine, Anne Keane, Pascal O'Cloo, Liam Whitfield. Monica White. John Howard, Charlie Quigley, Joshua Tomas, Collen McDonagh