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Dear People,

I love November. The autumn colours are still bright in the sun, and the evergreens remind us that spring will come after the winter. And the beauty of autumn is reflected in the beauty of the prayer of the Church, because this is the month when we are reminded to remember our loved ones with God and to pray with and for them.

All Saints and Holy Souls are the first two days of the prayerful celebration - and we remember the same people on those two days! Our loved ones with God, yet still aware of the regrets they have for how they might have lived more generously, more lovingly, for God and for those whom God had given them in family, friendships, neighbourhood, society, etc. This regret we used to call Purgatory . . .

Now we say "Purifying". Did you, do you, think of Purgatory as a place? The old catechism answer, which many of you will have learned, talked of it as a place or a state - meaning a state of mind and heart. The Church does not speak of it now as a place, as we learned most recently again in one of the books by Pope Benedict XVI on the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

In that book Pope Benedict speaks of coming before Christ at the hour of death and knowing the fullness of love that our Saviour and Redeemer has for each of us. In that purifying love we are forgiven, but deeply aware of the hurt love that we had offended by not loving generously enough in our life on earth. In the presence of Christ we are purified.

It is a beautiful image. It was given us as students for the priesthood in the 1960s as a coming before God and knowing the fullness of God's love. In that new understanding how deeply we shall regret not having lived better lives. That regret is purifying love, and those of you who have shared it in moments of family and friendship love, where there had been deep hurt and now there is genuine forgiveness, will know what hurt there is in being forgiven.

Purgatory, purifying: it is what our loved ones know in the presence of God. We pray for them and tell them we love them.

They and God bless us, *Fr. John*

4th November 2012 (Prayer Week 3)

"We love and pray for them . . ."

Mass Times and Intentions

31st SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

9.00 am at Rosary Church

10.30 am at St. Joseph's

6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Joe Willis, Bill Wall, Patrick Flanigan, Holy Souls, Family Blessing (P), Kathleen Nolan, Family Blessing (B)

MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER

7.00 pm at St. Joseph's *for Philip Mobbs*

TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER

(All the Saints of Ireland)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *Requiem Mass for Joe Willis*

WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER

(St. Willibrord)

10.00 am at St. Joseph's *for Helen Hallam*

12.15 pm St. Joseph's *Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Haddon*

THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER

(All the Saints of Wales : Blessed John Duns Scotus)

10.00 am: St. Joseph's - *Service of Word & Communion*

FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER

(Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

7.00 pm: St. Joseph's - *Service of Word & Communion*

SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER

(St. Leo the Great, Pope)

No Service today at the Rosary Church

32nd SUNDAY OF YEAR (B)

(Saturday) 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER

9.00 am at Rosary Church : 10.30 am at St. Joseph's

6.00 pm at St. Joseph's

(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5.15 pm)

(Intentions for Sunday Mass)

for Patrick O'Leary, Joe Willis, Bart McCarthy, Holy Souls, The Parsons Family

CONFESSIONS EACH WEEK SUNDAY 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's
SATURDAY 10.00 am at the Rosary Church and 5.15 pm at St. Joseph's

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL
open every day this week from 10.30 am - 6.00 pm.

The Parish on Sundays
AT ST JOSEPH'S
 DRINKS, LIBRARY, FAIR TRADE
AT THE ROSARY CHURCH
 DRINKS, CAKE STALL, FAIR TRADE



Year of Faith Diary
THIS WEEK
The Mary Icon

The Icon is now at the Lady Chapel and will stay there for November. Then people are welcome to take it home, a week at a time, and say the prayers in the official booklet. Please tell Fr John if you are interested.

Parish Diary This Week

Monday 5th November
QUESTION OF FAITH. Last week's session was wonderful. We meet again in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel after evening mass. Do come.

Thursday 9th November

PARISH OPEN DAY
Hot drinks in the Coffee Shop!
 The Parish Library, Fair Trade Stall and Garden open, following the morning service at St. Joseph's. Do come and see the changes in the Coffee Shop - cozy preparations for the winter months ahead!
"Home from Home" closed this week for sorting and restocking.
To re-open on Thursday 22nd November with a talk/ presentation

Prayer Box

Please pray for
Families of the parish
and our loved ones living and dead
 especially for those who have recently died:
 Joe Willis (RIP), Elizabeth Haddon (RIP)

The sick and housebound, those in hospital and in nursing homes - especially:
 Jack Laing, Harry Bowden, Eve Kelly, Mary Keenan, Ian North, Fabian Sweeney, Christina Flynn, Anna Nugent, Rita Cushway, Elizabeth Haddon, Jonathan Lockwood, Pat Aitken, Jenny Aitken, Rhonda Jones

Those for prayers this week:
 John Bennett, Dermot Lally

The McCann family and all missing children especially the family of April Jones

The peoples and countries of the world, especially this week **NORTH AMERICA**

Please tell Fr John if you can suggest any improvements in the ways we pray for each other.

260 Club
This Months Winners!

No.190 wins £75; No.94 wins £50;
 No.254 wins £50; No.112 wins £50;
 No.156 wins £35.

FAMILY SUNDAY It is hoped that following the Children's Mass (on the first Sunday of each month) to welcome everyone into the hall and coffee shop for hot drinks, cakes, stalls, Home from Home shop, etc. Interesting in helping?

Dates for Diary

Advent and Christmas Retreat
 here at St Joseph's led by Fr John
Saturday 1st December 2012
A Day of Talks, Prayer, Music & Reflection
 11.30 am - 4.00 pm : Donation £3.50

Holy Cross Pilgrimage to Fatima
11th-15th June 2013 £530
 Details on Holy Cross website

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2013
MALTA

7th - 14th February
£395 to cover all travel and half board at a 4-star hotel. All places taken.

ROME & ASSISI
4th -13th June
£695 6 days in Rome /3 days in Assisi (B&B in Rome and half board in Assisi)
 All places were booked. All places taken.

LOURDES
19th - 26th September
£495 includes travel (flights & airport coaches) and full board at hotel.
 All places taken

A PLEA FOR HELP

What do you give your grandson, who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, for his 14th birthday? The precious gift of life would be amazing, but that is out of my hands. The next best thing would be the gift of love.

I'm asking the community to join **Declan's Family Circle of Love** by signing the on-line petition for more government funding into research. We need 100,000 signatures for it to be discussed in parliament.

Please consider my plea and spare a moment to sign the petition you can find it at <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/14427>.

Thankyou, Kate O'Melly

*Would you like to ask the parish to help you support a particular charity?
 Consider a stall on Family Sunday*

Watermead shop
The "Old Stable" Centre

Even more reading & resources have arrived for the "Year of Faith" - do come and see.

And CHRISTMAS HAS BEGUN - Boxes of Christmas cards now in stock, along with Advent Calendars, Diaries, Calendars, Gifts, etc.

SHOP OPENING TIMES
Tues, Wed, Thur from 10.30 am-3.30 pm
CLOSED NEXT WEEKEND (re-open Tuesday)
 Information from from **0116 220 7881 / 0**
www.watermead-apostolate.com

Postbag

Dear People,

John and Jacoba Slee and family would like to thank so many friends for their kind words, prayers and masses following the death of their daughter, Wendy, earlier this year.

This has been a great consolation to us during a difficult time. Thank you and God bless you.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your support with the Word for Today. The new copy is on sale at the back of both our churches for only 50p. Please spread the word to friends to try a copy of this small book full of such wisdom. Many thanks and blessings, Clare.

Dear Rain,

Thank you so much for having a cake sale for UNICEF to help give children around the world a better life. Your cakes must have been popular to raise an amazing £51 which will make a huge difference to children's lives.

It could help children like 10-year-old Reynold who is unable to go to school. Instead, he sells scraps and begs in order to buy food for his younger brothers, Arnold, 9, and Richo, 2. With the help of kind people like you UNICEF is working to get children like Reynold off the streets and into a safe place, giving these children and others the chance to eat nutritious food, have access to essential medicines and, most importantly, have a childhood.

Many thanks for thinking of UNICEF. With very best wishes, Sue Hill

(Rain is 10 years old and will be selling her cakes after 10.30 am mass every First Sunday)

Last week's collection was safely counted and banked. **£1,049.00**

Thank you. *Counters this week : Terry*
(Next week: Sarah and Gloriosa)

PARISH ROTA FOR NEXT WEEKEND

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Children's Liturgy
Sat. 6.00 pm	Doreen	Caroline	
Sun. 10.30 am	John	Gerry	
6.00 pm	TBA	Marie	

