

Mass Intentions for week beginning 4th November 2017

Sat 4	31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	Brenda Mitchell (better health)
Sun 5		10.00am 12noon	Thomas Kelly RIP The People of the Parish
Mon 6	Feria	10.00am 6.30pm	November Dead List RIP <i>followed by Novena Prayers</i> Private Intention (1962 Missal)
Tue 7	St Willibrord, Bp	10.00am	Margaret Stubb RIP
Wed 8	Feria	10.00am	November Anniversaries RIP
Thur 9	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	10.00am	Margaret Farrell RIP (<i>month's mind</i>)
Fri 10	St Leo the Great, Pope & Dr	10.00am 11.45am	Fr Gerry Butcher RIP Funeral Mass
Sat 11	St Martin of Tours, Bp	9.30am	Mike Mekako (birthday)
Sat 11	32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 12		10.00am 12noon	The War Dead RIP Dominic Tran Am RIP & Bill Tang RIP

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Maciej Pogorzelski, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'alters, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 382

(All saints' Day: 160 – All Souls' Day: 66)

Offertory Collection last weekend: £822.84

(World Mission Sunday: £187.76)

THE ASSUMPTION, Hainault, is twinned with the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows, Maria Ratschitz, in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa.

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4th-5th November 2017

31ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)

Reflections on Christian Hope

In this, the last of our catecheses on Christian hope, I would like to speak of *hope's fulfilment in heaven*. On Calvary, Jesus assures the Good Thief that he will be with him that very day in heaven. The Lord's solidarity with us sinners culminates on the cross; there, as one of his final acts, he opens the gates of heaven to a repentant criminal. The Good Thief's humble plea for mercy was sufficient to touch the heart of Jesus. His humility reminds us that, like the publican in the Temple, or the prodigal Son, we can only trust in God's mercy, and, at every hour of our life, turn to him with hope in his promises. Jesus died on the cross to redeem our sins, our mistakes and our failings, and to bring us with him to the house of the Father. He desires that nothing be lost of what he has redeemed. No one, then, should despair, for his grace is always present to those who put their trust in him. The hour of our death need hold no fear for us if, like the Good Thief, we can turn to the Lord and pray in confident hope: "Jesus, remember me" (cf. *Lk 23:42*).

Franciscus PP.

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: available at the back of church are special envelopes and sheets of paper on which to write the names of your departed loved ones. The envelopes (and any offering inside) can then be placed in the box in front of the altar.

ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY, LEYTONSTONE
Monday 13th November: annual Requiem at 11.30am
Saturday 25th November: Sung Requiem at 10.00am (1962 Missal)



TEA & COFFEE

are served in the Parish Hall after the 10.00am Mass every Sunday. Please come along, even if only for a few minutes, to meet and chat with your fellow parishioners.

THIS MONDAY:
10.00am Mass followed by Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)

THE MONTLIGEON PRAYER GROUP

for the Holy Souls in Purgatory meets this Wednesday for Mass at 10.00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayers for the Holy Souls and Benediction. The meeting will end no later than 11 o'clock.

THE LEGION OF MARY *meets this Thursday at 7.00pm*

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of *Louise Cheetham* who died recently. *Funeral Mass this Friday at 11.45am.* May she rest in peace and may Our Blessed, Consoler of the Afflicted, pray for her family in their bereavement.

ALDER HOUSE CHESHIRE HOME invite you to attend their Christmas Coffee Morning on *Saturday 25th November* from 10.00 till 12.00. There will be stalls, raffles and refreshments. The home is on Lambourne Road, Chigwell. Everyone welcome and entry is free.

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL

If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important that a priest be informed so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should inform their parish priest their parish priest and/or the Catholic chaplain of the hospital (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 477890 (Helen Miranda); at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877.*)

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

I draw your attention to the *Sick Parishioner Care* forms at the back of church. Please take one if you are going to hospital and wish the Catholic chaplain to look after you!

Fr Selvini

MASS INTENTIONS/OFFERINGS

Special envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like a Mass offered on a *particular anniversary*, please let the Parish Priest know well in advance – the sooner the better! Thank you for your co-operation.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for the month of November

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

What is Purgatory?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). It notes that "this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031). The purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (*Revelation 21:27*) and, while we may die with our mortal sins forgiven, there can still be many impurities in us, specifically venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

Purgatory makes sense because there is a requirement that a soul not just be declared to be clean, but actually be clean, before a man may enter into eternal life. After all, if a guilty soul is merely "covered," if its sinful state still exists but is officially ignored, then it is still a guilty soul. It is still unclean.

Catholic theology takes seriously the notion that "nothing unclean shall enter heaven." From this it is inferred that a less than cleansed soul, even if "covered," remains a dirty soul and isn't fit for heaven. It needs to be cleansed or "purged" of its remaining imperfections. The cleansing occurs in purgatory. Indeed, the necessity of the purging is taught in other passages of Scripture, such as *2 Thessalonians 2:13*, which declares that God chose us "to be saved through sanctification by the Spirit." Sanctification is thus not an option, something that may or may not happen before one gets into heaven. It is an absolute requirement, as *Hebrews 12:14* states that we must strive "for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."