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## ALL SAINTS 1 November 2020

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am**

MONDAY	12 noon and 7.00 pm	<b>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b>
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Winifred)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Charles Borromeo
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	12 noon	
SATURDAY	12 noon	(St Willibrord)

The church is open Monday to Friday from 11.45 am to 4.00 pm, and on Saturdays from 11.45 am to 3.00 pm. It opens again at 6.40 pm on Saturday evening for the first Mass of Sunday at 7.00 pm.

Tomorrow Monday is All Souls' Day. There will be an extra Mass at 7.00 pm. Church open 6.45 pm.

### My dear Parishioners and Friends,

I received a letter from Bury Police the other day, with a stark warning. No bonfires next Thursday, or else! They are very concerned for people's safety. The ban cuts out yet another part of our social fun, but that is the price we have to pay during this pandemic. At least our pets will be saved the trauma of many fireworks.



November begins with two days that are very dear to our Catholic family: **All Saints and All Souls**. Here is a little reflection for All Saints Day from a diocesan source:

*Today is a celebration of the "ordinary saints" – not the popes and bishops and miracle workers and*

*missionaries of bygone ages, but the ordinary folk who have lived this life close to Jesus, taking for their model the vision he sets out in today's Gospel – the Beatitudes. They are in so many ways the opposite of what the world says brings lasting fame and fortune. But what we celebrate today is that there is a "fame and fortune" which outlasts anything this world can give: heaven.*

*No one should ever say, "I can't be a saint." With the aid of the wonderful forgiveness of God, which Jesus constantly proclaims, we can overcome all things, so that planted in God's love and nourished by that same love, we may join that happy multitude already in heaven, fulfilling our God-given destiny by becoming saints ourselves.*

A box for the names of those who have died and whom you wish to be remembered at Mass during November is in front of the altar. Please do not put any money in this box.

If you are unable to get to Mass tomorrow, you might like to join a virtual Mass from Birmingham Cathedral to remember those who have died this year.

**Archbishop Bernard Longley** (a native of Salford diocese) will celebrate the Mass at 7.00 pm on 2 November, live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral.



Have you seen the beautiful giant-size cards made by our children in the primary school? They are addressed to me and to Fr Dearman and to all parishioners. They are

now displayed around the church. Well worth looking at. You will especially like the rosary, with beads made from photos of the little ones in the foundation unit.



**Richard Cavey** is our parish representative for the **Red Mission Boxes**. He reports that this parish raised £2,565 for APF-Mill Hill Missions in 2019. That's a great tribute to box holders and collectors. You have given generously of your money and time.

What of 2020? Your regular collector will contact you to deliver your 2021 calendar and empty your box before Christmas. (If you don't hear from your collector, you might make contact yourself. You will find contact details on the bottom of the Red Box.) Or you could leave your box in church or in the presbytery and it will be emptied and returned to you with a 2021 calendar. Any problems, just contact Richard on 0161 773 7684 or 07971 260330. And if you would like to have a Red Box, Richard will be glad to hear from you.



Another reason for thanks is what you have given in the **CAFOD Harvest Fast**. Your donations now total £1,068 - brilliant at a time when there is so much hardship around. Thank you for your generosity towards people in poor communities throughout the world. We have missed the monthly sale of **Fairtrade** goods but they are still available. For information, pick up a sheet from the back of church.



Last week I mentioned how you could get various items now that the piety stall is

closed. **Cristiana Cocora**, whom many of you will remember, makes beautiful handmade rosaries. You can contact her by email on [ralucacristiana@yahoo.com](mailto:ralucacristiana@yahoo.com) or speak to her on 07925 903219.



Would you like to learn the **basics of IT**? Bury Council is running a **free six-week course** which sounds very attractive. To book a free place, phone 0161 253 5772. It might be just what you are looking for, particularly in these Tier 3 days. I am very grateful for the course I followed in Bury years ago.



You have been very kind to Fr Dearman and me this week, when we both celebrated the anniversary of our ordination to the sacred priesthood. Between us we have been priests for 115 years! We are very grateful for your prayers, good wishes and presents.

There is an interesting website on the internet with the name [www.catholic-hierarchy.org](http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org)

This website gives current and historical information about the bishops and dioceses of the Catholic Church. It traces the 'ancestry' of bishops by telling who consecrated them as bishops, and when. Fr Dearman was ordained priest by Cardinal William Heard and I by Cardinal William Godfrey. Reading the episcopal ancestry of these two cardinals, we find that we have five popes and at least one canonised saint in our pedigree as priests. Something there to live up to!

God bless you all.

**Fr Allen**

### **Fr Dearman's reflections on the Creed -**

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As a boy Jesus was subject to the authority of Mary and Joseph, because he had totally accepted the human nature he had taken on. So when people hear that he is the Son of God they might well suppose that he is in some way inferior to God the Father.

The Creed knocks that idea firmly on the head. "God from God", not little God from big God. He is "light from light, true God from true God". The Son is just as much truly God as the Father. As the Preface for Trinity Sunday puts it, "What you have revealed to us of your glory we believe equally of your Son".

He is "begotten, not made". So his being born of the Father does not make him a creature. He is "consubstantial with the Father". That is, the Father and the Son share the same reality. The word 'consubstantial' may give an impression of a material substance, but of course God is a purely spiritual being. Our human language struggles to express these superhuman realities.

"Through him all things were made." Earlier we saw that the creation of the world was the work of the Father, but now we see that this work was performed 'through' the Son. So here, as with everything else, the Son has an equal share in God's wonderful plan of Creation.

We thank God for allowing us this glimpse into his life.