



3 NOVEMBER 2024

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFLECTION FROM FR. ANTHONY. Love is a word we often use in our conversations. I love that food. I love that television show or movie. I love walking or gardening. But love has a deeper meaning. It involves an aspect of relation. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us, *"Since God has loved us, love is now no longer a mere 'command'; it is a response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us. In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant."*

When we love someone, it goes beyond feelings or emotions; it is desiring the very best for the other. The two golden commandments of our faith - love of God and love of our neighbour - are foundational. God loves each and every one of us immensely, and we are invited to accept this love in gratitude and share this love with everyone. Love has no boundaries. Do we show love to those who irritate us? Do we show love to those who we might not necessarily get along with? Do we show love to those who face any form of rejection?

SHARING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST.

Starting in Advent, we will reintroduce the possibility of the faithful receiving communion under both species - the Body of Christ and the Blood of Christ. Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it is distributed under both kinds. We are very grateful for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion we have in the parish, but we are always looking for more assistance. If you would like to share your time during Mass to share the Body and Blood of Christ with the faithful, please get in contact with Fr. Anthony.

THANK YOU for your continued generosity.



GOSPEL. Mark 12:28-34. *'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'*

BIBLE STUDY. Starting on Wednesday 4 December, the parish will be hosting a Bible Study group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm onwards. We will focus on the Gospel of Luke. For more information, please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS. It is a long-standing Catholic tradition to have the eucharist offered for a particular intention, for the living and the dead. We do this because our faith is centred on the celebration of the eucharist, the source of our life in Christ. Of course, Mass is free, but it is customary to make a donation in a form of Mass stipend or offering to support the presider. In the UK, the suggested amount is £5.00 but it is customary to give £10.00. If you would like to arrange a Mass offering, please contact the office.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday 2 November - COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes - (Vigil Mass) - *People of the parish*

Sunday 3 November - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Sick and suffering of the parish*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Faithfully departed of the parish*

Monday 4 November - ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

No Mass

Tuesday 5 November - 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *John Beaumont Owles RIP*

Wednesday 6 November - 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Gladys & Harald Edwards RIP*

Thursday 7 November - 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Violet Doris Querstret RIP*

Friday 8 November - 31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Holy Souls*

Saturday 9 November - DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Pope Francis*

6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes - (Vigil Mass) - *Faithfully Departed of the Parish*

Sunday 10 November - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *People of the Parish*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Remembrance Sunday Mass*



OFFERTORY. The Parish bank account details are as follows:

Lloyds Bank Account name: CDP Our Lady of Lourdes' and St Swithun Church

Sort code: 30-93-04

Parish Account no: 01730453

PARISH CONFESSION TIMES.

Saturday morning after Mass at 9.45am at St Swithun's, and 5.15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes. Other times are available.

YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved since you first joined the Parish? Do we have your current email address? Have you added to your family? Help us to keep our database up to date. Thank you!

BAPTISM. If you are looking to have your baby baptised, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk or email the office if he is unavailable.

PARISH SICK LIST. Do you know of someone who is ill and would like Holy Communion at home? If so, please let Fr. Anthony Fyk know once you have gained the person's permission to pass on their details. Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEERING. If you could help us in any way, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk.

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