



FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

November is a month in which, by tradition, we pray in a very special way for all of our loved ones who have died.

Praying for the dead is an incredible act of Christian Charity. It is not only a reminder that the love we have for those who have entered into eternity continues but, it also reminds us to storm Heaven with our prayers on their behalf.

But why do we need to do that? Won't our loved ones already be in Heaven?

The Church teaches that for most of us, we will enter a state known as "Purgatory" where we will be "purged" of our imperfections before entering into paradise. This is a state where we remember God's love for each and every one of us. It is another opportunity for us to receive mercy and be prepared for an eternity with God.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Charles Borromeo

Charles Borromeo was born on the 2nd October 1538 and died on the 3rd November 1584.

He was the Archbishop of Milan from 1564 to 1584 and a cardinal of the Catholic Church.

St Charles was a leading figure of the Counter-Reformation combat against the Protestant Reformation together with Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri.

In that role he was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. He is honoured as a saint by the Catholic Church, with a feast day on 4 November. He is the patron saint of seminarians!

*St Charles Borromeo
pray for us!*

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 12 pm

Tuesday - 10 am - 12 pm

Wednesday - 10 am - 12 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the following whose funerals will take place over the next few weeks.

-Thomas “Tommy” Kelly RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 4th November at 10 am.

-Catherine O’Neil RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 5th November at 10.30 am.

-Mr De Souza RIP whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 12th November at 10.30 am

-Michael Brennan RIP whose Funeral Service will take place at the Vale Crematorium on Thursday 14th November at 3 pm.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

There will be a Mass of Remembrance for all of our loved ones who have died on Monday 4th November at 7 pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th November - Bereavement Mass at 7 pm

9th November - Morning Recollection for new and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (10.30 am - 12 pm).

7th December - Carol Service at 6 pm.

VINNY’S PANTRY

The Pantry is open on Tuesday 5,45 pm - 6.45 pm. Donations of tinned fish, tomatoes, fruit, and cereal are greatly appreciated.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>) This is a great way to stay updated with Parish events.

SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

Public Vespers and Benediction will take place on Sunday at 4.15 pm.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm every Sunday.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

It is hoped that over the next few months and years, a number of projects for the church and parish centre will be completed.

These include restoring the baptismal font to the original baptistry, improving the facilities in the parish centre including installing a full kitchen and dividers to make better use of the space, creating a prayer garden at the back of the parish centre, and many more.

As with everything, these projects will require some funding. A new fund has been added to the card machine at the back of the church for anyone who would like to, and is able to, support some of these projects.

MASS READINGS

Please note that the readings for Mass will be taken from the new Lectionary.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Please note that the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis is reserved in the reliquary to the left of the sanctuary as you look at the Tabernacle. Please feel free to spend a moment in intercessory prayer.

FLAME 2025

Flame 2025 is a Catholic event for young people that takes place at Wembley. Next year, the event will take place on Saturday 15th March.

It is hoped that a group of young people from our Deanery will be able to attend an event that celebrates the joy of being Catholic. More details to follow.

NOVEMBER PRAYER

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command, we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom for ever!

Amen.

PARISH OFFERTORY

If you would like to make an offering to the ministry of the parish online, please use the bank details below:

Bank: Natwest
Account Name: Our Lady Help of Christians
Sort Code: 60-06-11
Account Number: 91052181

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will take place on Monday 25th November between 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm at the Rectory (the house next to the church).

The change in date is due to external commitments that cannot be changed.

This is an opportunity for anyone who has forms to fill in, would like to discuss sacramental celebrations, or has any other queries to have an opportunity to do just that.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia will be hosting a weekend away with the Lord from the 1st - 3rd November.

The retreat is for single women aged between 18 - 35.

For more details, please contact Sr Bernadette Marie at op@rcda.scot.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Danny Harding, Tommy Hannigan, Sally Rhodes, Robert Roe, Connor McFadden, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Frances Sheeran, Anthony Sheeran, Jim Seery, Tommy Seery, Bridget Seery, Esther McDonnell, Patrick McDonnell, Johanna O'leary, Caterina La Viola, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara, Bill Molloy and all our loved ones who have died.

CULTURE OF LIFE

Over the next five years, there will be continuous attempts in Parliament to extend the culture of death.

As Catholics, we are called to protect and promote the dignity of life for all. Please write to your Member of Parliament urging them to vote against any attempt to introduce euthanasia (so called assisted dying etc) during this Parliament.

Human life is sacred and given by God, and we are called to protect and defend it.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During November, Masses will be offered for all of our loved ones who have died.

Please feel free to bring in a picture for the Altar of Remembrance and to collect an envelope to place their names and donation in.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

THIS WEDNESDAY at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

NEW LECTIONARY

With the arrival of the new lectionaries, we will be writing the names of donors into the books in thanksgiving for their generosity. If you made an offering using the Dona Machine, please let the Parish Office know so that your names can be included.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious.”

-St Rose of Viterbo

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the reception of Holy Communion is for Catholics who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion.

If we receive Holy Communion on the hand, please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible.

CHURCH LIGHTS

Thanks to a very generous donor, we have been able to replace some of the lights over the sanctuary.

Please continue to pray for the works being undertaken here within the parish.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

That the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers..



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

£1845.14

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p>SUNDAY 3rd November</p> <p>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9 am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4 pm Rosary</p> <p>4.15 pm Vespers and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Jennifer David - Ake Int., Maureen Harvey RIP, Ian M RIP, Christy Rasaiya RIP.</p> <p>Canon John Udris Int., Chi Chi Jimoh Int., Deceased Members of the Luton Irish Forum, Betty Taplin RIP, Michael Harking RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo, Vince Quigley RIP.</p>
<p>MONDAY 4th November</p> <p>S Charles Borromeo</p>	<p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p> <p>10 am Funeral Mass</p> <p>7 pm Bereavement Mass</p>	<p>Msgr John Chaloner RIP, Rena Carty RIP, Anthony Kelly RIP.</p> <p>Joseph Kelly RIP</p> <p>All the Faithful Departed</p>
<p>TUESDAY 5th November</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Dead</p>	<p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p> <p>10.30 am Funeral Mass</p>	<p>Anthony Kelly RIP.</p> <p>Catherine "Kitty" O'Neil RIP</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 6th November</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Dead</p>	<p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p>	<p>Patrick & Joseph Sweeney, Bobby Shortall RIP.</p>
<p>THURSDAY 7th November</p>	<p>NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY</p>	
<p>FRIDAY 8th November</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Dead</p>	<p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS <i>Followed by veneration of the relic of the True Cross.</i></p> <p>7 pm RCIA</p>	<p>Andy McKenna RIP.</p> <p>Parish Centre</p>
<p>SATURDAY 9th November</p> <p>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</p>	<p>9 am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>10.30 am - 12 pm Extraordinary Ministers Day of Recollection</p> <p>1 pm Mass in Shona</p>	<p>Quirka Thomas Int., Sefin Francis Int., Christy Rasaiya RIP.</p> <p>Church.</p> <p>Zimbabwean Community</p>