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Saturday 8 th November	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 th November	11.00am	Stephen Prescott (Anniversary)
Tuesday 11 th November	9.30am	Gail Sutton
Wednesday 12 th November	7.00pm	Shelagh Martin (Lately Dead)
Thursday 13 th November	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 15 th November	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th November	11.00am	John Hart
<i>All those mentioned in the Pious Lists, and all the Faithful Departed, are also remembered at Mass each day throughout the month of November</i>		

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October



For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer that draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption



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Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (C)

9th November 2025



The Basilica of St. John Lateran (the official name) is often referred to as the “Mother Church of the Church” meaning, that it is both the official church of the Pope and the first major church building built in Rome (c.4th century AD). The structure itself represents the love and spiritual freedom that comes from God through Jesus Christ. It is meant to represent the People of God receiving the Love of God.

In the First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel we hear the Prophet telling the Jewish captives in Babylon (c. 6th century BC) that God promised to restore them to their homeland and to rebuild the temple, but it was not going to be like what they had left behind. It would be a spiritual building made up of the faithful and it would be fed and nourished by the waters (graces) flowing from its portals. Its purpose was to give hope to the captives and something to look forward to.

The Responsorial Psalm echoes the words and meaning of the Prophet and adds that “God is in its midst” meaning that in a place of worship God is truly present, but unlike the Jews of Ezekiel’s day who believed that God was only in the temple, we know and believe that God is everywhere; but the church building is a symbol of His presence.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians . In this passage, Paul gives us another look at what “Church” means. He says that we, the people of the parish, are The Church and St. Peter says the same thing: “You are like living stones built into an edifice of spirit.” That is, when we are truly living and worshiping together as the People of God, then we become The Church. Paul goes on to say the just as a church is holy, we too are holy when we are living the life that God has planned for us; but not to live as He planned is to court spiritual death.

The Gospel Reading is from John. This passage is often read in the last days of Lent and reflects Jesus’ anger when He finds the buying and selling of animals and money changing in the temple at Passover. He cries out to those doing so: “Take these out of here, for Zeal for your [my] house will consume me.” And adding to this he prophesies “[If you] destroy this temple, in three days I will raise it up.” But they did not understand.



Offertory Collection/Donations

If you do not have any cash you can donate by scanning this QR code with a smart phone.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday we will take the postponed special collection for World Mission Sunday. In January this year Pope Francis chose "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" as the theme for this year's WMS. Reminding us of our calling to be "messengers and builders of hope" in this Jubilee Year. Hope which, rooted in the resurrection of Christ, has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Your generous donations, coordinated by Missio, will help to bring comfort and support to disadvantage people throughout the world and, with our help we will be beacons of light in their darkness.

Envelopes for World Mission Sunday can be returned over the next couple of weeks. Thank you for being Missionaries of Hope.

Pious Lists for November

November, the month of the Holy Souls, is the month when we traditionally remember the faithful departed, especially our own family and friends, people from our parish, those who have died recently and those who have no one to pray for them.. Pious Lists and envelopes are available at the back of Church, and they should be returned to the Sacristy when completed. These will be placed on the Altar and will remain there throughout the month of November.

50 Plus Group

The next meeting of the 50 Plus Group is this coming Wednesday, 12th November, at 2:00pm in the Church Hall.

Mass of the Resurrection



Our Mass of the Resurrection takes place here at Our Lady's at **7.00pm on Wednesday 26th November**. During this Mass we pray for all the faithful departed, but especially for those who have died during the last twelve months and whose Requiems have taken place here at Our Lady Help of Christians. We also remember their relatives and friends for whom the pain of grief is still strong.

Portico Fundraisers

Our Christmas tombola and plant sale will be held in the parish hall over the weekend of 13/14 December.

Order forms for the plants will be available in the church porch on the 22/23 November and must be returned by the 29/30 November.

Please note ALL ORDERS ARE CASH ONLY.

Thank you for your support.

First Holy Communions 2026

Parents and guardians of Baptised children in Year 4 and above who wish to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are welcome to join the "With You Always" programme. Please call Denise Liptrot (preferably after 6.00pm) on 07726 286 363 as soon as possible with your name and contact details.

Feast Days This Week

Sunday

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – This feast commemorates the dedication of the basilica built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill which, by a tradition dating from the 12th Century, is said to have taken place on this day. The Basilica stands on the site of an ancient palace on the Celian Hill in Rome. At first the feast was kept only in the City of Rome but then, in honour of the basilica which is called Mother and Head of all the Churches of the City and of the World, it was extended to the whole of the Roman Rite as a sign of unity and respect towards the Holy See, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch wrote, presides over the whole assembly of charity.

Monday

St Leo the Great – Born in Tuscany, he became Pope in 440. He was a true father and shepherd of his people. He constantly strove to protect the integrity of the faith, defended the unity of the Church, and repelled or alleviated the incursions of the barbarians. His 143 sermons and 96 letters show his clarity of thought and his skill with words. He was important as a theologian and a statesman. Some of the Collects in the Roman Missal are probably his work. He was magnanimous, consistent, and devoted to the Church, and in very truth he is called the Great. He died in the year 461.

Tuesday

St Martin of Tours – He was born of pagan parents about the year 316. He received baptism and gave up his career as a soldier, telling his commanding officer, "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give my bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." He founded a monastery in Liguge in France where he lived the religious life under the guidance of St Hilary. Then he was ordained priest and was chosen to be Bishop of Tours. As a bishop he lived a simple, austere life, visiting all the parishes of his diocese, instructing the clergy and preaching the Gospel to the poor. He fought heresies but was merciful to heretics. He died in the year 397 and, at his own request, was buried in the Cemetery of the Poor

Wednesday

St Josaphat – Born in the Ukraine of Orthodox parents about the year 1580, he was a Catholic of the Ruthenian Rite. He became a Catholic of the Roman Rite and joined the monks of St Basil. He was ordained priest and was elected Bishop of Polock. He worked strenuously for unity between the Russian Orthodox Church and Rome until he was martyred by an angry mob in Russia in 1623. In 1867 he became the first saint of the Eastern Church to be formally canonised by Rome.

Thursday

St Quintian – A native of Africa, he was forced to leave his homeland during the invasion of Africa by the Arian Vandals. Settling in Gaul, he served the Church well and was eventually appointed Bishop of Clermont. He died in the year 527.

Friday

St Dubricus - One of the founders of monastic life in Wales, also called Dubric, Dyfrig, or Devereux. He was born in Madley, Wales, and he founded monasteries at Henllan and Moccas. These served as motherhouses for other abbeys in Herefordshire, Gwent, and the Wye Valley. Dubricus also ruled Caldey Island. He appointed St. Samson abbot and ordained him as a bishop. Dubricus spent the last years of his life at Ynys Enlli. He is believed to have been the Archbishop of Caerleon. He died and was buried on the island of Bardsey.

Saturday

St Albert the Great – He was born at Lauingen on the River Danube in Germany about the year 1206. He studied at Padua and Paris and then entered the Dominican Order and was engaged in teaching in a number of places with great merit. He was ordained Bishop of Regensburg and made great efforts to secure peace between peoples and between cities. He resigned his See to devote all his energies to teaching and writing, and wrote many eminent works of doctrine and natural science. He died at Cologne in the year 1280.