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Saturday 31 st October	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 1 st November	11.00am	Roy Stott (Anniversary)
Monday 2nd November All Souls Day	11.00am	Holy Souls
<i>Tuesday 3rd November</i>		<i>NO MASS</i>
Wednesday 4 th November	7.00pm	John Mather
Thursday 5 th November	9.30am	Special Intention (TB)
Saturday 7 th November	5.30pm	Ken Fidler
Sunday 8 th November	11.00am	Stephen Prescott (Anniversary)

Sunday Liturgy

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November



For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and the solidarity of those who have less.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We remember all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially among our own families and friends. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Solemnity of All Saints (A)

1st November 2026



The Communion of the Saints

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names

as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.



Offertory Collection/Donations

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

Social Evening – next date to be announced soon

Many thanks to all those who supported our last evening. It raised a very generous £195.00.

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 and those who have died recently. 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 on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed 2nd November) and will remain there throughout the month of November.

Knitters and Stitchers

Portico K&S invite you to enjoy our 'River of Remembrance' display in the front garden and inside Church until Thursday 26th November. The hall and church will also be open each Thursday from 1-4pm during November, for tea & coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

Mass of the Resurrection



Our Mass of the Resurrection takes place here at Our Lady's at **7.00pm on Wednesday 18th 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.

Mission Box Annual Collection 2026

Could all holders of MISSIO RED BOXES please bring them to the chapel before Mass next weekend, 7th and 8th November. A SPECIAL COLLECTION will also be taken after Mass. Thank you to all who donate to Missio. We are extremely grateful for your continued support, which allows us to continue our Missionary Work of sharing God's love throughout the world. We are proud to be the Pope's charity for World Mission.

SHARe Knowsley Christmas Fayre

We are looking for donations of new teddy bears, toys and beauty sets for our tombola at SHARe Knowsley's Christmas Fayre, 12.30 – 4.00pm on Saturday 28th November. All money raised will go directly towards SHARe's work supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our society. If you are able please leave donations in the box near the organ. Thank you for your support.

Mary's Meals Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Join us on Saturday 28th November for a festive wreath making event and help raise money for Mary's Meals. Two sessions are available: 10am – 12pm or 2pm – 4pm. Please scan the QR code on the poster in the porch or the link on the website to book your slot!

Children's Church and Ministry of Welcome

We are looking for volunteers to help launch and lead two vital areas of our church ministry! First, we need enthusiastic individuals to join our Ministry of Welcome starting the first weekend of Advent, helping to create a warm, hospitable environment greeting all who walk through our doors, handing out Newsletters, Mass and Hymn books.

Additionally, we are looking for dedicated leaders to help shape our Children's Church, which is set to launch in early 2027.

Whether you love greeting new faces or investing in the spiritual growth of our youngest members, your unique gifts can make a lasting impact.

Please reach out today to see how you can get involved!

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday

St Martine de Porres – He was born at Lima in Peru in the year 1579. As a young man he learnt the art of a dispenser of medicines, and afterwards when he joined the Dominican Order he practised this for the sake of the poor. He led a humble and austere life, and was particularly noted for his devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He possessed great spiritual wisdom, and resolved many theological problems for the learned of his Order and for bishops. He died in 1639.

Wednesday

St Charles Borromeo – He was born at Lombardy in the family castle in the year 1538. After obtaining his doctorate in both civil and canon law he was created a cardinal by Pope Pius IV and was chosen to be Bishop of Milan. As a bishop he lived simply, worked hard for the good of his diocese, and was very concerned about the education of the clergy. He frequently went round his diocese, calling synods, making wise regulations and worked hard for Christian morality. He also acted as a Papal Legate on numerous diplomatic missions. He had great influence in the final session of the Council of Trent and its subsequent implementation. He was an utterly devoted pastor in an important diocese at the time he was most needed. He died on 3rd November 1584.

Thursday

St Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist – What we know about Elizabeth comes mostly from the Gospel of St Luke. A descendant of the priestly line of Aaron, she was a kinswoman of the Virgin Mary. She is described as being "righteous before God". When Elizabeth was six months pregnant Mary went to visit her with the news that she too was expecting a child. Elizabeth greeted her as "the mother of my Lord", and proclaimed "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb".

Friday

St Leonard – he was a Frank courtier who was converted by St. Remigius, refused the offer of a See from his godfather, King Clovis I, and became a monk at Micy. He lived as a hermit at Limoges and was rewarded by the king with all the land he could ride around on a donkey in a day for his prayers, which were believed to have brought the Queen through a difficult delivery safely. He founded Noblac monastery on the land so granted him, and it grew into the town of Saint-Leonard. He remained there evangelizing the surrounding area until his death. He is invoked by prisoners of war because of the legend that Clovis promised to release every captive Leonard visited.

Saturday

St Elizabeth of the Trinity – She was a French Discalced Carmelite professed religious, a mystic, and a spiritual writer. She was known for the depth of her spiritual growth as a Carmelite as well as bleak periods in which her religious calling was perceived to be unsure according to those around her; she however was acknowledged for her persistence in pursuing the will of God and in devoting herself to the charism of the Carmelites. Elizabeth was a gifted pianist and had strong feelings for the Carmelite charism. Of that experience as a professed religious she wrote in a letter: "I can't find words to express my happiness. Here there is no longer anything but God. He is All; He suffices and we live by Him alone"