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The Month of November is devoted to All Saints

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

8 November 2020 Psalter 4

Saturday

5.00 p.m. Private Prayer

Sunday

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Monday

**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN
BASILICA**

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Tuesday

St Leo the Great, pope

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Wednesday

St Martin of Tours

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Thursday

St Josophat, bishop, martyr

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Friday

Feria

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. Private Prayer

Sunday (Meadowhead)

10.00 a.m. Private Prayer

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Pat Kirk, Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Michael Goodfellow, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Linda Costello, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Fr Michael Horrax, John Walton, Mary Tetzlaff, Peter Baines and Phil Robinson. **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 **Account Number:** 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish**.

Registered Charity No 512021

Public Masses - As you will know, the new lockdown has meant that all public worship has had to cease once again, which means there will be no public Masses until further notice. However, Fr Stephen will still be saying Mass each day, so you can still send in your Mass requests with stipend offering as before.

Private Prayer - The church will be open Sunday - Friday from 10.00am - 11.00am for Private Prayer and on Saturdays from 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Please feel free to come along anytime during that hour. You do not need to book (though this may be reviewed if numbers are high). *However, the 2 metre rule will still apply, masks MUST be worn and names and contact details are still required for tracking and tracing.* Don't forget, you can also use the QR Code if you have downloaded the NHS app.

NOVEMBER is the month when we pray for the dead. Our faith in the resurrection encourages us to pray in hope for the forgiveness of their sins and the gift of eternal life. Each parish community brings this prayer together for all its relatives, friends and benefactors in Masses (*the Dead List*) offered throughout the year. If you wish to number your own among those prayed for, take a form from the back of church, fill in the required details and return it with your offering.

NB - If you have been unable to obtain the Dead List form, you can write your family details on a piece of paper and put it, with your offering, through the letter box at the presbytery.

Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

Please sign this petition if you think Mass should be resumed. All are encouraged to sign the following petition calling for the government to reconsider its stance on a blanket ban on congregational worship: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/548621>.



For Sale; Nativity Christmas Cards to help establish the very first Hospice in Bethlehem. Available In church or from Philomena and Joe McNally 0114 236 4076 or Graham and Valerie Smith 0114 236 8859. Price same as last year £3.50 packet of 10.

The Prophecy School & Miracle Healing Service - with Damian Stayne

Fri 13 - Sun 14 November 2020, Online. For more information go to: www.coretlumenchristi.org Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341

CAFOD - online events:

- ◆ [Bangladesh and the Rohingya crisis](#) Thursday 12 November, 11am-12pm Join our exclusive dialogue with Richard Sloman Programme Officer Bangladesh to hear about how coronavirus is affecting some of the most disadvantaged communities in Bangladesh and in the Rohingya refugee camps. How are CAFOD and the international Catholic Church community responding to the crisis? [Register](#) to join us.
- ◆ [Faith into action: Building a better world after the pandemic](#) Saturday 14 November, 11am-4pm As the world looks at ways to recover and rebuild from the coronavirus pandemic, we must use this moment to ensure that the recovery tackles poverty, inequality, environmental degradation and the climate emergency. Hear from practical theologian Sam Ewell as well as climate campaigners from across the world, join in discussions on how through campaigning with CAFOD you can help to turn Pope Francis' most recent messages into a reality. [Register](#) to join us.
- ◆ **Top of the Christmas Card List?** As November is the month when we pray particularly for those who have died, let us remember some of CAFOD's partners who have been killed for standing up for their people and speaking out for justice – something we are privileged to be able to do in comparative safety here in the UK. More than 300 human rights defenders were killed last year while trying to protect their lands and nature, to halt the climate crisis or stand up for peace and human rights. Hundreds more were threatened or criminalised. CAFOD invites us to support these communities by sending Messages to the Brave either online or by making or sending a card via CAFOD by 7th December. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave

OUTREACH - Outreach Donations: A big thank you to parishioners who have responded to the recent appeal for donations to help our parish Outreach partners at this especially challenging time for them. The current total is a WONDERFUL £1,744. The Outreach Committee will be meeting by Zoom in the week commencing 9th November to plan the distribution of this money. The appeal is still open if you would like to donate. **The easiest way** is by bank transfer. The information you will need is REFERENCE NAME: "Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam" **SORT CODE:** 54-41-47 **ACCOUNT NO:** 24273988.

Alternatively, cash donations or cheques can be dropped off at the presbytery in an envelope marked "**FAO Liz Mason for Outreach**" or sent to Paul Embley (Outreach Treasurer) c/o 29 Chantrey Road, Sheffield S8 8QU. Please make cheques payable to "**Outreach OLST Diocese of Hallam**". Please keep our Outreach partners in your prayers. We will continue to keep you informed about how they are getting on.

More updates on our parish Outreach partners.

The Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust (formerly the Hallam Bethlehem Fund) aims to provide a care centre for the poor and elderly and a hospice for the dying in and around Bethlehem, where lack of resources and absence of healthcare, social services and pensions leaves the elderly, especially men, particularly vulnerable. Negotiating the acquisition of premises is, inevitably, a slow process, but progress is being made. In the meantime, they are exploring the possibility of beginning basic Home Hospice with support from the University of Bethlehem. But this too is complicated by the difficulties of bringing in nurses from Palestine at present.

As a result of Covid-19, the situation for the people of Bethlehem is grim. The town has been locked down since early March. All hotels are closed, and as Bethlehem depends on pilgrimages and tourism, people are in dire need. The unemployment rate is now over 70% and there is no safety net of Government support. Without pensions or social services families are hit hard, and there is real hunger.

Sheffield's SVP Furniture Store - part of the St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales) charity - has been operating since 1987. The Store's mission is to help turn a house, a flat, temporary accommodation into a home for people who find themselves trying to live in challenging circumstances through no fault of their own. The Store collects donations of furniture and household items which are then redistributed to those in need. They help anyone in need regardless of their faith, beliefs, gender, age, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation or marital status.

During the year April 2019-March 2020 the Store made 1,090 deliveries, helping 2,357 people (including families and children). With the onset of Covid-19 in March they reluctantly had to close the project for 8 weeks to ensure the wellbeing of beneficiaries, staff and volunteers. They resumed activities on the 20th May, and since then, on average, 36 deliveries to clients and 20 collections have been made each week.

NHS Voluntary Responders -
Are you an NHS Approved Voluntary Responder? If so, perhaps you can help. Fr Stephen doesn't drive and with the current limitations no-one is allowed to offer him a lift. This will have a negative impact on him being able to carry out aspects of his ministry, like visiting the sick and taking Holy Communion. However, if you are a volunteer responder you can offer him a lift. If it is something you can help with, please contact Liz Mason at the presbytery Tuesday -Friday either by email or ringing. We know there are plenty of people who may be willing to offer a lift, but the diocesan guidelines are very strict on this, so please do not offer unless you are an NHS Responder.

Aftermath - Siegfried Sassoon

Have you forgotten yet?...

For the world's events have rumbled on since those gagged days,
Like traffic checked while at the crossing of city-ways:
And the haunted gap in your mind has filled with thoughts that flow
Like clouds in the lit heaven of life; and you're a man reprieved to go,
Taking your peaceful share of Time, with joy to spare.
But the past is just the same--and War's a bloody game...

Have you forgotten yet?...

Look down, and swear by the slain of the War that you'll never forget.

Do you remember the dark months you held the sector at Mametz--
The nights you watched and wired and dug and piled sandbags on parapets?

Do you remember the rats; and the stench

Of corpses rotting in front of the front-line trench--

And dawn coming, dirty-white, and chill with a hopeless rain?

Do you ever stop and ask, 'Is it all going to happen again?'

Do you remember that hour of din before the attack--

And the anger, the blind compassion that seized and shook you then

As you peered at the doomed and haggard faces of your men?

Do you remember the stretcher-cases lurching back

With dying eyes and lolling heads--those ashen-grey

Masks of the lads who once were keen and kind and gay?

Have you forgotten yet?...

Look up, and swear by the green of the spring that you'll never forget.

The Story of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members. In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead. Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervour in Mexico.

In Flanders Fields John McRae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead.
Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Prayer for the Week

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection for
your departed servants also find new strength.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

This Week's Readings Thirty-Second Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Responsorial Psalm: 62

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:1-13*

Next Week's Readings ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading: *Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14*

Responsorial Psalm: 23

Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:1-12*

Thought for the Week

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

Ephesians 1:17-18

**No Nativity this year because
the 3 Wise Men face a travel
ban.**

**The shepherds have been
furloughed.**

**The Inn keeper has shut under
Tier 3 regulations and had a
slump in bookings.**

**Santa won't be working as he
would break the rule of 6 with
Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer,
Prancer, Vixen, Donner and
Blitzen.**

**As for Rudolph, with that red
nose, he should be isolating
and taking a test. 😂😂**