

A Message from your Parish Priest

Every year as we approach the Month of November and the end of the year, our thoughts turn to the last things. November is dedicated by the Church to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. St Paul taught us that there are three things which matter; Faith, Hope and Love. The Apostle teaches us that of these the greatest is Love.

The virtue of Faith, which is of such importance to us in our lives on earth, will have an end. When we see God face-to-face in heaven, He will be intensely real to us. We will at last know Him as He is, but we will not need to believe in Him any longer. Faith is believing without seeing. We will not need it in heaven.

A life without Hope would be unthinkable for us on earth. We do not only believe in God, but we believe in His love for us, and we hope always for the fulfilment of His promises to us. Ultimately we hope, with the confidence of a child, that God our Father will bring us home to be with Him in heaven. When heaven is ours, however, we will no longer have anything to hope for. Everything we could wish for will be ours when we are at home in the house of God.

Love is the greatest of the virtues, St Paul says, because unlike Faith and Hope, it never comes to an end. We will love God for all eternity, of course, but also the love we have for those we are separated from by death will endure, on earth and in heaven.

We get a glimpse of the enduring nature of love by our own earthly experience. We do not cease to love those we love when they are taken from us. The pain of loss is the proof of love. I am sure we have all experienced that. If the grief we feel when someone dies is proof to us of the love we feel for them, then we must not doubt that, in another world, their love for us continues also. The love which binds us one to another means that we are unseparated even by death. This is the doctrine of the Communion of Saints which we profess our belief in every time we recite the Creed.

In this world, of course, our love for one another finds many ways of expressing itself. The cruelty of bereavement is the sense that so many of those ways become impossible to us. What would we not give to spend five minutes with those we have loved and lost? Just for a moment to be able to share with them our feelings, to enjoy once again the joy of their company, would be a priceless gift to us. Sadly, as we know, on earth it is not possible, and we must wait for heaven for that closeness to be restored to us. There is, however, one loving gesture which unites us across the great divide of death. That gesture is prayer. We pray for those who have died, as we believe they pray for us. Our prayer is like a love-letter which unites us to those from whom we are, for a little while, separated.

The greatest prayer available to us is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is a wonderful custom of Catholic people to want to apply that highest of all prayers for those who have died. Every week, on the bulletin, we see the proof of people's love for those they have lost in the Masses celebrated for their eternal repose. At this time of the year, as well, we have the custom of the "Dead List". In every Dead list Mass which is offered in the course of the year, the souls of all those on the list are included. It is a very old and hallowed custom.

The Church also encourages other devotions for the Holy Souls at this time of the year. Indulgences are offered to all those who visit a cemetery to pray for the dead during the month of November, and we will have an opportunity to do that as a parish during the coming month. "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead," the scriptures tell us. Let us do whatever we can by prayer for those who have been part of our lives on earth and are now still part of our lives from beyond the grave.

With every blessing,

Monsignor Smith



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MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

10.00am-10.30am (in Selby)

5.15pm-5.45pm (in Selby)

And on request in Carlton.

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Mass are on page 146.

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OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

**Bjefore week-day Mass and
at 5pm on Sunday (With
Benediction)**



Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Saturday:

10.00am-10.30am

5.15pm-5.45pm

(in Selby during confessions)

Marriages and Baptisms

By appointment. Please see the
priest after Mass to make
arrangements

SATURDAY OCTOBER	24 th	6:00pm	Selby	Walter Trybala	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	25 th	9.30am 11:15am 5.00pm	Selby Carlton Selby	Kathleen and Ron Stapleton Pro Populo Rosary and Benediction	30th Sunday in the Year
MONDAY	26 th			N.B. No Mass To-day	Ss. Chad and Cedd Bishops
TUESDAY	27 th			N.B. No Mass To-day	Feria
WEDNESDAY	28 th			N.B. No Mass To-day	Ss. Simon and Jude Apostles
THURSDAY	29 th			N.B. No Mass To-day	Feria
FRIDAY	30 th			N.B. No Mass To-day	Feria
SATURDAY	31 st	9.30am 6:00pm	Selby Selby	Yorkshire Brethren Florence O'Donnell	Mass of Our Lady Vigil Mass
SUNDAY NOVEMBER	1 st	9.30am 11:15am 3.00pm	Selby Carlton Selby	Roger Bartholomew Pro Populo Service for the Dead	ALL SAINTS DAY

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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YOUR OFFERINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday 18th October: £995.24 (Including Standing Orders) *Many Thanks for your Generosity.*
Thanks also for a legacy of £2,000 from the estate of the late George Popplewell, and of £1,000 from the late Harold Kettley. The sponsored Great North Run raised a total of £1250 + Gift Aid – a marvellous

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to all who organised and supported in any way the quiz night on Friday evening.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially:
Pat Stronach, Mary Margaret Gwyn, Fr Paul White (Carlton 1963), Fr Tony Wilkinson, John Queenan, Jackie Winstanley, Michael West, Stanley Blair, Thomas Williams, Ann Simpson, Fr William Backhouse, Fr John Tomblin, Cpl Joseph Judge, Margaret Taylor.

Please remember also in your prayers Jill Penney and Tommy Alford, Roger Bartholomew and John Huddleston who have sadly died.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen The Requiem Mass for Jill will take place in St Mary's, Carlton On Friday 6th November at 12.30pm.

DEAD LIST

Envelopes are available at the back of church.

SCRIPTURE COURSE

Sign-up forms are still available for the short scripture course on St Mark's Gospel. The first session is on Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm, repeated the following morning, 4th November at 10.30am.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember very specially in your prayers those who are sick:

Maureen McDonnell, Gerry McCrossan, Shirley Harrison and Jean Wilson, Zita Birchwood, Breda Gallagher, Irene Bradshaw, Pat Lynch, André Joseph Gudgeon, Lesley Stripe and Patrick Tracey.

MASSES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK

Mary Hardy, Roger Bartholomew (L.D.), Florence O'Donnell,

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The First Confessions for our year four children will take place on 12th December this year. Preparation sessions will begin on the week-end of 7th/8th November.

First Confessions for year three children in the spring, and First Holy Communions on the week-end of 19th/20th June.

Enrolment Forms will be available – and completed – at the initial parents meetings. The parents meeting for the year 4 First Confessions will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd November.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St Mary's on Friday 5th March 2027. Anyone in year six or older if not yet confirmed should receive the sacrament on that day. There will be a **meeting for parents on Monday 9th November at 6.30pm.** It is essential that any child wishing to be confirmed is represented at that meeting.

CARLTON NEWS

- We are hoping to form a small group to enhance the singing during the Sunday morning Mass in St Mary's, Carlton. If Interested please see Chris Gilbert before or after Mass.
- We also plan to have a Christmas Raffle this year with tickets on sale from 15th November. Any donations for prizes will be gratefully received.
- We also plan to give the church a good clean on Saturday 14th November, between 9am and 12.30pm If you are free to lend a hand for an hour between these times please contact Margaret who is organizing jobs. (Tel: 01405 862986)

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Monsignor Smith by Wednesday evening.

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