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## **8th November 2020 - Thirty Second Sunday of the Year (A)**

### **Timetable of Online Masses and Services.**

*For Online Masses, go to [www.rcwlvwest.com](http://www.rcwlvwest.com)*

<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>Sunday 8th November</b> <b>32nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>5.30pm Online Mass</b> <i>David Riddell</i> <i>5.30 pm - 6.30pm St Michael's open for Adoration and Confessions</i> <b>10.15 am Online Mass</b> <i>Jim Wright RIP</i> <i>12.00 Midday - 1.00 pm St Michael's open for Adoration</i> <i>3.00 pm - 4.00pm St Bernadette's open for Adoration</i> <b>7.00pm Online Student Mass</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9th November Dedication of Lateran Basilica	9.00am Online Mass <i>Mary Kirkby</i> <i>Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter &amp; Paul open for Private Prayer</i> 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Pauline Morrow</i>
Tuesday 10th November Pope St Leo the Great	9.00am Online Mass <i>Deceased Wolverhampton Clergy</i> 11.00 am Funeral Mass <i>Désirée Molloy RIP (by invitation only)</i> <i>Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter &amp; Paul open for Private Prayer</i> 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 11th November St Martin of Tours	9.00am Online Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>10.00 am - 11.00am St Michael's open for Adoration</i>
Thursday 12th November St Josaphat	<i>9.30am - 10.30 am St Bernadette's open for Adoration</i> 11.30 am Online Funeral Mass <i>Rosario Vacanti RIP</i>
Friday 13th November Feria	9.00am Online Mass <i>Mary Teresa Hedgecox RIP</i> <i>Midday - 1.00pm SS Peter &amp; Paul open for Private Prayer</i> 6.00pm Online Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>
Saturday 14th November	11.00 Online Mass <i>The Faithful Departed of Penn, Jefcock Rd &amp; Wombourne Cemeteries.</i>
<b>Saturday Vigil Mass</b> <b>Sunday 16th November</b> <b>32nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	<b>5.30pm Online Mass</b> <i>Alfred John Doyle RIP</i> <i>5.30 pm - 6.30pm St Michael's open for Adoration and Confessions</i> <b>10.15 am Online Mass</b> <i>Middleton, Crane, Grogan, Luetchford Deceased</i> <i>12.00 Midday - 1.00 pm St Michael's open for Adoration</i> <i>3.00 pm - 4.00pm St Bernadette's open for Adoration</i> <b>7.00pm Online Student Mass</b> <i>Holy Souls</i>

*For the moment, Mass is celebrated in private at the Carmelite Convent but the sisters continue to pray for us, day and night.*

**Blessing of Graves** Please see the back of the newsletter for more information. There is a special Mass next Saturday at 11.00am where we will pray for all those who are buried in the cemeteries that are within or at least touch our parish boundaries: Penn, Jeffcock Road and the Wombourne cemeteries.

## Parish News and Activities

**Lockdown until December 2nd** After the decision of the Government on Wednesday, the Cardinal made an announcement as a response from the church. The full text can be found on the parish news page of our website. At the end he said this:

*"At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic. And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need."*

We have therefore created 8 Holy Hour slots across the week and across the three churches:

### **St Michael**

Saturday 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm with Adoration and with Confessions available.

Sunday 12.00 midday - 1.00 pm with Adoration

Wednesday 10.00 am - 11.00 am with Adoration

### **St Bernadette**

Sunday 3.00 pm - 4.00 pm with Adoration

Thursday 9.30 am - 10.30 am with Adoration

### **SS Peter & Paul**

Monday 12.00 midday - 1.00 pm with Adoration

Tuesday 12.00 midday - 1.00 pm with Adoration

Friday 12.00 midday - 1.00 pm with Adoration

Please do use this opportunity to pray for each other, to pray for those who are sick and those who have died and finally to pray for an end to the pandemic. The Cardinal has asked us all to pray at **6.00pm each day at home**. An ideal prayer would be to **pray the Angelus**. (*See the end of the Bulletin*) He has also asked us to join in a special vigil of prayer on **Saturday 21st November**. There will be more details about this next week.

**Month of November** November is dedicated to prayer for the deceased. According to immemorial practice in the Church, Holy Mass is offered for the dead and can also be offered for certain individuals in particular. As you come into the church envelopes will now be available on which you can write a list of the deceased people that you wish Holy Mass to be offered for. Inside this envelope you can deposit a stipend (a donation given to the priest who offers the mass) and put it in the box that is at the entrance of the church. In this way, Holy Mass offered for the intention of the repose of the souls of all of the dead whose names have been recorded will then be offered many times in November and beyond.

**Parish Database** During the lockdown in April we tried to ring everyone on our database. Many phone numbers were incorrect and many parishioners are not on the database. As we face the prospect of further restrictions it is important that we have your correct details. ***Please do not assume we have your details.*** To begin the process of correcting our database, if you are on email, please email us with your correct address and telephone numbers. Many thanks. Fr Mark

**Message from Marriage Care** At Marriage Care we believe that men and women from all walks of life catch a glimpse of something beautiful, hopeful and divine, in the possibilities of marriage and family life. It is a place where the Lord can strengthen the couple's lives. Our marriage preparation and support service enable couples to nurture faithful and fruitful marriages that last, as we draw on Catholic teaching and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other.

Our latest resource, ***Preparing Together Anywhere***, is facilitated by two trained volunteers via webcam. Groups of up to 7 engaged couples attend three 90-minute sessions over a period of 3 weeks, with additional resources to enable couples to reflect more deeply in between the sessions on the commitment being entered into. Wedding plans may be on hold for some time, but couples need not put their preparation for marriage on hold.

Through our ***Relationship Counselling Service*** (now available via webcam), we accompany, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, we know that increases in family stress and the impending threat of relationship breakdown will plunge many more into financial difficulties. We are unique in asking couples who come to us for counselling only to pay what they can afford, reflecting our commitment to support those most in need.

***Please encourage couples to connect with us today at [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)***

**Ventilation in Church** We are required to ensure that there is ventilation during Private Prayer. All our churches will therefore be drafty, so it is essential that you wear warm clothing.

## ***Mission and Outreach***

**Mary's Meals:** The shipping of Backpacks that encourage children to school - and a meal - is currently suspended. Youth Group Leaders will consider how we can be involved in the project when it is reviewed by the charity in the New Year (like you, we have already gathered odd items to send on). It costs £15.90 to feed a child at school per year: this Mary's Meals work is on-going: watch it in "Love Reaches Everywhere" a 35 mins documentary with Hollywood's Gerard Butler (the Phantom of the Opera as well as the voice of Stoik the Vast in "How to train your dragon"! ) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mCVM4jm1VMU> or via the charity's website. Thank you for your kind support. (336534)

**Knitters:** Thank you: a dozen hats for seafarers are about to head to the Apostleship of the Sea: contact 336534 if you have one about to come off your needles, so that it can join them! Please do continue to knit: we have been reminded recently how ships come from warmer climes: often seafarers do not have clothing to match our winter weather, and truly appreciate this gift.

**ADDRESSING LOCAL NEED:** Much-welcomed supplies can be dropped off at any time for the Good Shepherd Ministry via 2, Richmond Rd WV3 9HY Thank you for your kindness.

**Archdiocesan Commission for Interreligious Dialogue** You are invited to a series of zoom meetings looking at what gives hope to people when dealing with the Covid 19 crisis across the various religions in the West Midlands. For more details check the Parish News page on the website.

**SVP Support -** SVP appeal - we are very short of funds to enable us to support requests for help from disadvantaged families in our area. In a normal year Fr Mark has allowed us to have a second collection for our Conference at a Mass in September but this year due to the pandemic this has not taken place. If you would like to help us please consider either a one off donation or setting up a standing order to donate regularly. If you cannot help at this time we are asking for your prayers to support us in our work. For details about how to donate preferably by bank transfer contact David Spinks at 07544960402 or by email at [david.spinks1949@gmail.com](mailto:david.spinks1949@gmail.com)

**The FOOD COLLECTION** Many thanks! The Food/ Toiletries/ Christmas Present Collection continues at St M on Tuesday 1-2, Thursday and Saturday 10-11 and before all Private Prayer hours AND at SSPP on Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 12 -1 during lockdown. This week's donations are being distributed to local families through St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy. Many thanks!

**Life Charity shop and Life outreach to needy mums and babies:** With the help of your generous donations of goods, the shop has done well in recent weeks. Sadly, it has to close during the lockdown. Please save any further gifts of clothes, bric-a-brac and books to give to us once it is open again. We aim to continue practical support for needy mums and babies during these difficult times, so still welcome gifts of baby clothes and equipment such as pushchairs and cots. If you can help, please ring Rosalie on 01902 330553.

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## Finances

**Weekly Offerings** Now that we have begun a second lockdown it is still possible to bring your weekly offering with you when you come for private prayer. Alternatively it is now possible to donate to each parish directly through our website. Standing Order for the month of October 2020 St Michael's £1487.75 St Bernadette's: £625.18 SS Peter & Paul: £258.10. *The GIFT AID office is unable to send out certificates of donation and letters to individual donors this year. Those parishioners of St Michael's and St Bernadette's who are GA donors if you are unsure about how much you have donated you can contact Sr Lydwyn for information.*

### Offertory Collection for Sunday 1st November

	SS Peter & Paul	St Michael	St Bernadette	Second Collection: Clergy Training Fund
Non Gift Aid	£ 71.38	£177.23	£ 15.00	
Gift Aid	£160.02	£ 68.00	£119.00	
				£279.64

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## THE ANGELUS

**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.**

**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

*Hail Mary, full of grace,*

*The Lord is with Thee;*

*Blessed art thou among women,*

*And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

*Pray for us sinners,*

*Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

**V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.**

**R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, etc.**

**V. And the Word was made Flesh.**

**R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc.**

**V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.**

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

**V. Let us pray.**

***Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.***

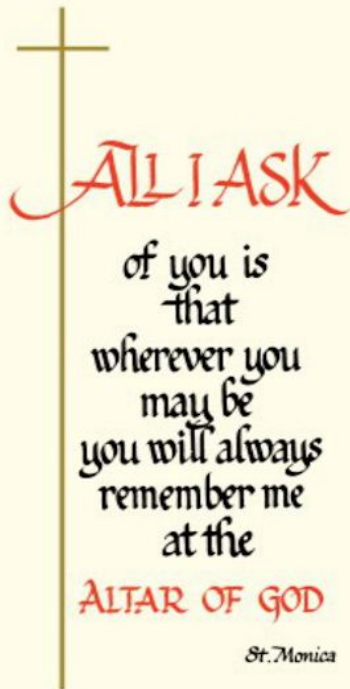
**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Keith Tomlins, Brian Dyce, David Souberry, Ben Sherry, Holly Burke, Mason Kavanagh, Paula Box, June Abbiss, Peter Holmes, Alice Stevens, George Brown, Chris Starkey, M Mary, Thomas Mackin, Stephen Briggs, Hilary Elsdon, Katherine Poole, Teresa Mitchell, Ann Bayley, Helen O'Brien-Coleman, Mary Abbiss, Peggy McHale, Patrick Quinn, Fred & Celia Norton, Jean Hollingshead, Margaret Stokes, Leah Nixon, Pat Pool, John Dolan, Liam Dolan, Marie Looker, Lorna Ciraulo, Pat Eades, Helen Porter, Mary Kirby, Sheila O'Toole, Tony McGinn, Brendan Bleakley.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** Patricia Allen, John Corbett, Antony Brennan, Desiree Molloy, Geoffrey Baker, Eileen Dodd  
**May they rest in peace.**

**Safeguarding Representatives:** Steve & Chris Callow (St Michael) 01902 340775,  
Ann Shorthouse (St Bernadette) 01902 326334

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# Blessing of Graves

Update 2020

In consultation with Public Health it has been decided to postpone this year's blessings of graves until the spring when hopefully the situation concerning the pandemic will have improved.

We know how important this Catholic Tradition is to so many, so we will instead this year be celebrating 'live streamed only' Masses for certain cemeteries in November.

At the beginning of each Mass the Easter Candle will be lit and we will invite you to pray a prayer together for all the deceased in the particular cemeteries being remembered. You may wish to light a candle at home, if safe to do so as well. Individual names will not be mentioned publicly at the Mass.

Please go to the individual parish website for each information regarding how to access the live stream.

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Mass livestreamed from Our Lady's, Cannock Road at 11.00am  
*Praying for all buried in Bushbury Cemetery & Beacon Hill.*

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Mass livestreamed from St. Peter & St. Paul at 11.00am  
*Praying for all buried in Penn, Jeffcock Road & Wombourne Cemeteries.*

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Mass livestreamed from St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton at 11.00am  
*Praying for all buried in Hall Green, Bilston, Willenhall Lawn, Bentley, Heath Town & James Bridge Cemeteries.*

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Mass livestreamed from St. Christopher's, Codsall at 11.00am  
*Praying for all buried at Danescourt & St. Nicholas' Cemeteries*

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### Prayer for use together at the beginning of the Mass.

*After the Celebrant has lit the Easter Candle and mentioned the names of the cemeteries being remembered we say together:*

Remember, Lord, your servants,  
who have gone before us with the sign of faith,  
and rest in the sleep of peace.

(silent prayer)

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ,  
a place of refreshment, light and peace.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen."