

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - DURING ORDINARY TIME (AUTUMN):

WE ARE CALLED UPON TO PRAY FOR: THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL; STUDENTS AND TEACHERS; THE HARVEST; THE FRUITS OF HUMAN WORK, & THE REVERENT USE OF CREATION; JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE WORLD; ALL VICTIMS OF WAR; YOUNG PEOPLE; PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES.

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

WE PRAY FOR THE HOLY FATHER; AS HE FULFILS HIS MISSION, MAY HE CONTINUE TO ACCOMPANY THE FLOCK ENTRUSTED TO HIM, WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

REMEMBERING OUR DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER: Let us remember those souls who have no one to remember them in prayers! Brinley (Bryn) Hancock (2023), Gary Ian James Douglas (2000), Basil Geoffrey Mills (2000), Michael John Grimes (2001), Terence O'Brien (2001), Margaret Austin (2005), Peter Taylor (2006) Dilys Clarkson (2006), Bridie Murphy (2006), Edward Gordon (2007), Dennis Lloyd (2008), Patrick Joseph Dewaine (2009), Michael Patrick Burke (2009), Cléo Bertrand Joseph Dureau (2010), John Hudspeth (2010), Richard Clive Weeks (2013), Mary 'Molly' Brown (2013), Michael Clancy (2014), Sarah 'Sally' Lloyd (2014), Eileen Peggy Selina Lovell (2016), Angela Mary Reilly (2016), Philip Bernard Harkett (2017), Gaynor Maria Wilkinson (2017), Agnes Rosina Carter (2017), Philip Charles Duggan (2018), Margaret Rose Kiely (2018), Mary Margaret Bushnell (2020), Garry Lyn Owens (2020), Mary Margaret Bushnell (2020), Garry Lyn Owens (2020), Jennifer Orwin (2021)...

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: All the Holy Souls in Purgatory will benefit from our prayers. Month of November is thus specially dedicated to remember the Departed; be it from our family, friends' circle or benefactors. The Holy Masses in November will be for the Holy Souls & the Departed. **The envelopes for the same are available at both the porches.**

<u>BLESSING OF GRAVES</u>: The annual blessing of graves will take place at the City Road Cemetery on Nov. 26th at 3pm.



"For us Christians, thanksgiving was the name given to the most essential Sacrament there is: the Eucharist . In fact, the Greek word means precisely this: thanksgiving . Eucharist: thanksgiving. Christians, as all believers, bless God for the gift of life. To live is above all to have received life. All of us are



born because someone wanted us to have life. And this is only the first of a long series of debts that we incur by living. Debts of gratitude..." Pope Francis

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP FOR WREATH & TABLE ARRANGEMENTS: After a very successful workshop last year, the Flower Group is ready for their next venture. On Friday, Dec. 8th, 7pm -9pm, there will be a workshop on Christmas Table Arrangements. On Saturday, Dec. 9th, 11am - 1pm, there will be the session for Christmas Door Wreaths. It is priced £20 per session or £35 for both. Places are limited. So book early. Refreshments including Mulled Wine & mince pies will be served. Also, kindly note that the Cemetery Posies will be on sale in December for £7. Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm.

PLANNED GIVING & GIFT-AID SCHEME: Thank you all, for choosing the Planned Giving Scheme for Sunday collection. Those who are new to it, it is a scheme, to sign up for a regular giving to church, either by weekly envelopes or standing order. As a tax-payer, if you Gift-Aid your donation, for every pound you contribute an additional 25 pence can be claimed from HMRC. Therefore, if you haven't done it already and those who are new to the parish, please consider signing up for this. For further info & form, you may talk to Fr. Paul or Sharon Farren.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CATECHISTS: We will begin our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new year. The celebration will be in June, 2024. A reshuffle of Catechists will take place, to also absorb new volunteers for this great service. The children from non-Catholic Schools, who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion, kindly talk to Fr. Paul after one of the Holy Masses.

ADVENT YOUTH DAY RECOLLECTION: The Youth Council are organising an Advent Day of Recollection for Youth on Saturday 16th December at the Stella Maris Convent, Swansea. Fr Matt Roche-Saunders will lead the retreat, and Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass on the day.

PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER GROUPS: 1 THES. 5:5-8: Thank you to the two groups already functioning with prayers and time together. Think of more please. This is an invitation for each of you and all of you, to consider forming a Prayer Group or being part of one. You may choose the time to meet at your convenience, in the home of any of the group members. If you think of spending time with the Blessed Sacrament, that privilege will be encouraged too. I am convinced that you will give it a serious thought.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: STEPS TOWARDS RENEWAL: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales gathered in Leeds for their Autumn Plenary meeting from 13-16 November 2023. A plenary resolution was taken on the Synod on Synodality which is focusing on 'Steps towards renewal.' Quoting Pope Francis, it says, "At the heart of the synodal process of renewal stands the person of Jesus Christ and his Gospel of Salvation. The Lord 'pitched his tent among us.' (see Jn 1:14) He is constantly in our midst, guiding, teaching, consoling, and nourishing us in every circumstance. The renewal we seek has Christ as our unchanging key point of departure and reference... It is important to look at the "principle and foundation" from which everything begins ever anew: by loving... loving God with our whole life and loving our neighbour as ourselves.... The prayer of adoration keeps us centred on Christ, freeing us from other preoccupations which serve only to limit and imprison us. Christ himself calls us to find our home in him and promises to make his home in us." Therefore, we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, every Friday from 5pm to 6.15pm. Remember to join and pray for Vocations to priesthood and religious life. Pope Francis linked our adoring love for God with our servant-love for others, all in the context of synodal renewal: "In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbour together so that they will never be disconnected. There can be no true religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbour; otherwise, we risk becoming pharisaic. We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform." The above-mentioned Prayer Group is a definite step towards the renewal emphasised by the Synod. Thanks to the leaders for your initiative and commitment. Continue to absorb more members into your groups.

SAFEGUARDING POLICY: PARISH SAFEGUARDING of all who visit our church, both parishioners & visitors, are important to us. If you have concerns about any safeguarding issues, kindly contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative, Mrs. Anne Barnes on 01437765365. More information about our Safeguarding Policy is found here: http://www.menevia.org/safeguarding/

SAFETY & FLOWER TRIBUTES: 29. 11. 2023: **ELVIRA SARRA - RIP - FUNERAL**

> For Floral Tributes for occasions like Birthday, Anniversary, Thanksgiving, Remembrance etc., kindly speak to Sharon (07815462882) or one of the flower group members.



READINGS: SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17 Psalm: 22: 1-3, 5-6 **RESPONSE:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

THANK YOU ONE & ALL: The PARISH BANNER SHOW & HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL was an opportunity for the Parish to come together as a community and take part in a major fundraiser, for **PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND**. As you have seen and relished, those three days have been a beautiful occasion to bring the parish together and to welcome people from outside too. Archbishop Mark was very impressed and enjoyed his visit. The total raised is £ 2308.26. Thank you for your generosity. If you'd like to donate, (Cheque payable to: Haverfordwest Parish) and as always, KINDLY GIFT-AID YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. Thank you...!