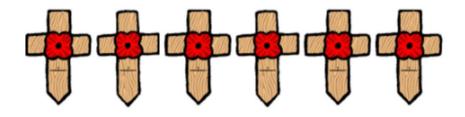
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November brings us All Saints, Remembrance, and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain, as well as the beginning of Advent.



#### Dear friends,

This month the US Presidential election takes place. While each candidate has their strong qualities (surely to goodness they must) they also

have poorer qualities. The election campaign has been unseemly and divisive, and unpleasant to witness from afar. Sadly, such unseemliness and division are evident in our own country, whether the subject matter be Brexit, wokism, HS2 or dealing with the pandemic. The echo-chamber of social media (where we are likely to encounter only views and opinions that fortify our own) has much to answer for.

Knee-jerk reactions are all-too-common, and there I have to confess my own guilt. Some weeks ago a crematorium attendant was roundly condemned for rushing into the chapel to prevent people sitting too close together: the chairs had been set out to maintain social-distancing. The scene had been broadcast to absent family and then widely shared on social media. I added my own two-pennyworth (calmly and sensitively, I hope), noting that households and bubbles were allowed to sit together.

Later I actually got round to watching the video. First, the young man to the right of the grieving widow (I presume) moved his chair to her side. Presumably her son. Then the young man to her left did the same. Presumably a second son. Only when someone in the middle of the other side of the chapel began to pick up his own chair did the attendant rush in. "Enough is enough," he was probably thinking. Having seen the video, I think he had been put in a very difficult position, and I can understand why he then did what he did.

All too often, posts on social media are shared - which means everyone's contacts then receives them - without much thought being given to them. All too often, these posts chime with our own beliefs, either by supporting what we believe or denigrating those with whom we disagree. Gossip is the equivalent for those not on social media. The problem is at least twofold: firstly, it is very unlikely that the snippet we see or hear contains the full story, the background to what we're seeing or hearing, and - like me unjustly criticise (or praise) something. Secondly, we know that malignant actors (state-sponsored or otherwise) are churning out false and misleading stories across social media and print media (a Russian newspapers' claim that a western Covid vaccine would turn its recipients into monkeys, for example) are all-too-readily believed by those who want to believe, and are then spread further abroad.

"Judge not, lest ye be judged." The old adage that "If something seems too good to be true, it probably is" still holds true: and so is the converse. We all have a duty - a social duty as responsible citizens, and a moral duty as Christians - to do what we can to prevent lies being spread as the truth, and to prevent exacerbating divisions in society. Before repeating something salacious, pause: check the facts and dig deeper, perhaps by checking a respected news outlet.

The pandemic and Brexit are the most immediate contexts for such misinformation and division to thrive. As Christians, bound together in the unity of the Holy Trinity, may we seek to bring healing and unit, and speak and promote only what is true.

With my love and prayers

Fr Tony

## **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING IN LUKE'S GOSPEL**

We advertised the "Psalms of Ascent" study program last month, and Dr Ralph Wilson has published another study programme, looking at Jesus' 3-year ministry as recounted in St Luke's Gospel. The following is extracted from his publicity for the programme.

Jesus walked from town to town with his disciples over a three year period sharing his life them. Yes, he preached good news to the crowds and healed the sick, but his focus was on training his band of disciples so that after he was raised from the dead, they would be equipped lead a Church that mushroomed on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fell.

The three years he spent walking with them were precious -- and deliberate on his part.

Each saying, each teaching, each parable, each rebuke when his disciples needed correction, each encounter with a needy person or an opponent, each healing and miracle, each moment during his arrest, trial, and crucifixion....

Each of these Jesus designed to prepare and equip his disciples -- to mould, to model, to train. Having his disciples walk day after day with him as an observer, and later a participant in his ministry -- that was Jesus' discipling method.

Dr Wilson has divided the study programme into six Series, most with 20 to 28 lessons each. You can choose either weekly and twice weekly e-mail frequencies. You can listen to each lesson if you like, at http://www.jesuswalk.com/luke/

Perhaps you have been a Christian a long time but you had no one to really disciple you. Perhaps you feel the lack of depth in your preparation. He can send weekly lessons encompassing a close examination of Jesus' sayings, teachings, confrontations, and healings. Each lesson concludes with a list of "Discipleship Lessons" from that chapter, as well as 6 to 8 probing questions that help you take hold of the principles for yourself. There is also space in the online Forum where you can discuss these with others who are taking the course. The hope is that Jesus' words will become part of you, and your life will be rebuilt upon them.

The kick-off date for beginning the hard-core discipleship series with Series 1 (Luke 3:1-6:49, 20 lessons) is in the new year, Friday, January 8, 2021. Pray about whether Jesus wants you to be part of this discipleship boot-camp. If you decide not to subscribe to the e-mail lessons, you'll still find a link to each of the lessons online.

There is no charge, no cost for this e-mail discipling program. Nor is any diploma or certificate offered upon completion. This is not an academic model but a spiritual growth model.

#### Shorter Course

If that all sounds to great a commitment, there is a shorter course of eight lessons (an appendix to the main discipleship series) on Luke's Infancy Narrative that can help prepare your heart for the Advent or Christmas season. This 8-lesson series begins Friday, November 6,2020: http://www.jesuswalk.com/luke/series6/

## ALL SAINTS' AND SOULS' DAYS

These two days follow after each other, All Saints on the 1st of November and All Souls on the 2nd.

This year, All Saints' Day falls on a Sunday and, being a solemnity, takes precedence over what would have been a Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Day celebrates all those who have tried to faithfully follow the Gospel and the will of God and are considered saints in heaven, which includes not only those recognised as saints by the Church, but also those whose saintliness was known only to God.

On All Souls' Day we remember all who have died, and commend their souls to God's loving mercy. Those whose funerals have been conducted by parish clergy will be named before God during the 7.30pm mass, as will those whose friends or family have asked to be so-named, by emailing me on pp@staugustinestm.org.uk, or by phoning me on (01204) 523899.

The relatives and friends of those who have died over the past 12 months have been invited to attend the All Souls' mass, and on arrival each person will be handed a candle which they can light at the end of mass in memory of their loved-ones. The relevant measures put in place to main safety in the light of the pandemic will be explained to those present at the time.

Both masses will be live-streamed on YouTube: go to http://tiny.cc/SATM.

## **EVENING PRAYER AND BENEDICTION**

Our monthly service of Evening Prayer and Benediction is on Sunday 8th November at 6.30pm, and everyone is welcome to join us in St Augustine's, for the Covid-secure adoration of Our Lord in the

Blessed Sacrament. The service will also be live-streamed on YouTube: <u>http://tiny.cc/SATM.</u>

#### WALSINGHAM CELL

The meeting of our Walsingham Cell this month is on Wednesday 11th of November at 7.30pm, which will take the form of the recitation of the Rosary. Instructions of how to use a Rosary are on the parish website (see the back page) as are instructions of how to make your own Rosary, should you wish! Alternatively, you can use the Rosary God has given to each of us - our 10 fingers. Again, the devotion will be live-streamed on YouTube: <u>http://tiny.cc/SATM</u>.

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Due to the coronavirus lockdown earlier in the year, we were unable to hold our scheduled APCM in April: instead it took place on Sunday 25th October. In the light of the current restrictions, the meeting was live-streamed on YouTube, enabling those unable to attend in person to attend virtually and take a full part in the meeting.

At the Meeting of Parishioners David Taylor and Ruth Taylor were re-elected as our Church Wardens, and their term of Office will run until the next Meeting of Parishioners, which - God willing - will take place on 9th of May 2021.

At the APCM, which immediately followed, Pam Davies, Linda Pakington and Margaret Mullen were elected as our lay representatives on Walmsley Deanery Synod and are ex-officio members of the PCC. Mandi Watson, Gill Browne-Townley and Mike Cheetham were elected to the PCC for a three-year term, joining those who still have terms to run. The PCC will meet after the 10.30am mass on All Saints' Day to elect Officers and fix future meeting dates.

The following elections also took place:

- Gill Browne-Townley: Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee
- Pam Davies: Building Bridges Project
- Rainer Carr: Electoral Roll Officer
- Margaret Mullen: Parish Safeguarding Officer

We also offer our congratulations to Harry Campbell, who has been elected Churchwarden at St Anne's, Turton, in the Turton Moorland Team.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> November - All Saints' Day

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love, And made converse and walk with thee, And with thy saints here and above, With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost; The several vessels of thy fleet, Though parted now, by tempests tost, Shall safely in thy haven meet....

The heavenly hosts, world without end, Shall be my company above; And thou, my best and surest Friend, Who shall divide me from thy love?\*

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

\*(Maurice Frost (ed.), Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern (London: Clowes, 1962), no. 274, verses 1,3,6.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> November - All Souls' Day

The early Church was slow to dedicate a liturgical day to offering prayers and masses to commemorate the faithful departed. But in time prayers were offered on behalf of dead monks, that they might attain 'the Beatific Vision' through purification, which the Church later described as Purgatory. Odilo, the powerful abbot of Cluny, (d 1049) decreed that All Souls' Day should follow the feast of All Saints' Day.

At least four ancient English dedications are known, the most famous of which are All Souls' College, Oxford and the church in Langham Place in London.

In bygone centuries All Souls' Day was certainly uncomfortable for anyone who had wronged a person who had then died. For it was believed that souls in purgatory could appear on earth on this day, in the form of ghosts, witches or toads, to haunt anyone who had wronged them in life.

On a more cheerful note, it was also believed that you could help the dead on this day by almsgiving in cash or in kind. Some of these beliefs seem to have been caught up in the popular customs of Hallowe'en.

When the Reformation came, the Protestants disregarded the idea of Purgatory, and this feast day remained with the Roman Catholic Church.

## **19<sup>th</sup> November:** Hilda - Abbess of Whitby

Hilda played a key role in the early English Christian church, and she may even have been the first to encourage the writing of Christian poetry.

She was born a princess, into the Deiran (Northumbrian) dynasty, and her sister became Queen of the East Angles, with whom the Deiran had connections.

In those days East Anglia had close ties with the Gallic Church, and because of her sister, Hilda came under that influence. She was actually on her way to take her monastic vows near Paris when the Bishop of Lindisfarne, Aidan, called her back to Northumbria.

Back home, she went into seclusion for a time, before being sent to be abbess of a religious house in Hartlepool in 649.

Eight years later, Hilda felt moved to establish a religious community at Streasnaeshalch (later renamed Whitby). Her community was a royal establishment, a double monastery (both men and women) and became famous for its learning, with even five bishops trained there.

Whitby was also, of course, the venue for the famous Synod of Whitby in 664. With Hilda acting as hostess, the Synod met to decide upon the date of Easter. The issue at stake was greater than that, though, for the decision would sway the Church in Britain to adapt either the Celtic or Roman traditions. Although Hilda defended the Celtic church customs, she accepted with grace the decision of the Synod to accept the Roman date for Easter, and she then worked to unite the Church throughout the land.

# 22<sup>nd</sup> November: St Cecilia - patron saint of musicians

If you are going to any concerts before Christmas, spare a thought for St Cecilia - the patron saint of musicians.

Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century. As far as is known, she was born a noble lady of Rome who, despite her vow of virginity, was forced to marry an older pagan nobleman named Valerian. During the wedding, as the musicians played, Cecilia sat apart singing to God in her heart, and for that she was later declared the saint of musicians.

When the time came for her marriage to be consummated, Cecilia told Valerian that watching over her was an angel of the Lord, who would punish him if he sexually violated her but would love him if he respected her virginity.

Understandably startled by this, Valerian then asked to see the angel for himself. Cecilia replied that to do so, he must go to the third milestone on the Via Appia and be baptised by the Bishop of Rome. Valerian seems to have been a goodnatured husband, because the story goes that he followed her suggestion, was baptised a Christian, and sure enough, saw the angel protecting his wife.

Being a Christian in those days was dangerous, and when the next wave of Roman persecutions began, Valerian and Cecilia were among those arrested. It is said that they died at the hands of the Roman prefect Turcius Almachius, perhaps in Sicily sometime between 176 and 180 AD.

One story goes that Cecilia was struck on the neck with a sword, and as she lay dying, asked that her house be converted into a church. Certainly, an early Roman Christian church, Santa Cecilia, was founded in the fourth century in the Trastevere section of Rome, reputedly on the site of the house in which she lived.

In the centuries since then, a number of musical compositions have been dedicated to her, and her feast day has become the occasion for many concerts and musical festivals.

St Cecilia is frequently depicted playing a viola, a small organ, or other musical instrument.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> November: Andrew - first disciple of Jesus

Andrew, whose feast day ends the Christian year on 30<sup>th</sup> November, is probably best known to us as the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country

is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the  $8^{th}$  century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

In fact, there are so many legends about him all over Europe and the Middle East that it's safest to stick to what the Gospels tell us - though the strong tradition that he was martyred by crucifixion is probably true and is perpetuated in the 'St Andrew's Cross', the 'saltyre' of Scotland.

The Gospels record that he was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the desert, to be taught by the charismatic prophet known to us as John the Baptist. Many thought that he was the long-promised Messiah, but John insisted that he was not. 'I am the voice crying in the wilderness,' he told the crowds. 'Prepare the way of the Lord! One comes after me who is greater than I am.'

So when one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold. So, as Jesus made off, they followed him.

All the more strange, then (though, on reflection, very true to human nature) that when Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?' Or, perhaps, they were hinting that what they were seeking could not be dealt with in a brief conversation. If they could come to his lodgings, perhaps their burning questions might be answered.

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. Come and see what I'm like, what I do, the sort of person I am. What an invitation!

The results of their response were in this case life-changing for themselves, and for many other people. Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus. The next day Jesus met Philip and called him to 'follow'. Philip then brought Nathaniel. The little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was being formed. They came, they saw, they were conquered! And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.



Just a few notes from me this month, while we still cannot meet together in person.

This month will be our AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> November. Normally we would hold this in the afternoon after Mass. This year we are going to hold it via zoom at 7.30pm. A link will be sent to members so that they are able to join the meeting

If anyone would like to buy a MU 2021 diary priced at £4.25 please will you let Ruth Taylor or myself know so we can can place our order, thank you.

We have been notified that MU subscriptions for 2021 are £25.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and final episode from the Mothers' Union Lockdown poetry and images project is now available on You Tube. A booklet of all the poems and images will be available soon.

Following the success of the Lockdown Poetry videos, Manchester MU Thursday Prayers are now online via the You Tube channel. Thursday Prayers are usually held in the chapel at Church House on the second Thursday of the month at midday: obviously at the moment this is not happening. October's service focused on Harvest. November's service will have a Remembrance theme and will be released on November  $12^{th}$ .

The Mothers Union public Facebook page continues to broadcast midday prayers Monday to Saturday.

Elsie Hollinrake

#### BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY!

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

#### 100 CLUB NEWS

The seventh monthly draw was via a Zoom meeting at 12 noon after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Pam and Fr Tony were in charge of the drum containing the numbers at the vicarage.

Ruth & David had list of numbers and names.

First Prize Number 100 - Louise Harrison wins £25

Second Prize Number 34 - Gill Brownetownley wins £15

Third Prize Number 54 - Diane Bloor wins £10

A reminder for those who pay in instalments: it's time to make another payment. Do contact David or Ruth Taylor to arrange payment or If you are not a member and would like to join it is just £1 a month.

The eighth draw will be Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020, probably again via Zoom, watch for details.

## Churches Together in Tonge Moor

The Creationtide service was recorded via Zoom on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm and is now available to watch on You Tube.

#### https://youtu.be/7C10Y0dWKYA

Our next CTiTM meeting is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and we are to plan an Advent service for the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

We are also looking out for someone to act as secretary of the group. If you think you would like to be involved do speak with Fr Tony, Ruth or David who can give you the remit.

> OUR WORLD IS NOT DIVIDED BY RACE, COLOUR, GENDER OR RELIGION. OUR WORLD IS DIVIDED INTO WISE PEOPLE AND FOOLS AND FOOLS DIVIDE THEMSELVES BY RACE, COLOUR, GENDER OR RELIGION.

> > NELSON MANDELA

#### The Grand Easter Draw

This should have been on Easter Sunday 12th April 2020, but as this could not go ahead, we have rescheduled this event to Saturday 28th November 2020 (this would have been the date of the Christmas Fair) as we are not sure if this will go ahead we can at least get the draw tickets out. The draw could always be done via Zoom or Facebook.

Tickets are just 50p each, 5 tickets in a book so just £2.50 a book. Can you take a book or 2 to sell to family, friends? I know it's not easy at the moment with local Covid 19 restrictions. If you have taken some books earlier on in the year if you let me have those back that you can't sell.

1st Prize £100 Cash

2nd Prize Bottle of Whisky

3rd Prize The ticket does say Large Easter Egg, but a Chocolate Hamper is a good substitute

Plus many other prizes.

If you have pledged any prizes or can contribute cash towards the first prize a box is at the back of church for gifts and cash can be given to Ruth. If you can't get to church at the moment and want to help if you let Ruth know she will arrange collection.



## Walsingham News

In the last few days I read a post on facebook from someone who, while visiting Norfolk, noted 'Shrine still closed' - which just goes to

show you can't believe everything you read! Such a shame that people either don't get their facts right or phrase them incorrectly. However, the Shrine is definitely open for private prayer every day and, like the rest of us, has successfully implemented the required changes for the safety of everyone and is managing to make the best of it.



A steady number of pilgrims and visitors continue to visit England's Nazareth, albeit not in quite the usual way. The number of people following the live-streamed daily 6pm Shrine Prayers and 9am Sunday Mass has increased as the weeks go on. No, they may not be the usual ministries but nevertheless they clearly offer a muchappreciated sense of connection with the

Shrine and Our Lady.

Fr Ben Bradshaw, the new Shrine Priest, his wife Denni and family seem to have settled in very well. It was lovely to recently see their eldest daughter being part of the serving team at St Mary's, a role with which she is clearly familiar. It seems to me that another relatively young Shrine Priest with a family follows on well from Fr Andreas and his family and bring a welcome addition to the worship both at the Shrine and St Mary's and also to the life of the village as a whole. The latest planned event to have been adapted for on-line access is the Bible Weekend@Home, from 13<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone can participate, it is free but you are asked to register. Details are on the web-site at www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk

www.walsinghamanglicanarchives.org.uk offers a history of the restored Shrine from its archives. Through the link of Reminiscences on the home page you will find a whole range of memories and reports, including an account from our own Ken Fisher with his first impressions as a pilgrim in 2008. There's plenty to browse to fill a few wet November afternoons!

At the Priory, the new chaplain to the sisters, Fr Glen, was installed at the end of September after Fr Frank Nichols and his wife returned to Australia. Sister Angela broke her wrist some weeks ago but has just had the plaster cast removed. She loves to use the Latin word sinister to describe herself as left-handed, so she was glad it was her right wrist. Those of you with experience of things these days will know a boring old plain white cast is no longer quite the thing. You won't be surprised that her cast was a very appropriate shade of blue!

The Priory chapel remains closed to all visitors as it technically forms part of the house. Sr Angela is hoping to have two weeks holiday in West Sussex in November as she hasn't been away from the village at all since last Autumn and Sr Carol will have a 'week at home' which will give them both chance to recharge their batteries. St Margaret's Cottage and the Julian Room have been well used despite bookings only being allowed for one household or bubble at a time. Understandably, they are currently not taking bookings from anyone in a Tier 3 area (who, as we all well know, shouldn't be travelling anywhere unnecessarily) but it's all under constant review. The Sisters send their love and prayers to all in our parish and are grateful for our continued prayers for both of them and for vocations to the religious life.

Fr Tony continues to offer the 10am Mass on the last Saturday in the month for the Shrine and its Priests Associate and there will be an opportunity for members of our Cell of St Nicholas and friends to worship together one evening in the coming weeks.

Linda Parkington

## The Priory of Our Lady, Walsingham 2021 Calendars & Notelets

The Sisters at the Priory in Walsingham have commissioned a 2021 calendar in aid of their charity of the year, TARIRO, which supports young people in four centres in Zimbabwe. The calendars, which contain colour photographs, are £4.00.



The photographs are of the Priory chapel and garden and assorted others about the work of the Sisters and also of the Shrine church from the garden. (I'm thrilled to bits that a couple of them are mine!!) Also available are sets of 4 notelets, price £2.00 but a 'Bargain Deal' allows you to buy both for just £5.00.



If you would like to support this initiative by buying either or both of the above items, please sign the list at the back of either church, mention it to one of our current Welcomers or post a request on our St Augustine's & St Aidan's Group facebook page. As the print run isn't huge, orders need to be made before the end of November. There are no postage costs and payment is fine when you receive your order from me.

Thank you to everyone who has already ordered and received the above items - Sr Angela and Sr Carol thank you very much for your support.

Linda Parkington



The Rectory St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St James the Least of All.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, although socially distanced at the moment, of course. But even at two metres apart, our Bridge games are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence - which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver halfway through 'Onward Christian Soldiers' at last Sunday's Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments have been hit hard by Covid-19 of course, and the fact that everyone has to bring their own sandwich and drink has rather spoilt the fun. Usually half our players regard lunchtime as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others usually see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents. It is so sad that Covid-19 has halted this merry comradery.

As for drawing the raffle, it is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round a socially distanced card table at another location, for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt. The only difference will be that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,

#### Eustace

I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why I wanted to go there.

For the musicians – can you identify this tune!



**"Lexophile"** is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as...

You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.



AFTER 50,000 GALLONS OF WHISKY LEAKED INTO THE SEA, NO TERN WAS LEFT UNSTONED



-las Covid-19 forced you to Wear glasses and a Mask at the 'Same time? You may be entitled to CONDENSATION

## PARISH DATES

SUN	1st	ALL SAINTS' DAY
		PCC meet in St Augustine's after the 10.30am mass
Mon	2nd	All Souls' Day: 7.30pm Mass
Wed	4th	7.00pm: Churches Together in Tonge Moor meet
Sat	7th	"Stepping Stones for Growth" Diocesan seminar
		NB No 10.00am mass
SUN	8th	6.30pm: Evening Prayer and Benediction
Wed	11th	7.30pm: Walsingham Cell meeting via Zoom - The Rosary
SUN	15th	12.15pm: Holy Baptism
Wed	18th	7.30pm: Mothers' Union Annual Meeting (via Zoom)
SUN	22nd	12.15pm: Holy Baptism
Sat	28th	Virtual Social event, including late-Easter Draw

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

There have been no Occasional Offices this month

#### **Calendar and Intentions for November 2020**

- SUN 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY: The Parish and the People of God
- Mon 2 All Souls' Day: All the Departed
- Tue 3 feria: All who are self-isolating or shielding
- Wed 4 S Charles Borromeo: The young people of our parish
- Thu 5 feria: Those who are unable to get sufficient physical exercise
- Fri 6 feria: Local businesses that are suffering as a result of the Tier 3 restrictions
- Sat 7 feria: The mission of the Church
- SUN 8 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God

- Mon 9 **DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA:** Tue 10 S Leo the Great: All who proclaim the truth of the Incarnation Wed 11 S Martin of Tours: all who work with the homeless and destitute Thu 12 S Josaphat: The Church in the Ukraine 13 feria: The work of ACS and Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood Fri Sat 14 feria: Those preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism SUN 15 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Parish and the People of God Mon 16 feria: Our local Councillors and Borough officials Tue 17 S Hilda: The Society under her patronage, its bishops and people Wed 18 feria: The work and mission of the Mother's Union Thu 19 feria: The fire, police and ambulance services 20 feria: The work of local hospitals and hospices Fri Sat 21 Presentation of the BVM: All new and expectant mothers SUN 22 CHRIST THE KING: The Parish and the People of God
  - Mon 23 feria: The homeless, the unemployed and the lonely
  - Tue 24 S Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions: All who suffer for their faith in Christ
  - Wed 25 feria: The mentally ill and those who care for them
  - Thu 26 feria: The Unity of Christ's church
  - Fri 27 feria: The Bishop of Beverley, and all bishops of the Society
  - Sat 28 feria: The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and its Priests Associate
  - SUN 29 ADVENT SUNDAY: The Parish and the People of God
  - Mon 30 S ANDREW: The People of Scotland

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