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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Gospel for this Sunday is a challenge to root our faith not on ideologies, buildings, or even utopian promises, but rather on Jesus Christ alone.

In the person of the blind man from this Sunday's Gospel, we can see ourselves. We are the ones who overcome the rebutals of others. The ones crying out for mercy from Jesus.

The Gospel encourages each of us to be courageous in calling out to the Lord. To cry out to Him with our struggles, our weaknesses, and sadnesses, in order to allow Him to bring us grace and healing. There will be difficulties on the way but, Jesus is waiting for us. He is listening to us!

Let us pray that we may grow in our relationship with Christ, that we may overcome any obstacle we face in order to root our faith upon Him alone.

SAINT OF THE WEEK *SS SIMON & JUDE*

Jude is so named by St Luke and in the Acts of the Apostles. St Matthew and St Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned.

Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation.

*St Simon and St Jude
pray for us!*

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10 am - 12 pm
Tuesday - 10 am - 12 pm
Wednesday - 10 am - 12 pm
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - CLOSED
Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the following whose funerals will take place over the next few weeks.

-**Thomas “Tommy” Kelly RIP** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 4th November at 10 am.

-**Catherine O’Neil RIP** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 5th November 16th at 10.30 am.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st November - All Saints Day Party for young people at 6 pm in the Parish Centre.

4th November - Bereavement Mass at 7 pm

9th November - Morning Recollection for new and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (10.30 am - 12 pm).

16th November - Morning Recollection for new and existing Lectors (10.30 am - 12 pm)

7th December - Carol Service at 6 pm.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will take place on Monday 11th November between 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm at the Rectory (the house next to the church).

This is an opportunity for anyone who has forms to fill in, would like to discuss sacramental celebrations, or has any other queries to have an opportunity to do just that.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>) This is a great way to stay updated with Parish events.

SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

Public Vespers and Benediction will take place on Sunday at 4.15 pm.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm every Sunday.

CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

It is hoped that over the next few months and years, a number of projects for the church and parish centre will be completed.

These include restoring the baptismal font to the original baptistry, improving the facilities in the parish centre including installing a full kitchen and dividers to make better use of the space, creating a prayer garden at the back of the parish centre, and many more.

As with everything, these projects will require some funding. A new fund has been added to the card machine at the back of the church for anyone who would like to, and is able to, support some of these projects.

VINNY’S PANTRY

The Pantry is open on Tuesday 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm. Donations of tinned fish, tomatoes, fruit, and cereal are greatly appreciated.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Please note that the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis is reserved in the reliquary to the left of the sanctuary as you look at the Tabernacle. Please feel free to spend a moment in intercessory prayer.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

Friday 1st November is the first Friday of the month and, as such, there will be an opportunity to visit our sick and housebound brothers and sisters between 9 am - 11 am.

If you would like to be visited, or know someone who would like to be visited, please contact the Parish Office via email by Wednesday afternoon.

PRO - LIFE VIGIL

There will be a candlelight vigil held for the dignity of all life. It will take place at the junction of Stuart Street and Buxton Road, Luton (LU1 1SD), (near the Police Station) between 7 pm to 8 pm. remembering and praying for all those affected by the tragedy of abortion.

PARISH OFFERTORY

The Parish Dona Machine is currently unable to accept offerings by card. It is hoped that the Finance Office is able to fix this problem within the next few weeks. Until then, it would be greatly appreciated if you are able to make an offering to the parish online using our bank details:

Bank: Natwest

Account Name: Our Lady Help of Christians

Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 91052181

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY

To celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, there will be a party on Friday 1st of November from 6.30 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Centre for young people aged 7 - 12.

Young People are invited to dress up as their favorite saint. Tickets will be on sale from next week.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

There will be a Mass of Remembrance for all of our loved ones who have died on Monday 4th November at 7 pm.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT

The Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia will be hosting a weekend away with the Lord from the 1st - 3rd November.

The retreat is for single women aged between 18 - 35.

For more details, please contact Sr Bernadette Marie at op@rcda.scot.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Danny Harding, Tommy Hannigan, Sally Rhodes, Robert Roe, Connor McFadden, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

Please pray for: Frances Sheeran, Anthony Sheeran, Jim Seery, Tommy Seery, Bridget Seery, Esther McDonnell, Patrick McDonnell, Johanna O'leary, Caterina La Viola, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara, Bill Molloy and all our loved ones who have died.

CULTURE OF LIFE

Over the next five years, there will be continuous attempts in Parliament to extend the culture of death.

As Catholics, we are called to protect and promote the dignity of life for all. Please write to your Member of Parliament urging them to vote against any attempt to introduce euthanasia (so called assisted dying etc) during this Parliament.

Human life is sacred and given by God, and we are called to protect and defend it.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

During November, Masses will be offered for all of our loved ones who have died.

Please feel free to bring in a picture for the Altar of Remembrance and to collect an envelope to place their names and donation in.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

THIS WEDNESDAY at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

MASS READINGS

Please note that the readings for Mass will be taken from the new Lectionary.

NEW LECTIONARY

With the arrival of the new lectionaries, we will be writing the names of donors into the books in thanksgiving for their generosity. If you made an offering using the Dona Machine, please let the Parish Office know so that your names can be included.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The beauty of God's grace is his everlasting forgiveness!"

-Nicole Kidman

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder that the reception of Holy Communion is for Catholics who have already celebrated their First Holy Communion.

If we receive Holy Communion on the hand, please consume the Sacred Host as soon as possible.

CHURCH LIGHTS

Thanks to a very generous donor, we have been able to replace some of the lights over the sanctuary.

Please continue to pray for the works being undertaken here within the parish.

POPE'S INTENTIONS

That the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers..



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

£1047.12

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 27th October</p> <p>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> | <p>9 am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4 pm Rosary</p> <p>4.15 pm Vespers and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p> | <p>Shanu Int., Sharon Wilson RIP, Maureen Harvey RIP, Peter Grace RIP.</p> <p>Desmond & Beryl Nancollas RIP, Brian Yang RIP, Mary Kate McElvaney RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo, Seamus Healy Int.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 28th October</p> <p>SS Simon & Jude</p> | <p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p> | <p>James & Nora Reily Int.</p> <p>Kathleen Martin & Family Int., James & Kathleen Mahony RIP, Seamus Shealy RIP.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 29th October</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Holy Angels</p> | <p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p> | <p>Seamus Shealy RIP, Willie Terence & Deceased Members of the O'Reilly Family RIP.</p> <p>Carlo Fernando Int., Kamal Raj RIP.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 30th October</p> <p>Votive Mass of St Joseph</p> | <p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p> | <p>Seamus Shealy RIP.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 31st October</p> | <p>NO PUBLIC MASS TODAY</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 1st November</p> <p>All Saints</p> | <p>7 am MASS (Latin)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS <i>Followed by veneration of the relic of the True Cross.</i></p> <p>6.30 pm - 8 pm All Saints Day Party</p> | <p>Pro Populo</p> <p>Shay Smith Int., Fr Barrie McKenzie Int.</p> <p>Parish Centre.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 2nd November</p> <p>All Souls</p> | <p>9 am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p> <p>10 am - 11.30 am Confirmation Session</p> | <p>Kate Mongan RIP, Christy & Joyce Rasaiya RIP.</p> <p>Parish Centre</p> |