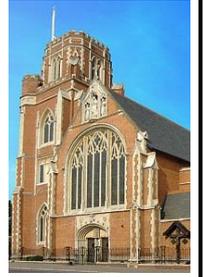




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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary time

8th November 2020

Stay awake because you do not know the day nor the hour

Mass Times

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| 7th Sat | Dedication of St George's Cathedral |
| **** | People of the Parish |
| **** | John O' Hara + |
| 8th Sun | Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | (Remembrance Sunday) |
| **** | Irene Mary Vincent |
| 9th Mon | The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica |
| **** | Holy Souls |
| 10th Tue | St Leo the Great |
| **** | |
| 11th Wed | St Martin of Tours |
| **** | |
| 12th Thu | St Josaphat |
| **** | James Monahan + |
| 13th Fri | St Frances Xavier Cabrini |
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| 14th Sat | Feria |
| **** | Leticia Alba + |
| 15th Sun | Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| **** | Leticia Alba + |

Confessions:

By Appointment

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer, Ordinary Time Autumn:

Students and Teachers, Spread of the Gospel,
 The Harvest and the Fruits of Human Work, The Reverent
 Use of Creation, Justice & Peace, Victims of War,
 Young People, Prisoners and their Families

Next Week's Liturgy Group: Mark

Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the Parish Priest

Before Action

by William Noel Hodgson

By all the glories of the day
 And the cool evening's benison,
 By the last sunset touch that lay
 Upon the hills when day was done,
 By beauty lavishly outpoured
 And blessings carelessly received,
 By all the days that I have lived
 Make me a soldier, Lord.

By all of all man's hopes and fears,
 And all the wonders poets sing,
 The laughter of unclouded years,
 And every sad and lovely thing;
 By the romantic ages stored
 With high endeavour that was his
 By all his mad catastrophes
 Make me a man, O Lord.

I, that on my familiar hill
 Saw with uncomprehending eyes
 A hundred of Thy sunsets spill
 Their fresh and sanguine sacrifice,
 Ere the sun swings his noonday sword
 Must say good-bye to all of this;--
 By all delights that I shall miss,
 Help me to die, O Lord.

Lt. William Noel Hodgson M.C. Born on 3rd January 1893 he was the son of the Vicar of Thornbury, Bristol (my home parish) and the youngest of four children, all of whom were talented. He won a scholarship to Durham School and to Christ Church College Oxford to read Classics and gained a First in 1913. On 25th September 1915, during the Battle of Loos, Lieutenant Hodgson with three other young officers and a hundred men held a captured trench for 36 hours without food or reinforcements. Lt. Hodgson was awarded the Military Cross. He was on the Somme in Spring 1916 and a few days before the Big Push on the 1st July, he wrote this last poem "Before Action" from which the last line "Help me to die, O Lord" has immortalised him. He was killed in action at Mametz on the first day of the battle aged 23. The 159 men of the 9th Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment who died that day were buried in their Mansel Copse trench, and a notice above the trench read: "The Devonshires held this trench. The Devonshires hold it still"

Father Alex



November
The Month of the Holy Souls

Please take an envelope from the back of the Church and return it with a list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be prayed for during the month of November. The list will be placed on the altar and the names included in all the masses during the Month of the Holy Souls.

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

**If you always do
 what you've always done,
 you'll always get
 what you've always got**

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

We will be registering for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021 nearer Christmas. Classes begin in the New Year.

A Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**He that is good and making excuses is
 seldom good at making anything else**

Benjamin Franklin

Soup Kitchen



The Companions of the Order of Malta have started a Soup Kitchen for the Homeless at St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall, 96 North Side London SW18 2QU.

The Soup Kitchen is now open on Tuesday evenings from 19.00 to 21.00. Volunteers required.

Forthcoming Dates

Feast of St Thomas à Becket.....29th December

**Please wear a face mask
 while in Church**

Lockdown

We are once again in lockdown as so all Church services are suspended. Father Alex will say mass daily in private. Please write to your MP since the Churches believe that there is very little risk of passing on the Corona virus at Church services. The Government refuses to publish the evidence on which they have based their decision. Please urge your MP to demand that the evidence, if there is any, be published.

In Thoughts of Solitude

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton

**Here is a test to find out whether your
 mission in life is complete:
 If you're alive, it isn't**

Seven Wonders

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present-day Seven Wonders of the World. Though there were some disagreements the following received the most votes: 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids 2. Taj Mahal 3. Grand Canon 4. Panama Canal 5. Empire State Building 6. St Peter's Basilica 7. China's Great Wall While gathering the notes, the teacher noticed that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. "Yes, a little," she replied. "I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." "Well, tell us what you have," said the teacher, "and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated and then read: "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: 1. To see 2. To hear 3. To touch 4. To taste 5. To feel 6. To laugh 7. To love" Sometimes the things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous.

Last Week's Finances

Parish Collection £465 Bankers Orders £384

Maintenance Team: 11.00 Saturday 14 November