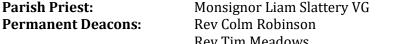


## St Peter's Catholic Church

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# 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 – All Saints (Year A)

### Mass Times and Intentions for this Week

Sunday 1st November 2020	6.00pm (Sat)	Mass People of the Parish
All Saints	9.00am	Mass Mary Garry RIP
Diocesan Prayer Link	10.30am	<b>Mass</b> Ints of Magdalena & Family
St Luke & St Teresa, Wincanton with Mere,	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Milbourne Port, Castle Cary & Bruton	5.30pm	Mass Micaela Belonio RIP
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.10am	Morning Prayer
All Souls Day	9.30am	Mass Holy Souls
	7.00pm	Mass Holy Souls
Tuesday 3rd November	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00pm	Mass K T Thomas RIP
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Charles Borromeo	12.00pm	Mass Tom Sojan RIP
Thursday 5th November	9.10am	Morning Prayer
Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Mass Mary Wood RIP
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.10am	Morning Prayer
Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am	Mass Ints of Peter Mansfield
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Saturday 7th November	11.00am	Mass First Holy Communion
Our Lady on Saturday	1.00pm	Mass First Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Filipino Monthly Mass
	5.00pm – 5.30p	om Confessions
	6.00pm	<b>Mass</b> Ints of Bernard Micallef
	7.30pm	Polish Language Mass
Sunday 8th November	9.00am	<b>Mass</b> Ints of Magdalena & Family
32nd Sunday of the Year	10.30am	<b>Mass</b> War Dead
	12.30pm	Polish Language Mass
	5.30pm	Mass People of the Parish

Weekly Church Cleaning: Will take place after mass on Monday morning. Just turn up if you can help.

**This week:** Week 31 in Ordinary Time, Week 3 for the Divine Office.

**Last Weekend:** Offertory - £968.98 World Mission Sunday - £188.80 Mass Count – 352

**Repository:** A selection of Advent Candles and Calendars plus Christmas Cards, Nativity Scenes, Crib Figures, Diaries and Calendars are now in stock.

**Please Note:** There will be no 10.00am mass and no morning confessions on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. There are two First Holy Communion Masses on both those Saturdays at 11.00am and 1.00pm

**All Souls Day:** Monday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. Mass in St Peter's Church is at 9.30am and 7.00pm. Holy Souls sheets are available from the back of the church for you to write the names of deceased family and friends which can then be placed in the Holy Souls Memorial in the Memorial Chapel.

**Priests' Retirement Fund:** The Annual Appeal, in support of the Priest's Retirement Fund, will take place this weekend. During their years of service to parish congregations many priests did not have the opportunity to prepare adequately for retirement. The support received for this appeal each year is a great reassurance to them that they are not forgotten. There are currently twenty retired priests in receipt of financial support, which includes funding for retirement properties, retirement grants and care home fees, amounting to over £250,000 per annum. Your support for this important collection is much appreciated by our retired priests, who continue to give great help in many parishes by offering their services as supply priests. To enhance the appeal, Gift Aid envelopes are available allowing an additional 25p to be claimed for every £1 donated.

**RIP:** Your prayers are asked for those who died recently:

**Vera Watson,** who died peacefully on Wednesday following a long illness.

**Emilia Sakowska**, a private funeral will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

We extend our sympathy and the support of our prayers to their families

**Reminder:** Please ensure that your mobile phones are either turned off or switched to silent while in church. Please do not leave personal possessions unattended at any time while in church.

**Gloucester City Mission:** Have set up a brand new project called the Hot Water Bottle Project. They would like to source 200 hot water bottles so that the Outreach Teams can take them out and give them to clients on the streets. Then the next day they can take out a fresh one and swap it over. If you would like to donate a hot water bottle (brand new & unused ones only please) a box will be available to donate at the back of church from next weekend.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Fr Donal Daly, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michaele Hercules, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Christopher Browne, Margaret Mayell, John Shields, David Burke, Shirley Badham, Margaret Withers.

#### Year of Communion-Sunday 1st November - Feast of All Saints

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a feast that brings into focus all those who lead good and often holy lives but are not officially recognised by the Church as being 'Saints'. The church introduced this feast in order to recognise the early Christian martyrs, many of whom were never known by name but who lived faithful Christian lives and who died for their faith. We may not have known anyone who has died for their faith but most of us have met people who have devoted their life to living the values of the Gospel. They are the people who strive to live generously and compassionately. These people are not heroic in the normal sense of the word, but their lives often are heroic. They are the people who are ready go the extra mile for others and then slip away un-noticed. When we think of holiness what do we imagine? Perhaps one definition of holiness is the capacity to live without hankering after the past or imagining the future but being able to focus on the present moment. Such people are attentive to what is going on around them and in doing so can respond to whatever is asked of them. During the pandemic we have seen many such people, heroically giving endlessly to meet the needs of others. These are the blessed people. Today's Gospel invites each one of us live humble, peaceful, and wholesome (holy) lives with Christ at the heart of all our actions and words.

#### Summary of the Holy Father's words at the General Audience last Wednesday, October 28th

Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now turn to the life and teaching of Jesus. The Lord chose to begin his public ministry by being baptized in the Jordan river. It is significant that this great event took place in the midst of a community, in an atmosphere of communal prayer and repentance. Sinless himself, the eternal Son of God was baptized by John as a sign of his loving solidarity with sinful humanity. Saint Luke tells us that, after his baptism, as Jesus prayed, the heavens were opened, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the voice of the Father proclaimed him as his beloved Son. By our own baptism, we become sharers in Christ's sonship through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are thus enabled to share in Jesus' own prayer, the eternal expression of his dialogue of love with the Father. At every moment of our lives, even those in which we feel the weight of the cross and the burden of our sins, may we persevere in prayer, confident that, as Christ's brothers and sisters, beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, the gates of heaven are always open to us. Full text can be found on the Vatican website www.vatican.va