

32ND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME The Cathedral of 8TH November 2020 St John the Baptist

Year A · Weekday II · Psalter Week 4

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The Cathedral is open at the following times:

Monday - Saturday 11am – 6pm

Sunday 11.10 am – 4pm

Celebrant's Intention

Sunday 8TH November 32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	1000 · Solemn Mass <i>of the Dead</i> 1110 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1600 · Church closes 1630 · Vespers & Benediction	For the people <i>and the War Dead</i>
Monday 9th November LATERAN BASILICA	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Ely Bailon +
Tuesday 10th November S Leo the Great	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Janice Farrar +
Wednesday 11th November S Martin of Tours "Armistice Day"	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Prue Jennings +
Thursday 12th November S Josephat	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Thomas Duffy & Family +
Friday 13th November Feria	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Bridget & William Brown
Saturday 14th November Our Lady on Saturday	1000 · Mass · <i>(Cathedral open after)</i> 1100 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1700 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i>	Charles & Margaret Earle +
Sunday 15th November 33 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	1000 · Solemn Mass <i>of the Dead</i> 1110 · Holy Hour <i>with confessions</i> 1600 · Church closes 1630 · Vespers & Benediction	For the people

Prayers for the sick: Canon Paul, Fr John Warrington, Peter Warrington, Paul Horan, Liam McKenna, Philippa Barnes, Anthony Preston, Nancy Horner, Joan Marshall, Wood Family, Eleanor Bray, Lily Reid, Joe Heaney, Nina Strivens, Mary Ward, Dianne Yeadon, Chris Gillham, Peter Willets, Justina Adamska, Reece Sales, Nicholle Sales, Amanda Caistor, Patrick Campion, Una McWeeny, and Brian Whitlam [GDPR compliant]

Going into hospital? Please inform the hospital ward that you need a Catholic Chaplain, or please let us know. Fr Leo is the hospital chaplain.

Last week: £2,144.54

Thank you!

Please continue to support the Cathedral, your parish, at this time.

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God is essential. Prayer is essential. Even though we are prevented by civil regulation from meeting in person to worship our Lord in church, **we will ensure that the Cathedral Church remains open as much as possible** throughout these weeks, that the sacramental and prayer life of the church does not fall completely into abeyance, thereby also providing a sign of hope to the world: that there is something more essential than our day-to-day experience. In the Mass, we pray that "as we walk your ways with **faith** and **hope**, we may strive to bring **joy** and **trust** into the world." (*Eucharistic Prayer II for various needs and occasions*)

We will be open from 11am – 6pm Monday – Friday (Holy Hour with confessions at 11am and 5pm daily), and on Sundays 11.10am – 4pm (Holy Hour with confessions at 11.10am).

Please do not hesitate to call us if you or a friend, neighbour or relative are sick and need a priest.

Today, the civil calendar commemorates **Remembrance Sunday**, the Sunday closest to Armistice Day (11 November), which marks the end of the first world war, 102 years ago. Although there is now largely no personal memory left of the battlefield, it is our duty as Christians to pray for the war dead, for all the dead, and for peace in our own time. It is not enough to simply *remember*; Christians *pray*, because we believe in the Resurrection, and we have a duty to act when and where we can, rather than just think about it.

St Martin was a Roman soldier, who, when encountering a beggar in winter, cut his rich cloak in half, and gave it to him (in fact, Martin's "cloak" or "*cappa*" relic was so important in the life of the Church, it has given us two words: *chapel* – the house for a relic, and *chaplain* – its custodian). Martin gave up his martial life and became first a monk, then a bishop. As a bishop, he taught fervently, but with the love of a true pastor; in the face of disagreement, he did not respond with violence. He teaches us that, though we disagree with one another, we cannot disregard any person, because each of us is a child of God. Martin's life is a victory of **peace over war**, of **gentleness over violence**, of **kindness over selfishness**. These things are so important; they are **fruits of the Holy Spirit**. We all fall short of our full and fruitful potential that the Holy Spirit intends for us in different ways, so we always approach the Lord and each other in humility and with a spirit of forgiveness: we can be confident that the Lord truly does love us all. *St Martin's feast day is also Armistice Day: a work of the Holy Spirit?*

Thinking about becoming a Catholic? Contact one of the priests either at the end of Mass, or by phone or email (overleaf) to continue your **Journey in Faith**.



When visiting, please still **Test & Trace** by **QR Code** or by signing the **Test & Trace sheets** at the back of the Cathedral Church each time. **Face coverings** are a civil obligation unless exempted. All welcome in God's Holy House.

Christmas at the Cathedral – it is only a few weeks now until the Church commemorates the birth of our Lord and Saviour. It has acquired many other meanings in our own times, but essentially and fundamentally we celebrate Jesus's birthday at Christmas.

As we are now used to having made many significant changes to our way of life this year, **we will also need to approach the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral a little differently**.

Assuming that we are permitted to gather for the celebration of Christmas, **there will be many more opportunities to attend Mass at Christmas** (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), and there may have to be a change in the times of our usual Masses as a result of this. To ensure that *everybody* gets an opportunity to attend Mass, we will have to set up an **online booking** system over the next few weeks (also taking into account those who cannot use the internet).

Details will be forthcoming, and **thank you for your generosity** in sharing your needs and preferences with all our brother and sister parishioners, especially since we may have to change routines which we have been used to for so many years. Watch this space for more information.



The Duckett Library will be closed during this period of lockdown. The library team would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations during sale of surplus stock in the past few weeks. As a result, the Duckett Library gave £43.17 to the much depleted parish funds. Book sales, with proceeds to the Parish funds, will continue once the library reopens. *And thank you to the library team for their hard work, and their generosity.*

Sacristy volunteers – the sacristy is in need of volunteer helpers. Please contact davidsimcock1968@gmail.com

If before the lock-down you were undertaking a voluntary ministry as an **extraordinary minister of Holy Communion** at Mass here at the Cathedral, either by assisting the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, or by visiting the sick at home, and you have not been contacted by us, please get in touch with Fr Simon (contact details overleaf).

Young Adults – get in touch if you are interested in joining the parish Young Adults Group: 18 – 35 welcome.



The Richness of Many Years of Life – Caritas East Anglia will be hosting a webinar to explore new ways of care for the elderly, and sharing experiences. If you would like to sign up (Zoom), please visit: us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYkfuyqpqToiHNUUrNQZb_vbRGZmieDAu-yY

Wanted – Sleeping bags in good condition for the homeless. Please leave outside the Library door in St Joseph's Chapel for Imelda. Thank you.

Norwich Open Christmas – We are aware that a number of parishioners donate, volunteer or attend our Christmas Day Meal at St Andrew's Hall. This year, because of Covid-19 restrictions, it will take a different form, food and take home bags will still be available. We will keep you informed as more is known.