



Parish of the Sacred Heart and St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Welcome to Mass! Do please join in the singing of congregational hymns and enjoy our fellowship.

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A1, Psalter 2	
Saturday 28 th October 6pm – Vigil Mass Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jenny Merry
Sunday 29 th October – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	Mr(s) T Newman Burke RIP 'Stephanie' RIP
Tuesday 31 st October – 10am Mass	Mr and Mrs Tony Russell
*Wednesday 1 st November – All Saints' Day 10am Mass (with our school) 6pm Mass	A.D. Panizzi RIP Gerry Parker RIP
Thursday 2 nd November – All Souls' Day 10am Mass	Christopher Wells RIP
Friday 3 rd November – 10am Mass	Fr Ralph's int.
Saturday 4 th November 6pm – Vigil Mass Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ted & Josie Derbidge RIP
Sunday 5 th November – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am – said Mass 10.00am – family Mass	The Parish 'Connie' RIP

Sacrament of reconciliation: Saturday before Mass 5.15 – 5.45pm.

Pastoral visits for the anointing of the sick are permitted at home, in our care homes and in hospital, so do please contact the parish office as necessary to arrange a visit by the parish priest or EMHC.

**ALL SAINTS Holy Day of Obligation – Masses at 10am and 6pm*

This week's Sunday Gospel: The Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-40)

Familiarity with Jesus' answer to the question about the greatest commandment blunts our awareness of its startling directness. Many answers could be given, perhaps singling out any one of the ten commandments as the greatest, the most important basis of society. A frequent answer to the question was and is the Golden Rule which exists in many cultures: 'Do not do to another what you would not have done to you'. This is basically a selfish answer, protecting one's own interests. By contrast, Jesus' answer hits home, turning us away from self to God. 'Love' (not 'obey' or 'adore' or 'fear' or 'reverence') is the command. Love is not simply the warmth of companionship or of intimacy but is the willing generosity of mother to helpless young child or daughter to helpless old parent, of wife to alcoholic husband or husband to paralysed wife, seeking no reward but the happiness of the receiver. Paul gives a useful check-list about love in chapter 13 of his first letter to the Corinthians. John's first letter provides a useful summary: 'No one who fails to love the brother or sister whom he can see, can love God whom he has not seen'. How do we put into practice this commandment to love?

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Parish Priest: Fr Ralph Candy

Fr Ralph writes...

REMEMBRANCE TREE: due to the rise in cost of the poppy crosses we are having a 'remembrance tree' instead this year. We will be selling labels and hearts at 50p each for you to add the names of those you wish to be remembered to hang on the tree. They will be sale at all weekend Masses up to and including the week beginning 5th November. All monies raised will go to church funds. Thank you. Tricia and the flower ladies.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: our next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 1st November at 2pm in the LMR. Menu's will be available for our Christmas Lunch at the meeting.

2B1: Celebrate All Saints in Praise! Come and join us on Tuesday 31st October at Goodrington Methodist Church at 7.30pm. 2B1 is a gathering of local Christians of all ages and denominations who praise God together in an informal setting. You will be very welcome. Praise - Cake – Chat.

CHURCH CLEANING: we are very much in need of volunteers to assist with the church cleaning. You would be most welcome to join our friendly team and make new friends too! If you are willing to volunteer, please call Harry on 07925587811.

CAFOD UPDATE:

Family Fast Day Appeal - Thank you!

Thank you for your generous donations to our collection for CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. We raised almost a £1000. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most.

Supporting farmers' rights to use their seeds.

Over summer, we were amongst **70,000 parishioners from 762 parishes** in England and Wales who signed Salina's letter calling on the World Bank to protect farmers' rights to freely access their traditional seeds- this fundamental right has increasingly come under threat from restrictive seed laws pushed by the Bank.

Our friends at CAFOD delivered the letters directly into the hands of the Director of Global Food Practice. The World Bank has started to listen. They agreed to meet with CAFOD representatives in both London and Morocco and have started to look at the issue. Thank you for signing Salina's letter!

Israeli-Palestinian Crisis – How we can help.

We join Pope Francis' urgent call for peace and an end to the violence in Israel and Gaza.

CAFOD was shocked to hear from our partner at Caritas Jerusalem that a staff member along with her child and husband were killed when the hall adjacent to the St Porphyrios Church in Gaza was struck last week. Her sister and two children were also among the casualties. The hall provided refuge for 411 people and five Caritas staff members were present.

Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones, have been injured and displaced, and live in fear as the violence continues.

CAFOD has set up an Israeli-Palestinian Crisis appeal so that we can provide urgent, practical help to families who need it as soon as it's safe to do so.

Find out more about how we can help at cafod.org.uk/emergencies

CHURCH COLLECTION: 21/22 October £727-54. Thank you sincerely for your generosity as ever. Cheques can be made payable to Paignton RC Parish.