

A Message from your Parish Priest

I was writing a little last week about our Catholic belief in the Communion of Saints. During the Month of November, it is this belief which prompts us to pray for those who we have loved on earth but who have been taken from us by death. We also believe that we, who are left behind, benefit from their prayers, either in Purgatory or as Saints of God in Heaven.

I have just returned from a reunion at the English College in Valladolid, Spain, where I trained for the priesthood forty years ago. The reason for our gathering was the old feast of the English Martyrs on 25th October. There can be very few places so full of memories of those martyrs as the Spanish College, which King Philip II founded the year after the failure of his great Armada, to train priests for the dangerous mission to England and Wales.

In the register of the college, dating back to its foundation, the name of every student is inscribed. In the margin, besides many of those during the first century of the college's life, a rose is drawn. It was added as news arrived in Spain of that person's death in England on the scaffold. In the same register is the entry for a student who was expelled from the college and later became one of the most notorious figures in English history, Titus Oates. It was Titus Oates who concocted a fictitious Catholic plot against King Charles II which resulted in the last great wave of persecution against the Church in our country, and the martyrdom of many priests, including the eighty-three year old Fr Nicholas Postgate, from our own county of Yorkshire.

On the day of the feast – which was transferred to mid-week, for the benefit of priests travelling from parishes at home – the Mass was begun with a procession round the corridors of the college, carrying the relics of many of those martyred priests who had studied there. The walls of those same corridors are hung with the portraits of those same priests, with details and even images of their cruel deaths. They are a unique record of a group of people forgotten by most, but whose memories are treasured by those who have studied in the same place and for the same mission, though in very different times.

Which is what reminded me of the beautiful doctrine of the Communion of Saints. We prayed to those martyrs asking for their intercession. Many of them have been canonised and beatified by the Church. We rejoiced to think that, in heaven, their prayers were being offered for a cause so dear to their hearts that they did not hesitate to give their lives for it. At the same time as our prayer united us with one another, the example of their dedication served as an inspiration to all of us who gathered together in their memory.

We have many kinds of bonds with others. There are bonds of blood, and of affection. There are bonds of faith and shared interests. The most wonderful bond of all, though, which the Communion of Saints reminds us of, is the bond of the children of God who exist as the Church on this earth, as the great mass of Saints in Heaven and as the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and never lose their love and care for one another.

With every blessing,

Monsignor Smith

TALKS ON THE FAITH

In every parish, there are people at different stages of the journey of faith. Since I have been in this parish I have been approached by several people, who regularly come to Mass but have never been baptised, or who have not received some of the other sacraments. I want to issue an invitation to anyone in that position to get in touch with me. My hope would be to begin a series of talks on the faith. If people understand more about the faith they may possibly wish to take a step forward on their journey, perhaps by becoming members of the Church, or by receiving any sacraments they have so far lacked. If you think this may apply to you, please email the parish office and when I have an idea of interest, we can decide how to proceed.



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MASS SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

10.00am-10.30am (in Selby)

5.15pm-5.45pm (in Selby)

And on request in Carlton.

The Readings for the Sunday

Mass are on page 184

**Preface "The Glory of
Jerusalem, Our Mother":**

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Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Saturday:

10.00am-10.30am

5.15pm-5.45pm

(in Selby during confessions)

Marriages and Baptisms

By appointment. Please see the
priest after Mass to make
arrangements

SATURDAY OCTOBER	31 st	6:00pm	Selby	Florence O'Donnell	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY NOVEMBER	1 st	9.30am 11:15am 3.00pm	Selby Carlton Selby	Roger Bartholomew Pro Populo Service for the Dead	ALL SAINTS DAY
MONDAY	2 nd	10.00am 12.00pm 6.30pm	Selby Carlton Selby	Ellen and Lewis Tuck Holy Souls in Purgatory Intentions of the Holy Father	ALL SOULS DAY
TUESDAY	3 rd	9.30am	Carlton	John McGrath	St Martin de Porres
WEDNESDAY	4 th	10.00am	Selby	Mary W. (Healing)	St Charles Borromeo
THURSDAY	5 th			N.B. No Mass To-day	Feria
FRIDAY	6 th	12.30pm 6.30pm	Carlton Selby	Jill Penney Szymon	Requiem Mass
SATURDAY	7 th	9.30am 6:00pm	Selby Selby	Yorkshire Brethren Leslie John Bartham	Mass of Our Lady Vigil Mass
SUNDAY NOVEMBER	8 th	9.30am 11:15am	Selby Carlton	Pro Populo Thomas Alford	32nd SUNDAY IN THE YEAR

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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YOUR OFFERINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday 18th October: £995.24 (Including Standing Orders) *Many Thanks for your Generosity.*
The Parish Quiz Night last week raised £410 for the Roof Fund. Many thanks to all the organisers and to those who supported it.

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially:
John Geraghty, Jessie McGuigan, Irene Lomas, Muriel Limb, Terence O'Hara, James Barnes, Enid McHale, Geranrd Bettison, Ivy Wheeler,, Madge Clark, Devina Harrison, Joan Reid, Mary Farley, Pte John Hague, Maurice Crouch, Tommy Dixon, Leslie Bareham and Dennis Wheatley.
Please remember also in your prayers Jill Penney, Tommy Alford, Patrick Tracey and Carl Cooke who have sadly died.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen The Requiem Mass for Jill will take place in St Mary's, Carlton On Friday 6th November at 12.30pm. Tommy Alford's Requiem Mass will take place on 13th November at 11.00am

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

On November 22nd at 2.00p.m. Tickets cost £15 each and include a glass of prosecco, small savouries, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. There will also be a Christmas themed quiz. As places are limited, please do not buy a ticket unless you are attending.

DEAD LIST

Envelopes are available at the back of church. Please return as soon as possible.

SCRIPTURE COURSE

Sign-up forms are still available for the short scripture course on St Mark's Gospel. The first session is on this Tuesday 3rd November at 6.30pm, repeated the following morning, 4th November at 10.30am.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember very specially in your prayers those who are sick:

Maureen McDonnell, Gerry McCrossan, Shirley Harrison and Jean Wilson, Zita Birchwood, Breda Gallagher, Irene Bradshaw, Pat Lynch, André Joseph Gudgeon, Lesley Stripe and Eileen Cooke.

MASSES RECEIVED DURING THE WEEK

Albert Cosgrove (Ann.), Thomas Alford (L.D.)

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The First Confessions for our year four children.– **The parents meeting for the year 4 First Confessions will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd November. Enrolment Forms will be available – and completed on that evening.**

First Confessions for year three children will take place in the spring, and First Holy Communions on the week-end of 19th/20th June.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in St Mary's on Friday 5th March 2027. Anyone in year six or older if not yet confirmed should receive the sacrament on that day. There will be a **meeting for parents on Monday 9th November at 6.30pm**. It is essential that any child wishing to be confirmed is represented at that meeting.

CARLTON NEWS

- We plan to have a Christmas Raffle this year with tickets on sale from 15th November. Any donations for prizes will be gratefully received.
- We also plan to give the church a good clean on Saturday 14th November, between 9am and 12.30pm If you are free to lend a hand for an hour between these times please contact Margaret who is organizing jobs. (Tel: 01405 862986)

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Monsignor Smith by Wednesday evening.

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