

Dates for your diary

10 th November:	Parish History Talk – Fr Andrew (7pm in the Hall)
12 th November:	Learning about the Faith (7pm in the Hall)
15 th November:	Blessing of graves (after 10 am Mass)
17 th November:	Parish History Talk – Fr John Morrill (7pm in Hall)
28 th November:	Advent Day of Recollection (Hall)

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Emanuel Calenti, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Maureen Huggett, Ann Jones, Theresa Lescott, Piotr Majewski, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Luna Freitas, Ann Griffin, Fr Dick Healey, Shirley Hewett, Albert Huggett, Ann Jones, Greg Warwick and Mirella Zubacz.

- **Mass Cards.** We now have our own parish **Mass Cards**, for those who do not use a Missal. They are also easier to follow for those who have not been to Mass before.
- **Financial support of the Church.** Last week's collection £415 plus £145 in Gift Aid. Thank you for supporting the Lord and His Church!
- **Gift aid.** Please consider Gift Aiding your donations. For every £1 you donate to the parish each week, we can reclaim 25p from the taxman. It is a very big help for the parish, and doesn't cost you anything!
- **Donating by card.** In the church porch we now have a **card-reader** and tablet so that donations can be made via card.
- **Next week** Fr Andrew is away for his annual retreat (which is a canonical requirement!) and there are therefore no weekday Masses except on Monday which is **All Souls** and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be **Adoration and Benediction** on **Tuesday**, plus **First Friday Adoration** on **Friday 6th**.
- **Parish Pilgrimage.** If you would like to join us for our Parish Pilgrimage to the Northern Saints in July 2027, please sign up on the form at the back of the church

- On **Friday 6th November at 12pm** we will have our monthly soup lunch in the Hall – all welcome!
- **Learning about the faith.** Evening classes for anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, and for any existing Catholics who would like to know more about their faith, take place **fortnightly on Thursday evenings**: the next class is **Thursday November 12th at 7pm** in the Hall.
- **First Holy Communion.** Registrations are open for **First Holy Communion** classes. These are for children who will be 7 and upwards in June 2027. Classes begin on **Sunday 22nd November** and will take place on Sunday mornings after Mass. If you would like to register please fill out a registration form; these are available both at the back of the church and on the website.
- **Celebrating our parish history.** This month (November) we have events related to our parish history: an exhibition of parish history in the Hall, and two talks on Catholic History by Fr Andrew (**Nov 10th**) and by Fr John Morrill (**Nov 17th**). Do put the dates in your diary.
- A reminder that we have an **Advent Day of Recollection** to prepare ourselves for the great season of Advent: **Saturday 28th November 10 am to 3 pm** in the Hall.
- **Freedom Watchers.** The Diocese has a group of Freedom Watchers, who learn how to identify vulnerable downtrodden people in modern slavery in our communities, and alert the Modern Slavery helpline (08000 121 700) for rescue. The initiative seeks more parishioners to join the group, to increase the number of those rescued from slavery. Learn more by searching "RCDEA Slavery".

November is
✠ the month of the Holy Souls ✠