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**No public Masses, but church open as below.  
No use of Bampton on Sundays in November**

**Remembrance Day (A) 08.11.2020**

Sat 7 Nov 6.00pm Private Prayer

Sun 8 Nov 9.00am Private Prayer

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10.15am Private Prayer

Mon 9 Nov 10.00am Private Prayer

**Lateran Basilica**

Tue 10 Nov 6.30pm Private Prayer

St Leo the Great

Wed 11 Nov 10.00am Private Prayer

St Martin of Tours

Thu 12 Nov 6.30pm Private Prayer

St Josaphat

Fri 13 Nov 6.00pm (Burford) Private Prayer

Sat 14 Nov 6.00pm Private Prayer

Sun 15 Nov 9.00am Private Prayer

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10.15am Private Prayer

As we celebrate All Saints, and their lives of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn.

**Government Lockdown Announcement**

Since preparing this newsletter, the Prime Minister has announced a month's lockdown beginning on Thursday 5 November. There will therefore be no further Masses in the parish after Wed 4 November. **The church will be open for private prayer at the times when there would ordinarily be Mass and some others. Please pray for an end to the pandemic and for all suffering directly and indirectly, especially those in care homes and their families**

**Please pray for those who have died:** Janet Mansell, Mateo Bantug, Allan Tomkins, Phil Hocknell, Bridget Valentine, Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier.

**Anniversaries:** Linda Hall, Catherine Finnemore, Shelagh Hiscock.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Dominic Martin, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Elaine Barry, Miriam James, Rodrigo Bantug.

**"Light up the town with a message of hope"**

The idea is to make a lantern and display it in your window during the first weekend in December and say a prayer for our community. We have 10 simple lantern making kits available from Fr Andrew (email or call him).

If we run out of kits there is no reason why people can't put something together themselves and join in.

**Bank details for Standing Orders**

Natwest, 23 High Street, Witney, OX28 6HW

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## **32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (A) 08.11.2020 Remembrance**

On Monday, the commemoration of the Faithful Departed or Holy Souls, I drove down to Nettlebed, South Oxfordshire, to place bowls of cyclamen on the graves of my parents, my grandmother and brother and those of two friends.

You may have seen the documentary on Thursday about Frank Gardner, BBC security correspondent, shot six times in Saudi Arabia in 2004, leaving him partially paralysed. His cameraman Simon was killed and Frank only just survived sustaining life-changing injuries. He said that after 14 years he was re-assessing that moment of survival against the odds and what was the meaning of life for him thereafter.

As we keep Remembrance Sunday, how does one properly remember those who have died? We especially recall this weekend those who have died in warfare, directly or indirectly. We remember the tens of thousands who experienced life-changing injuries in the course of war. We remember in 2020 the almost 48,000 in this country who have died in connection with Covid-19. We remember during the whole of November all the dead, but how best to do that?

Firstly we are people of resurrection. We know and bear witness that in death life is changed not ended. Secondly, we put into practice the good example of our parents and family, that their strengths and virtues may not merely be recalled but continue to live and be practised by us their descendants. Our hope and prayer is surely that their love and goodness lives on in us. We carry a lamp for them like those five in the parable: we keep vigil in our hearts even when we sleep. Remembrance for Christians is an aspect of making those in heaven present to us and others, since we are a community of believers, and the Church militant and the the Church triumphant bestrides the merely human division of life and death.

The zenith of Christian remembrance lies surely in the words of consecration, 'do this in remembrance of me'. Whenever they are spoken in the Eucharistic liturgy, Christ himself is made present as the means par excellence of human sanctification. The Lord is present among us in several different ways but above all in the Eucharist. Though we wait for his second coming, the eucharist assures us that he is already with us and will ever so remain. Concentrating on this may help us shun the sleepy slothfulness that occasionally dogs our vigil, which is perhaps the experience of those who run short of oil for their lamps.

### **Statement from the President and the Vice-President of the Conference on the National Lockdown Wednesday 4th November 2020**

Today, Parliament passed into law the Regulations governing many aspects of activity in the whole of England until 2nd December. These Regulations prohibit the gathering of people for communal worship in churches and other religious buildings. Churches remain open and in use for activities other than communal worship, including personal prayer and support for those in need. Funeral Masses and funeral services may be held. Please refer to the Regulations (for places of worship see paragraph 18) and associated Guidance.

Despite profound misgivings it is important that we, as responsible citizens, observe these Regulations, which have the force of law: 'Remind them to be obedient to the officials in authority; to be ready to do good at every opportunity' (Titus 3:1). We do this in solidarity with so many others on whom are being imposed restrictions which impact severely on their lives and livelihoods. It is also important to recognise that these Regulations are not an attack on religious belief. However, they do demonstrate a fundamental lack of understanding of the essential contribution made by faith communities to the well-being, resilience and health of our

society. **At this difficult moment, we ask that, as a Catholic community, we make full use of our churches as places of individual prayer and sources of solace and help. We must sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic.** And we encourage you all in your practical service and support of each other and those around you in need. This pathway of prayer and service is the royal road we are to take as a gracious witness in our society today.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols President. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP Vice-President

