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5th November 2023: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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FIRE SAFETY NOTICE: If anyone has difficulty in hearing, walking or anything else that may slow down safe exit in the event of a fire, please let us know before the service starts, so that we can arrange for assistance for you.

Services for the forthcoming week

Saturday 4th November	Vigil: 31st Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Arcelius & Jowin Fernandes Thnkgiving
Sunday 5th November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am (SSJFTM) 10am (St T) Noon (St T)	Johnny Corry RIP Eanna Starken RIP Stuart James Cottrell RIP (Ann)
Monday 6th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Michael & Myrtle McCarthy RIP (BDay)
Tuesday 7th November	Feria	9.15am (St T)	Holy Souls
Wednesday 8th Nov	No Mass		
Thursday 9th Nov	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9.15am (St T)	Kevin McGuinness RIP
Friday 10th Nov	St Leo the Great	9.15am (St T)	Holy Souls & Anna Pinto RIP
Saturday 11th Nov	Vigil: 32nd Sunday	6pm (SSJFTM)	Gerry Barrett RIP

CONFESSIONS AT SSJFTM 5PM ON A SATURDAY

Liturgy of the Word - 5th November 2023

Entrance Antiphon:	Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!.
Responsorial Psalm:	Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal Life. Alleluia!
Next Sunday Readings:	Wisdom 6:12-16, Psalm 52:2-8.Rv2, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Message from Fr Tony:

I imagine that the memory of Father Dominic's funeral will long remain with us, and I'm sure we would agree that it was a fitting send off to a much-loved, and dedicated, Parish Priest. Perhaps, what was just a little strange was, that for a major parish event Father Dominic wasn't present! You will all be so used to him being at the centre of whatever was going on. And yet in a way he was, not only was he the focus of our prayers and thoughts, he was the reason we were there; but he was present in the spirit that was so evident, a spirit that he had built up and encouraged.

That spirit was so evident through all those who assisted in so many ways with the funeral Mass, generously giving their time, and helping all of us to give thanks for the life, and ministry, of Father Dominic in a prayerful, fitting and dignified way. So, to everyone who assisted in any way, the stewards in the church, and outside, as well as the Altar Servers, musicians and sacristans, as well as those who cleaned and decorated the church; and not forgetting those who fed the many people at the funeral, just as Father Dominic would expect, to each of a big 'thank you'.

It was good to have our local Bishop, Paul McAleenan, with us to celebrate the Reception and Mass on Wednesday evening, and then to have Cardinal Nichols with us, celebrating the Funeral Mass on Thursday, along with many of Father Dominic's brother priests on both days. As both preachers, Mgr. Harry Turner, on Wednesday, and Canon Shaun Lennard, on Thursday, spoke of how Father Dominic lived his priesthood, reminding us he was a priest through and through, it was how he served God's People, and it was where he found his own fulfilment.

We continue to pray for Father Dominic, and to thank God, for the lives he touched, and the many blessings, received through his Priesthood.

Monthly Standing Orders: £3,885

Offertory for the last fortnight

Envelopes £ 420.25

Loose Plate £ 586.55

Contactless donations £ 428

Total for weekends of **22nd & 29th October £1,434.80**



We have had a bit of a move around of the wall boxes—the SVP box has moved along one & the Comboni Missionaries—AKA The Sudan Mission box— is now in the porch. All are labelled



Thank you to all who have taken the empty shoeboxes, please can you return them, along with the £5 administration donation **before 13th November**. Please only put in new items, they cannot accept used, even if a good quality. You will need to put an elastic band around the box to keep it shut but please do not stick it down as each box is carefully checked by the charity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Details of the new programme have been sent out to everyone who has registered with us. The most important date to keep in your diaries is the introductory meeting for parents and children **Thursday 9th November 6.15pm St Teresa's SCHOOL**

Please note now that the groups have been decided, we cannot accept any latecomers.,.

CONFIRMATION 23-24 PROGRAMME



Details of the new programme have been sent out to everyone who has registered with us. The first meeting is for Candidates & their parents and will be held **Tuesday 14th November 6.30pm at St Teresa's CHURCH**. We are now unable to accept latecomers.

The Parish Office is closed
2nd November - 8th November.



EVENTS

Curry Night: Saturday 18th November 7pm-10pm, £12 a ticket, bring your own drink. Your chance to enjoy a home cooked Indian meal, meat & vegetarian choices, pilau & flat-breads. All proceeds to the Centenary Fund.



November is the Month of Holy Souls: You will find the leaflet in church for placing names on the Remembrance List for November. Please pick up and complete and return to us in the brown envelope provided, along with your Mass Offering. There is also a form online for you to complete if you cannot get into church, please make your donation online or pop it through the letter box at the St Teresa's Presbytery, please indicate what its for as we keep the donations separate. **Sunday 5th November: 2pm Blessing of the Graves at Allum Lane. With Fr Shaun Lennard, Canon Tony Dwyer & Deacon Don Harper. We would advise you all to bring water with you for this in case as you may be standing for a short while.**

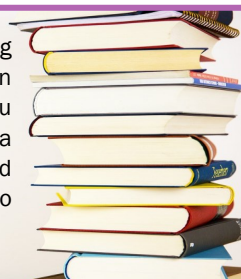


BAPTISMS: We welcome **Albie & Erin who are being baptised here this weekend**. Our baptisms take place on a Saturday afternoon, at either Noon, 1pm or 2pm, with a Rite of Welcome at your usual Mass the weekend before. They are individual ceremonies. If you would like your child to be baptised, please complete the registration form over the website (under Sacraments). You will also need to attend a Baptism Preparation Course. **Please make sure your baptism date is arranged & confirmed by Sue before you invite guests!**



If you would prefer to give your offertory by contactless and you can't get to the machine, please use the QR code here which is for St Teresa's. You will also be able to pay for the Curry Night tickets using this—just select the preferred option.

As one of the Centenary fundraising ideas we now have a small selection of used books in St Teresa's. If you would like to take one, please put a donation in the wall box, (suggested £1), and if you have any books to donate, please feel free!



Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests'

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance



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