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## **Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	For Samuel Bezants and his family
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Father Robert Ellis RIP
		10.30 am	Peter Baldwin RIP
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Alice & Harry Smith RIP
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	The Parish
		<b>7.30 pm</b>	Sean Melino RIP
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Reg (Sn) & Dorrie Marshall RIP
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Liz Harvey RIP
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Jane Melhuish RIP
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Margaret Metcalf RIP
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	In Thanksgiving (Pearl Rego)
		10.30 am	The Parish



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Wisdom 11:22-12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £305 + Digital Collection: £ 37 World Missions: £ 589 Thank you for your generosity.  
Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Retired Priest's Fund (Gift Aid)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Samuel Bezants, Thomas Boylan. John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Ken Ellis, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Peggy Gallagher, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Joan Cutmore, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Brian Hayes, Donald Rodrigues, Josephine Hills, Father Robert Ellis, Doris Hayes, Mary Furman, Harold Thirkettle, Olive Oliver, Vincent Rasdale, Brian Hurst, Liz Harvey. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**3. NOVEMBER – IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS:** The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

**4. CONFIRMATION 2022/23:** If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will start with the Parent's Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00 pm and the First Confirmation Candidates Meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Please collect an application form from the Sacristy and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible

**5. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND INSTRUCTION** will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at St. Michael's, Hayling Rise. The day starts at 8.45 am with registration, followed by Mass at 9.00 am celebrated by Bishop Richard. The guest speakers are Brendan Cleary and Father Rod Jones. The day concludes with Adoration at 3.00 pm followed by Benediction at 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Please book with St Michael's Parish Office – 01903 264770 [worthingstmichael@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:worthingstmichael@abdiocese.org.uk) if you would like to attend as places are limited

**6. A PARISH MEETING** will be held in The Barn on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm If you have an item that you would like to be discussed please send details to the Parish Office by 2<sup>nd</sup> November so that they can be added to the Agenda. All are welcome.

**7. THE RETIRED PRIESTS FUND** – there are thirty-two (and rising) retired priests in our diocese, many of whom are cared for in Nursing Homes. The diocese exercises its duty of care through your generous response to this collection and the need increases year on year so please help!

**8. MINISTERS ROTAS** for November are now available in the Sacristy

**9. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES)** (Bangers & Mash) will be served in The Barn on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon in aid of SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. Price Adult £8.00 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy

**10. THE ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS** for the deceased members of the Deanery Clergy will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00 am here at English Martyrs. You are invited to make every effort to come to this very important annual occasion to remember in prayer the priests, now deceased, who once served in our Parishes.

**10. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting this Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people in Years 7 to 11 are welcome. Contact Niall for more information [nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk)

**12. MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** are invited to attend an afternoon formation session on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Holy Family Church, Lancing [BN15 9BB]. It is suitable for both new ministers and existing ministers who would like a refresher and update. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Home Communion for the Sick will be covered. To apply please speak to Father Liam.

**13. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT** is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It costs just £15.90 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

**14. TURNING TIDES WISH LIST** is appealing for the many items that they need in their stock cupboards to help the many homeless throughout the year. Spreads – peanut butter, sandwich paste, marmite, chocolate spread etc Small bottled and carton drinks/water Cereal bars, Snack pots, Tinned ham, corned beef and fish. Tinned meals - meat and Tinned pies - meat and vegetarian, Pot noodles Tin custard and rice pudding, Cooking sauces. Shampoo and conditioner, Shaving gels and razors, Deodorants, Bath towels Men's boxers, Women's briefs, Women & men's tee-shirts. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help. The collection box is under the bench in the West Porch..

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: Tuesday is All Saints Day, Wednesday is All Souls.** As a child I always liked All Saints. It was very different from how Halloween is celebrated now. As I remember it, little things made a big difference then; shops would give their customers a Special Barm Brack free of charge. It would contain a ring – for the person who found it. And there was the game of snap-apple. We could enjoy nuts then, as we had the teeth for them! By contrast All Souls was a mournful day. It was a bit like Ash Wednesday. Black vestments were the order of the day.

All Souls reminds us of death and we don't always like to think about that. But now and again we should think about it and some day we must all think about it. Catholic churches in this country don't often have bells but in Ireland churches have a bell and it was rung solemnly at every funeral. The Church kept death before us because it felt it had something to say about it. If it hasn't something to say about it, it would have nothing to say about life. And what it has to say about death is not meant to be frightening. Properly understood the Church's message – because it is Christ's message -is comforting, reassuring and hopeful. The Church wants us to be sure of God's love for us and his love should take away our fear. That is why we scarcely ever see black vestments worn now.

We believe that death is the entrance to new life – to a sharing for all eternity in Christ's Risen Life. Every Mass is a celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. Christ has died but he is Risen and every Mass proclaims his love for us, on the cross and the new Life of the Resurrection that he has won for us. That is why the vestments worn at funerals Masses are usually white. We are celebrating the Resurrection; the victory Christ has won for us. Strangely enough, our own diocesan practice seems to favour violet vestments being worn at Requiem Masses. I hope they won't be worn at mine – though then I hopefully will have loftier things on my mind.

During November especially, when we pray for the dead we should reflect on the fact that this life isn't infinite, isn't eternal for any of us. We know that of course but we don't always think of it. When we think of the shortness of life it helps us to live better. Because time is limited, we should not want to waste it – certainly not on hate or bitterness. It makes us more aware of the everyday miracles of love and care and beauty that we are blessed with. Somebody much more clever than I used this image. Life is like a game of snooker that you may enjoy viewing on T.V. There is the green table, the triangle of fifteen red balls and the colours yellow and green and brown and blue and pink and blue. So many of them on the table, you would think the game would never end. There are so many reds, but they gradually get fewer while the colours keep popping back into play. Then suddenly there are only two reds left and then the last red is gone and now there are only the colours. They now go one by one and they don't come back until only the black is left – the black of death. Then it goes and the game is over. Death has cleared the table. It's very like life and it looks as if death is the winner. But not quite. When the black is gone there is still one ball left. The white. White for the Resurrection – white for the Church's colour of victory. The white that will begin the new game. The white remains when the black is gone and the white will gather all the reds again and all the colours for the new game.

White was put on us at baptism – a white robe as a sign that we are a new creation clothed in Christ – the outward sign of our Christian dignity and a reminder of the great destiny Christ's victory has won for us. But we are often afraid of what is after death. Some people are afraid there isn't a God, some people are afraid there is. We can't imagine heaven and we can't imagine God. Our sight is very limited. It has been said that life on earth is in some ways like a baby in the womb. If someone were to say to the unborn baby 'you can't stay here you know. In a few weeks you will be born the baby might think 'But I don't want to leave here. I'm warm, loved and happy here and I'm well fed and looked after.'

But the baby is born and can see faces that love him and children that play with him. He grows and enjoys life and loves. But then we learn that we must leave this place too. As Christ says, we must be born again, we must be born into a new life. Again we might say: 'But I don't want to. I'm happy here'. But God has better plans for us. Better things await. That is why the Church's vestments on All Souls is white rather than black