



The Priory Church of Jesus Christ Ascot

TODAY

**3:30pm Service of Remembrance
for the Faithful Departed**

This Week at the Priory

The Priory is closed Monday till Friday

Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer

9:00am Mass

5:00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday November 11th Remembrance Sunday

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Hymn: 177

For your prayers this week

Pray for The Church of Ceylon: Bp. Dhiloraj Canagasabay & Bp. Keerthisiri Fernando, Jonathan our Bishop and the Bishops and Parishes of the Society. Bp Glyn Webster. St Luke, Holbrooks: Fr Kit Dunkley. St Thomas, Longford: Fr Andrew Coleman. St Nicholas, Radford: Vacant. St James, Ansty, S Andrew, Shilton: Fr Kit Dunkley, Fr N Stevens. St Mary, Nuneaton: Fr Mark Liddell, Fr Brian Regan.

Pray for this Priory, Fr. Paul and the Trustees

Pray for the peace of the world.

Pray for those in need: the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, for refugees, for all victims of terrorism, cruelty or abuse, the lonely, the frightened, the despairing and the bereaved.

Pray for those who are sick or in need: Simon, Naomi, Derek, Barbara, Ray, Patti, Lisa, Helen, Karen, Jacqui, Pam, Duncan, Marion, Marjorie, James, Nigel, Allan, Heather, Angela, Warren, Barry, Sr Catherine, Ruth, Gillian, Clive, Fr Huw, Emma, Melanie & Len.

Pray for the departed: Josephine Mary, Sr Ellen of the Nativity, Betty Kingston, Sarah Meader, Mary, Lady Colman, Elspeth Baillie.

Readings for next Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5.10

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 1:14-20



All Saints' Day

The festival we celebrate this Sunday – All Saints' Day – appears such an odd affair. For in stark contrast to a culture which worships youth and boasts that "you can have it all," All Saints lifts up the stark reality of our mortality by celebrating all those who have in the faith. And so this Sunday we will name aloud those persons who have died in the past year and passed into the nearer presence of God. And this is as it should be.

But here take note: the colour for All Saints Day is not the black of Good Friday and mourning, but rather the white of Easter and celebration. For on this day we do not merely acknowledge death, but we also place it in its proper context. After all, we gather to worship the One who was given power over death; the One, as St. John narrates in today's gospel, who raised Lazarus to life; the One who's own death and resurrection, in fact, gives witness to the trustworthiness of the promise made in the first two readings that God will one day bring to an end the reign of death, cause mourning and suffering to cease, and wipe every tear from our eyes.

It is from the light of Easter dawn that we confront the darkness of death. And it is from the other side of Christ's resurrection that we gain the courage, not to *deny* death, but to *defy* it, to defy its ability to overshadow and distort our lives, for the Risen Christ has promised us that death does not have the last word.

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