

**ST DOMINIC'S, DURSLEY**  
**&**  
**ST JOSEPH'S, NYMPSFIELD**

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**SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021**  
**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, YEAR B**



**Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## **Gospel** (Matthew 5: 1 – 12)

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

## **Reflection**

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints.

Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as “blessed” or “happy” are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted.

Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

### **Celebration of Mass**

You no longer need to contact the office and book a place but we shall continue to record names as a precaution. We shall try to ensure that anyone who wishes to be “distanced” can be – in which case please arrive early

Hand sanitisers will still be used and face coverings are strongly recommended

Friday 29 October	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 30 October	5.30pm	Mass	Nympsfield
Sunday 31 October	10.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 3 November		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 4 November		<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday 5 November		<b>NO MASS</b>	

### **Volunteers at St Dominic’s**

We would like to restart the Little Church, the choir and Café Dominic.

In order to do these things we do need volunteers – so if you feel able to help, please collect a form at the back of church or download the form from the website

### **Raffle in aid of *Stella Maris***

We are planning a Christmas raffle for to be drawn hopefully at Café Dominic on the Sunday before Christmas.

Tickets will be £1.00 each and the raffle will be similar to the last one. We will ask parishioners to send cash in a named envelope and numbers allocated.

If anyone would like to donate a prize it would be very much appreciated. Thank you

*Laura Gardiner*

### **From Stroud Foodbank**

We have secured grant funding for three years to cover the cost of a part-time role as a Citizens Advice advisor who would work directly with us at Foodbank. To help those who come to us explore if there are ways of maximising their income. Ultimately, we just want people to be able to afford to buy their own food and make ends meet, not need to come to a foodbank as a last resort.

We'd be delighted if you would share the job advert to anyone you know who might be a good fit, applications need to be in by the 1st of November. See below for the link!  
Thank you!

[Link to CA Foodbank Advisor Job Advert](#)

## Synod Information sessions

So that we can all fully understand what Pope Francis is asking for our participation in the Synod, we are offering information sessions to give everyone an opportunity to find out more and so be able to fully engage with the process. If you wish to go please book a place through Eventbrite and then let Father Philip know

6 November, 10am-12noon: St John's Centre, Trowbridge - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trowbridge-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190920838367>

6 November, 2.30pm-4.30pm: St Patrick, Brockworth - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brockworth-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190970737617>

13 November, 10am-12noon: Emmaus House, Bristol - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bristol-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190972171907>

13 November, 2pm-4pm: St Joseph, Bridgwater - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bridgwater-synod-information-sessions-tickets-190973525957>

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Terence Smith and Natalie Herbert who were married at St Joseph's on Saturday.



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**8 November & 9 November, 7pm-9pm:**  
Online Teams sessions

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If you intend to participate in one of the online Teams sessions please let us know at [synod@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:synod@cliftondiocese.com), so that we can send you an invite. If you plan to attend one of the sessions around the diocese, please also let us know so that we have an idea of numbers.

### Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

**Diocesan Prayer Link:**

St Mary, Swindon

**Churches Together Prayer Rota:**

St Cyr, Stinchcombe

**Parish Prayer Rota:**

The congregation at Nympsfield