

## ***NOVEMBER DIARY NOTES - November the month of Remembrance.***

We begin this most solemn of months with All Souls Day celebration on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There are three Masses on this day.

**10am** – in the Walsingham Chapel

**12 Noon** – in the Walsingham Chapel

**6pm** – in the Walsingham Chapel.

Would you please place on the appropriate list names of those whom you wish praying for, but remember to print their names as neatly as possible, which will aid the celebrant in reading them out. It is important that your loved one's names to correspond with the Mass that **you** are attending. We have three Masses this day, which should ensure that everybody has an opportunity to come to Mass and to remember the people that they love still, but sadly see no longer. There is also a further opportunity throughout this month for acts of remembrance as we have our weekly Requiem. Details are to follow.

### **Jean Martyn's Concert.**

The internationally renowned musician will be coming to Saint Luke's to perform a most moving Act of Remembrance entitled "*We will remember them*". During this we are hoping to be joined by the different uniform organisations who will be bringing their standards for the solemn act of remembrance towards the end of the evening, when poppies will be cascaded down upon us as the heroes of our land fell for our freedom. We are particularly indebted to the Royal British Legion for their co-operation with this act of remembrance. Tickets are available at £6 in advance and £7 on the door. Please see Royston or Sylvia Orme.

### **Weekly Requiems**

Each week on a different day there will be an opportunity for you to have a Mass said specifically for your loved one. The first of these weekly requiems will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am, the second will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm, the third is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, the fourth will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. You will find some brown envelopes on the contact table, please collect one of these and inside it on a piece of paper write the names of your loved ones, the date that you wish them to be prayed for and any contribution that you wish to make towards the cost of these Masses. Any cheques should be made payable to Saint Luke's Church, and of course don't forget to come and pray with us for your loved ones.

### **Saint Luke's Annual Memorial Services**

Once again we are undertaking the mammoth task of inviting back all the families who the clergy have made contact with over the last year who have suffered a bereavement and have had their loved ones entrusted to God by one of our clergy - 500 different families.

As normal in order to accommodate all of these into our church we are holding 3 separate services at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm. We are always immensely grateful to those who can offer help in supporting the bereaved who have come to Saint Luke's and in assisting in any way with our service. There will be lists available for you to sign up. This important ministry each year has a considerable effect on people's lives. Lunch will be provided for anyone who would rather stay after our 11.00am Mass for the first of the memorial services. There is a list for you to sign, which will help with catering, we are asking people to make a contribution of £2 for the meal.

### **Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

This will be held here on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Once again we have the opportunity of just relaxing in the presence of Our Lord in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Our evening begins with Evening Prayer and as a climax has Benediction, which means blessing. With the busyness of Sunday mornings it is easy to forget what a great privilege it is to be in the presence of Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Our Sunday evening just gives us a little bit more time to reflect as well as to receive the grace of the sacrament. Please do join us.

### **Father Roger Woodward**

Has sadly left the parishes, but leaves behind his address for us all to maintain our contact with him. If for any reason you have lost this address then here it is again: 10 Baldwin Road, Bewdley, Worcestershire.DY12 2BP

### **Saint Luke's Commemorative Items**

As this newsletter goes to print the number of commemorative gifts is very small indeed. The last few tea towels and mugs, which have been specially commissioned and show the magnificent exterior and interior views of our church. They are headed with the date and the dedication and make not only wonderful things for ourselves but great gifts for others. If you are trying to think of that extra special gift for someone that will without any doubt firmly implant in their minds the church that we all love, then why not buy one of these gifts. So often people struggle when it comes to evangelism, this gift is a sermon in itself. Please do collect yours now as we celebrate together 70 years of service to God and the people of Kingstanding.