THE CATHOLIC CHURCH of SAINT BIRINUS
DORCHESTER-on-THAMES

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2026
MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS
ALL SAINTS 1st November: ALL SOULS 2nd Novemeber
(XXXI (A) Year II)

Sunday 1st	SUNG ENLISH MASS at Berinsfied	**9.30am**	*Tessie O'Leary RIP **
	SUNG LATIN MASS	**11.00am**	*Nicholas Richardson (RIP)***
Holy Hour	5-6pm Benediction	**5.50pm**	
Monday 2nd	Holy Souls *(Latin)*	**8.00am**	*Faithful Departed*
	Holy Souls *English*	**9.30am**	*Faithful Departed*
	Holy Souls *(Sung Latin)*	**11.00am**	*Faithful Departed*
Tuesday 3rd	Feria III	**9.30am**	*Dead List*
Wednesday 4th	Feria IV *(Latin)*	**8.00am**	*Dead List*
Thursday 5th	Feria V	**9.30am**	*Dead List*
Friday 6th	Feria VI *Fast & Abstinence*	**9.30am**	*Dead List*
Saturday 7th	Of Our Lady *(Latin)*	**9.30am**	*Dead List*
	VIGIL MASS of Sunday (XXXII-A)	**6.00pm**	*Dead List*

CONFESSIONS: ***Saturday 5:15-5.45 pm or by appointment with the Priest.*** **BPMF *Birmingham Perpetual Mass Fund*

DR NICHOLAS RICHARDSON RIP: It is with great sadness that I have to inform the Parish that on 9.30pm in the evening of 27 October, Dr Nicholas Richardson was called suddenly to the House of the Father. Last Sunday, Nicholas was present at Mass, as he was most Sundays, in fact he recited the Rosary and the Litany of Our Lady before Mass, publicly. Nicholas was a true Christian gentleman and a devout Catholic. He was also a great Classical scholar, being an expert and author on Homer and Prudentius. He was, despite his great learning and achievements, a very unassuming and gentle person. He was a greatly loved member of our parish. We offer our condolences to his widow Jenny and her family, and we pray that Nicholas may be given a place with the saints in Heaven. May the Angels lead him into paradise. We shall keep you informed as to the date of Nicholas' Requiem and Obsequies, and of a later Memorial Service in Merton College. ETERNAL REST GRANT TO HIM O LORD: AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THE DEPARTED

Today we begin the month of November, which, by ancient tradition, is dedicated to the Faithful Departed who can benefit from our prayers and supplications. Masses for the Dead will be said throughout November and December. If you wish Mass to be said, please take an envelope and return with names and an offering. The list will be placed on the altar during November. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the greatest form of worship of God , because we join our offering to that of the Divine Son to the Father. The MASS makes the Sacrifice of Calvary PRESENT on our altars and takes away our sins .It is the most beautiful and powerful gift we can ever present to our Departed. The redemptive life-giving fruits of Calvary are applied to each departed soul. It is a soothing balm for them and assists them in their journey through Purgatory into the Presence of God. Grave lights should be placed on the graves of the Faithful during November. Please visit the cemetery and of your charity, assist the souls departed with prayers, supplications and the traditional suffrages found in the Simple Prayer Book.

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