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Saintly Inspirations

St Leo the Great - Feast Day November 10th

Saint Leo the Great, also known as Pope Saint Leo I, was born into a Roman aristocratic family. His response to the call of the Lord transformed him into one of the greatest popes of Christian history. In fact, he was the first pope to be given the title "the Great." Details concerning Leo's place of birth are not known, but it is believed his ancestors come from Tuscany.

Whilst the Pope, some Eastern Christians began questioning the teaching of the Church concerning the relationship between Jesus' humanity and his divinity, and how to express this mystery of the Christian faith. In response, Leo resolved the doctrinal controversy with a letter setting down the Church's official teaching on Jesus Christ as One Person with a human and a divine nature which could not be separated. This profound and theologically astute letter reconciled the disputing parties. It preserved the core teaching concerning Jesus Christ. Finally, it affirmed the implications for all men and women who are baptized into Jesus Christ. To this day, Leo's letter is heralded and praised, not only for bringing peace, but for preserving the fullness of Christian truth and doctrine. It helped the whole Church enter more fully into the heart of the Gospel message of who Jesus is - and who we can become in Him, as we cooperate with grace. Leo died on November 10, 461. Pope Leo I's papacy has been described as one of the most important in the Church's history. Nearly 100 sermons and 150 letters of Leo I have been preserved; one of them is still, to this day, used in the Office of Readings on Christmas.



St Martin of Tours - Feast Day November 11th



Saint Hilda of Whitby, born in 614, By birth, Hilda was part of the nobility, she was a Northumbrian princess who converted to Christianity with the rest of the court of her great-uncle, King Edwin of Deira, when she was 13. Hilda entered the convent and became the founding abbess of the monastery at Whitby. An important figure among Christians of Anglo-Saxon England, she was abbess at several monasteries and was recognised for the wisdom that drew kings to her for advice. Throughout her life Hilda's philosophy embraced devotion to justice, divine love, peace and harmony. She died in 680 and is the patron saint of poetry, learning and culture.

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***'A massive THANK YOU to all at Cardinal Wiseman for your harvest donation, it weighed a massive 363kg!
It will help us to continue to support those Ealing families who sadly find themselves without food.
Best wishes, Hilary' (Warehouse Coordinator, Ealing Foodbank)***

Huge congratulations to all who supported our Harvest Appeal and brought in donations for the Ealing Foodbank and Emmaus House in Acton. As you can see, we couldn't get any more in our school mini bus if we tried!



All Things for Christ

Don't forget!

We take donations for the Ealing Foodbank all year round.

The collection box is in the RE Office, on the 1st floor of Jerusalem.

Matthew 5:1-12a Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven."

In yesterday's Gospel we heard Jesus teaching his disciples. In his teaching, he gifts them with the Beatitudes. We all are familiar with the Beatitudes. But have you ever taken the time to sit with these beautiful teachings and ask yourself "How do I strive to be a living example of this beatitude?"

The month of November is the traditional season for Catholics to prayerfully remember all those who have gone before us 'marked by the sign of faith.' It is also an opportunity to think of and pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

As we enter November, let us focus on the beatitude; *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.* Who do I comfort? How do I strive to show my concern and comfort to others? Who do I ignore when they need comfort?

Jesus does not want us simply to act. Jesus wants us to act mindfully, deliberately, and lovingly. In doing so we may not only give a great gift to another, we may receive a great gift as we share the little that we have.

Following on from the government's announcement at the weekend, it looks like our churches will once again be closed for communal acts of worship, which includes Mass. The following link will take you to the response from the President and Vice President of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-from-the-president-and-the-vice-president-of-the-conference-on-the-prime-ministers-statement/

As we enter into the month of November, all students and staff will be offered the opportunity to write and place the names of loved ones who have died into our box of Remembrance. Every Friday the box will be taken to Our Lady of the Visitation church, where it will remain on the sanctuary until it is collected on Monday morning.

Please be assured that everyone whose name is in the box will be prayed for throughout the month.

