

## Merry Autumn

### Poetry and Prose

Paul Laurence Dunbar was the first African American poet to gain national and international recognition. He was born in 1872 in Dayton, Ohio to Matilda and Joshua Dunbar. His parents had escaped from slavery. Joshua was a veteran of the civil war having fought in the Union army during the civil war.

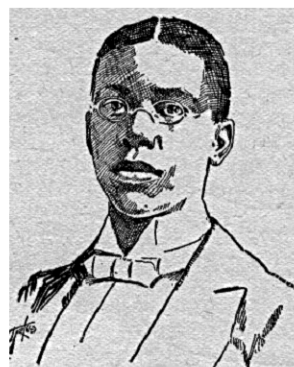
Matilda worked as a washerwoman to help support the family. One of the families she worked for were the family of Orville and Wilbur Wright. Paul attended school with the Wright boys. Paul was the only African American in his class at Dayton Central high.

His mother having heard poetry read by the family who owned her as a slave, gave great support to Paul. His first public reading of his poems was on his birthday in 1892. In that same year his first book of poems, 'Oak and Ivy' was published.

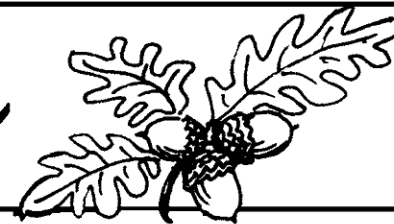
In 1897 Paul travelled to England to read his poetry on the London literary circle. Returning from England he married Alice Dunbar Nelson, who was also a poet. Diagnosed with tuberculosis, Paul Laurence Dunbar died at the age of 33 on the 9 February 1906.

1. It's all a farce,—these tales they tell  
About the breezes sighing,  
And moans astir o'er field and dell,  
Because the year is dying.
2. Such principles are most absurd,—  
I care not who first taught 'em;  
There's nothing known to beast or bird  
To make a solemn autumn.
3. In solemn times, when grief holds sway  
With countenance distressing,  
You'll note the more of black and gray  
Will then be used in dressing.
4. Now purple tints are all around;  
The sky is blue and mellow;  
And e'en the grasses turn the ground  
From modest green to yellow.
5. The seed burs all with laughter crack  
On featherweed and jimson;  
And leaves that should be dressed in black  
Are all decked out in crimson.
6. A butterfly goes winging by;  
A singing bird comes after;  
And Nature, all from earth to sky,  
Is bubbling o'er with laughter.
7. The ripples wimple on the rills,  
Like sparkling little lasses;  
The sunlight runs along the hills,  
And laughs among the grasses.
8. The earth is just so full of fun  
It really can't contain it;  
And streams of mirth so freely run  
The heavens seem to rain it.
9. Don't talk to me of solemn days  
In autumn's time of splendor,  
Because the sun shows fewer rays,  
And these grow slant and slender.
10. Why, it's the climax of the year,—  
The highest time of living!—  
Till naturally its bursting cheer  
Just melts into thanksgiving.

*Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)*



# October



## 2007

### *The Chaplain writes*

#### **The Harvest is plentiful**

Following the theme of last month's article, we look to the Harvest

Festival this year, as opportunities to give thanks to God for his great goodness to us. On Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, we have our Harvest Celebration Service at St Mary's, which will be beautifully decorated, as every year, with fruits (and vegetables!) of the harvest. (We usually auction/sell some of these afterwards for the benefit of the Church and Flower Guild.) This time of year, we are reflecting on our thankfulness for the ministries of the Chaplaincy, and our commitment to building them up for the future. The Harvest is plentiful, and labourers and resources are needed! In the next week or so, you will receive a Free Will offering/pledge appeal letter from the Treasurer, asking you prayerfully to reflect on your commitment of time, talent and treasure to our Chaplaincy in 2008. (If you are not yet on our mailing list, you may pick on up in the Hut.) On Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be an opportunity for you to hand in your Pledge statement for 2008. Pledges are completely confidential to you and the Treasurer, so if you bring them to the service on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, we ask you to have them in sealed envelopes. We will collect them so they can be offered, alongside the collection that Sunday, to the Lord. Thank you for your support of the Chaplaincy's many ministries!

The Calendar of Services this issue is longer than usual, because of the major services in November that you will not want to miss. Our **All Saints Service** on Nov 4<sup>th</sup> (which includes the annual remembrance of our faithfully departed – please add names to the list in the Hut which will appear in late October), and the **Remembrance Sunday Service**, to commemorate those fallen in armed conflicts, is on Remembrance Day itself (Nov 11<sup>th</sup>) this year. Nov 18<sup>th</sup> sees two major, very special services. The first is the annual joint **Eusebiuskerk Service** with our Old Catholic brothers and sisters in Arnhem. The Eusebius is the largest church in Arnhem, with the largest carillon in the Netherlands and also one of its greatest organs. The service features beautiful music in a magnificent church. And even more significantly, later that day, is the **East Netherlands' Anglican Confirmation Service** at 17:00 in the Studentenkerk in Nijmegen. Some of our adult members who have been following the Christian Basics Course will be confirmed (and one will be baptized as well), and several adults from both Chaplaincies who have already been confirmed in other churches will be officially received into the Church of England. The Rt Revd Richard Garrard, formerly Bishop of Penrith and Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, will preside. This

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# Twente News

## The Church Magazine

Apologies but I forgot to mention in the last issue that the magazine content covered August/September. The December/January content will also be covered in one magazine.

## Summer Teas

The summer teas ran through from the 8th July through to the 12th August. Using the model

set up by Carol Siertsema, each Sunday a different team set up and ran the teas. Early indications are that it was yet another success. Success in that it brought people together, that many enjoyed themselves and gave all the wonderful volunteers at St Mary's an opportunity to show their worth. Early indications are that as a money raising venture it was a success. The exact figures will be released at a later date. Talking of all the wonderful volunteers ....

## The Castle Fair

The castle fair was yet another resounding success. This was of course helped by the wonderful weather on the day. However, the main reason for the success was the untiring labours of the Fair Committee and the numerous volunteers who gave so much time and effort to ensure success. Money is probably still trickling in as leftover items such as jams and chutneys are still been sold in the coffee hut, but the profit is somewhere in excess of €3000. A more exact figure will be given in the next issue. The money will make a welcome addition to the chaplaincy bank account.

## Important Dates

**Pledge Return Sunday:** October 28<sup>th</sup>

**All Saints/All Souls Sunday:** November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Special seminar at the Old Catholic church in Den Haag:**

November 10<sup>th</sup> The South African ambassador to the Netherlands will speak on "Does faith matter in politics?" It is a day when all the Anglican and Old Catholic churches in the Netherlands have a chance to come together.

**Remembrance Sunday:** November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Eusebiuskerkdienst** (Joint Eucharist with the Old Catholic Church) November 18<sup>th</sup> - Twente Chaplaincy invited Eusebiuskerk, Arnhem 10:15 Eucharist

**Confirmation Service, Baptism and Reception into the Church of England:** November 18<sup>th</sup>, Nijmegen 17:00. There are at least six

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## AMAZING GRACE

John Newton wasn't the usual type of person you'd think would be a priest. He was the captain of a ship, but it wasn't a nice kind of ship - it was one that carried slaves from Africa to the West Indies. At that time, some people made a lot of money trading in other peoples' misery.

John Newton was aged 25 and in a bad storm at sea when he suddenly realised that he was doing something that was very wrong. He knew that God was calling him to service as a minister and went to see a bishop. When the bishop found out what John did for a living he told him to go away - but only because he thought Captain Newton was a fool to give up such well paid employment to join the church!

In 1794, John Newton was ordained and he spent the last 15 years of his life writing a hymnbook. We still sing his hymns today and nearly everyone



knows his 'Amazing Grace'.

## SHIPS & BOATS

All the answers to these questions are to do with boats and ships. Answers below.

1. This famous liner sank in 1912 and there have been several films made about it.
2. Noah built this boat to hold lots of animals.
3. Nelson died on board this ship at the Battle of Trafalgar.
4. Which person in the Bible was shipwrecked on the island of Malta while on his way to Rome?
5. This mystery ship was found abandoned with food left on the plates and no one knows why.
6. Which brothers were called by Jesus to leave their boats and fishing nets and follow him?
7. What ships did Christopher Columbus use on his voyage to America?



**What did they call prehistoric ship disasters?**  
Tyrannosaurus wrecks.



Answers: 1. The Titanic 2. The Ark  
3. The Victory 4. St Paul 5. The Mary  
(or Marie) Celeste 6. Andrew & Simon  
Peter 7. Nina, Pinta & the Santa Maria.

## Don't Worry

A minister was on a long-haul flight when the sign came on: 'Fasten your seat belts.' A few moments later the announcement came: "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting turbulence." Sure enough, the plane began to judder. As the minister looked around the aircraft, he saw that some of the passengers were uneasy. Then came another announcement: "We are sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The main turbulence is still ahead of us." With that, the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash. The minister began to share the discomfort and fear of those around him. Throughout the plane came mummings of upset and alarm. As the



Rommel Markt to be held after church service on 4<sup>th</sup> November in the coffee hut. Please clear out your attic and closets for hidden treasures!! Proceeds for the Flower Guild.

### Word lovers humour

\* Police were called to a day care where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

\* The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.

\* The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was described as a small medium at large.

\* A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

\* If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

\* The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

\* A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

\* A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.

\* If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

## Happy Birthday

On the 22nd October Maureen van der Heide celebrates her birthday. Then on the 30th October, it is the birthday of Ben Dieduksman. Remember, as the nights get longer and the days get colder, a birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip and we wish you both, very happy birthdays.



The last few months have been a very moving time. Most of you now know that Sam and Coretta Van Leer have bought their own house. Their new address is on the inside front cover.

Hans and Maureen Ribbens have moved and likewise their new address details are printed on the inside front cover.

Joop and Stephanie Prins and would like their friends at St Mary's Chapel to know that their new address is as follows:

Joop and Stephanie Prins  
 Tichelgaarde 13  
 7641 CR Wierden.  
 Tel.0546.641464.

We sincerely hope that you are enjoying your new residences and have started to find where everything is that was packed away for the move.

**Note:** *Please remember, if there is any event that you would like to share with your friends at St Mary's Chapel, please feel free to use this page. Contact information is on the back cover.*

people being confirmed. The service needs to be in Nijmegen because the Bishop, The Rt Revd Richard Garrard, who will be taking the service, is also taking a confirmation service in Utrecht on that same morning. It will be nice if our people can go down to Nijmegen, but the service will be in the evening, and it will be dark.

### Baptism Service

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September there was a service of baptism for the youngest daughter of Kathryn and Casper Stoel. Lillian Lane Stoel was welcomed into the church in a beautiful service in which the baptism and the Eucharistic services interwove with each other.

Throughout the service, young Lillian, born 6 December 2006, was the epitome of good behaviour. Supported by her parents and her godparents, Andrea and Rick Noordegraaf, who had travelled over from England, service, she submitted herself to been baptised with warm water and anointed with oil. Before the peace, Kathryn took her newly baptised daughter through the church so that the congregation could welcome Lillian.

Friends and family from Arnhem, Nijmegen and Maine, USA, were all in attendance. After the service a lunch was laid on at the Stoels' home in Apeldoorn, which most people attended.



### Intercessions

If you wish to have someone included in the intercession, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens before the Service.

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need of pastoral care, please contact the Chaplain or one of the Church Wardens.



plane juddered and struggled in the night sky, the future seemed ominous. Then suddenly the minister saw a little girl seated near him. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly. Despite the buffeting of the terrible storm, and despite the palpable fear of everyone else in the plane, the little girl was completely composed and unafraid. The minister could hardly believe his eyes. An hour or so later the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers hurried to disembark. But the minister lingered to speak to the little girl whom he had watched with such astonishment. Having commented about the storm and wild behaviour of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid back there, up in the sky.

"That's easy," the youngster replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home." Sometimes in life, we may also feel buffeted and lost. But remember: Our Father is the Pilot, and he, too, is taking us home.

~Author Unknown~

## Two beggars

Two beggars were sitting side by side on a street in Rome. One had a cross in front of him; the other one, the Star of David. Many people went by and looked at both beggars, but only put money into the hat of the beggar sitting behind the cross.

A priest came by and watched throngs of people giving money to the beggar behind the cross, but none giving to the beggar behind the Star of David.

Finally, the priest went over to the beggar behind the Star of David and said, "My poor fellow, don't you understand? This is a Catholic country; this city is the seat of Catholicism.

People aren't going to give you money if you sit there with a Star of David in front of you, especially when you're sitting beside a beggar who has a cross. In fact, they would probably give to him just out of spite."

The beggar behind the Star of David listened to the priest, turned to the other beggar with the cross and said: "Moshe, look who's trying to teach the Goldstein brothers about marketing."

## Put it this way

~ A good pun is its own reward.

~ A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

## Calling all musicians.

During the last few weeks we have started to sing with a small group of people before the service. We sing some new songs and some familiar hymns and hopefully we would be able to sing something special during the Carol Service in December. The group gets to church by about 9.55, so that we can start singing at 10 for about 15 to 20 minutes as people come into church, and before the pre-service organ music begins.

I do understand that it is difficult to commit to this singing group every week, but if you would like to join in you're more than welcome. There has been an offer of a guitar accompaniment as well, so that will make it better still. We would likely want to practise music that features in services, but the repertoire would also be open to the group's suggestions.

We should aim to sing at special services, which would be special too and we could possibly do some simple part – singing as well. There are lots of possibilities. Please give some prayerful thought as to whether you would also like to join.

If you are interested and like some more information, please speak to me, Nettie van Sisseren - phone 055 3559995



## The Weary Workers Prayer

'Lord of all pots and pans and things

Since I've no time to be

A saint by doing lovely things,

Or watching late with thee

Or dreaming in the dawnlight,

Or storming heaven's gates,

Make me a saint by getting meals,

And washing up the plates

Anon

## October 31 All Hallows Eve

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1 November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.



For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

churches.

**Procession:** The ceremonial formation at the beginning of the service, consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

**Recessional:** The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of the service - led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the car park.

**Ten Commandments:** The most important - and oldest - Top Ten list.

**Ushers:** The only people in the church who don't know the seating capacity of a pew

## Pun

A man entered a local newspaper competition that offered a prize for the best pun. He sent in ten entries, hoping that one would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

## Zoo

One day Joe's mother turned to Joe's father and said, "It's such a nice day, I think I'll take Joe to the zoo."

"I wouldn't bother," said father. "If they want him, let them come and get him!"

## A thought

Why are you driving me crazy when you know it's within walking distance?



## How Harvest Festivals began

Our Harvest Festivals have very ancient origins. Festivals that celebrate the harvest by giving thanks to God have

been held right back in time to hundreds of years before Jesus. You can read about them in Leviticus (chapter 23) and Deuteronomy (chapter 15 & 16).

In Old Testament times, the first thanksgiving of the year was Passover, with the sacrifice of the first spring lamb and presentation of the first sheaf of wheat. The wheat harvest went on for fifty days and ended with the Festival of Weeks, Shavuot, (Pentecost, meaning 'fiftieth'). Later there was the Feast of Tabernacles, a celebration of the wine harvest.

These were all offerings of first fruits at the shrine, or Temple, to thank God for liberation from Egypt and the desert and for the gift of the Law, as well as for the provision of food. Thus they linked thanksgiving for that year's food with Israel's historical faith in being the chosen people of God. God was always to be thanked, for the land was the Lord's, and the people of Israel had only a 'life interest' in it.

Some produce was to be left on the vine or in the field for 'the alien, the fatherless and the widow' because: 'Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt therefore I am commanding you to do this' Deut 24.21. In Deuteronomy – a very practical book - it says that if it is not possible to transport the animals and grain, they could be converted into money and taken to the shrine, where other animals and grain could be bought with the money, offered and eaten. (Tithing to support the servants of the Temple, the Levites, also developed from these offerings.)

In Britain, for many years, there were unofficial religious festivals of thanksgiving for the harvest. By the mid-nineteenth century 'it was common to hold an annual parochial festival', which linked the gift of the fruits of the earth with our responsibility to God to use them 'to his glory, for our own well being and for the relief of those in need'. The emphasis thus became less on 'first fruits', and more on thankfulness for the ingathering of the harvest. So this autumn's Harvest Festival is still a reminder to give thanks to God. And we bring gifts of food and money to help God's work of feeding other people, near and far.



### The language of church-going

**Amen:** The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

**Choir:** A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.

**Holy Water:** A liquid whose chemical formula is H2OLY.

**Hymn:** A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

**Recessional Hymn:** The last song at a service - often sung a little more quietly, since most of the people have already left.

**Incense:** Holy Smoke!

**Jonah:** The original 'Jaws' story.

**Justice:** When kids have kids of their own.

**Kyrie Eleison:**

The only Greek words that most Catholics and Anglicans can recognize besides gyros and baklava. (it means Lord have mercy)

**Pew:** A medieval torture device still found in many Anglican and Catholic

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will be a momentous occasion for our Chaplaincies and a delightful sign of spiritual growth. We give thanks to God, and pray that those confirmed will continue to grow in love and service to the Lord. The Chaplain recognizes that the Confirmation Service will be a bit of a drive (or train ride) for many of us, but hopes that our members will make the effort to come down to Nijmegen on the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> to share in the celebration and show support for our newly confirmed members. Closer to time, we hope to work out carpooling arrangements. For those who are unable to attend our service in Nijmegen, Council is considering what provision can be made for worship at St Mary's on the morning of Nov 18<sup>th</sup>.

The confirmands, both young and old, have been undergoing specific preparation with me for many months, in some cases, but all our members will have a chance to learn a little more about the Anglican Church in three, short post-service

### Seminars on Anglicanism,

28<sup>th</sup> October - Anglican Background and Beliefs

4<sup>th</sup> November - Anglican Worship and the Sacraments

11<sup>th</sup> November - Anglican Ministries and the Global Communion

led by myself and the Revd Dr Bonting:

All are welcome to join us for these short and informative seminars, just after the services. Starting in late November, I will offer a Chaplaincy **Bible Study** will be offered (4 sessions) on '**Life, Death, and Christian Hope**'. Please let the Chaplain know if you are interested in attending this Bible Study, as we are trying to work out the locations and times accordingly.

The Harvest is indeed plentiful, and I am happy to say that the labourers (for all baptized Christians are called to serve God as God gifts them) are becoming more, not fewer, in our own Chaplaincies. Please join us as we help the Lord of the Harvest to fulfil his purposes in our work and worship!

Yours in Christ,

Sam



~ My wife really likes to make pottery, but to me it's just kiln time.

~ Dijon vu: The same mustard as before.

~ Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.

~ Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.

~ Acupuncture is a jab well done.

~ A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.



### Sad Reflection:

"My wild oats have turned into bran flakes."

### Feelings

"Why did you break off your engagement?"

"I no longer have a strong feeling for John."

"Will you give back the ring?"

"Oh, no. I still have a strong feeling for the ring."

### Food

Not long ago a young mother and her young son were shopping in a supermarket. The child, trying to be helpful, picked up a package and brought it to her. "Oh no, dear," protested the mother. "Go put it back. You have to cook that."

<b>7th October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Young People</b>
	First Reading Young People	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
	Psalm	Psalm 100
	Second Reading Young People	Philippians 4:4-9
<b>10:30 am</b>		
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	John 6:25-35

<b>14th October</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Revd Can Nigel Walker</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Nettie van Sisseren</b>
	First Reading Blair Charles	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
	Second Reading Hans Ribbens	2 Timothy 2:8-15
<b>10:30 am</b>		
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 17:11-19

<b>21st October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Pauline Talstra</b>
	First Reading Colin Lee	Genesis 32:22-31
	Second Reading Agnes Lee	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
	<b>10:30 am</b>	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 18:1-8

<b>28th October</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Philippa te West</b>
	First Reading Marije v.Houten-H	Isaiah 28:14-16
	Second Reading Coen v Houten-H	Ephesians 2:19-22
	<b>10:30 am</b>	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	John 15:17-27

<b>4th November</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Linda ten Berge</b>
	First Reading Philippa te West	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 (Saints)
	Psalms	Psalm 23 (Souls)
	Second Reading Janice Collins	1 Peter 1:3-9 (Souls)
<b>10:30 am</b>		
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 6:20-31 (Saints)

<b>11th November</b>	<b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</b>	<b>Revd. Sam Van Leer</b>
	<b>Intercessor</b>	<b>Marykay Schouten</b>
	First Reading Joy Romeijn	Job 19:23-27a
	Second Reading Arthur Cass	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
	<b>10:30 am</b>	
<b>Sung Eucharist</b>	Gospel	Luke 20:27-38

