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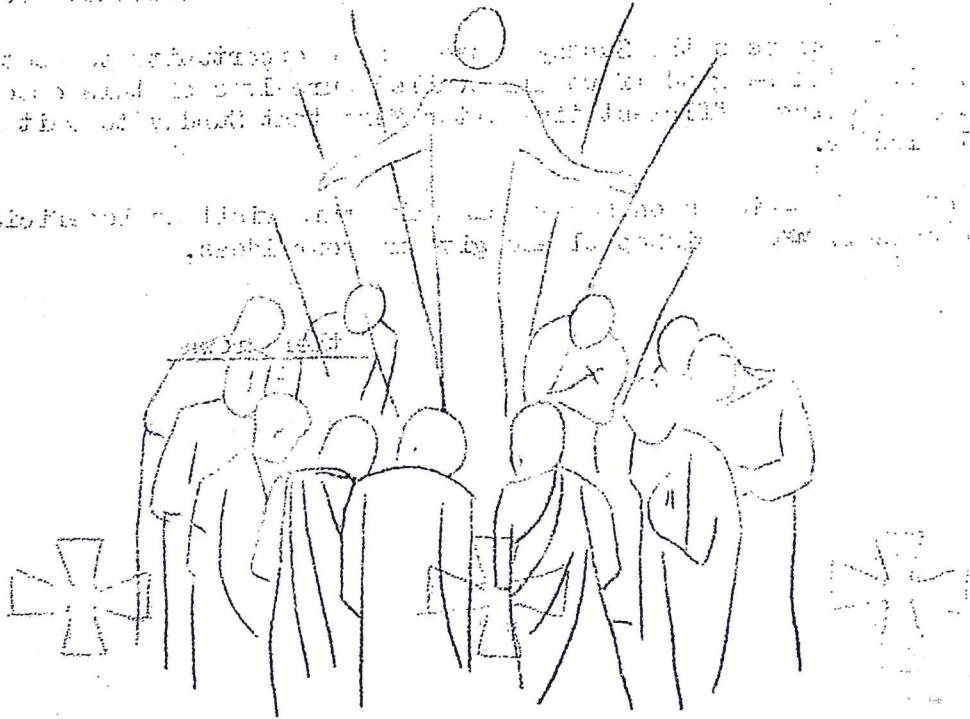
There are many things that we can do to help our community and our world. We can start by being kind to each other and helping those who are in need. We can also work to protect our environment and make sure that we have a clean and healthy planet for ourselves and for future generations.

One of the best ways to make a difference is by volunteering your time and skills. There are many organizations that need help, and your contribution can make a big impact. Whether it's tutoring a child, cleaning up a park, or helping at a food bank, every little bit counts.

It's important to stay informed about the issues that affect our community. This means reading the news, attending public meetings, and talking to your elected representatives. By being active and engaged, we can work together to solve the problems that we face and build a better future for all of us.

Community service is a great way to give back and make a positive impact. It allows us to use our talents and resources to help others and improve our lives. Whether it's through a formal organization or just by helping a neighbor, every act of kindness counts.

Let's all commit to being good neighbors and making a difference in our community. Together, we can create a better world for everyone.



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FATHER BROWNE'S NOTEBOOK

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Since his appointment to the Diocese of Auckland three years ago, Bishop Denis Browne has visited most of the Parishes of the Diocese in order that he might get to know the people that he serves and they might get to know him. He must have started with the harder Parishes because Glenfield is one of the last on the list. His visit to us is scheduled for the last weekend of August and already plans are under way to make his visit as Pastoral as possible, and to make sure that as many people as possible have the opportunity of meeting him.

It is usual during the Bishop's visitation for him to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes for this Sacrament are already under way but there may be young adults who failed to register, but yet would like to receive the Sacrament. If you are one of these, please get in touch with me and we will endeavour to accomodate you.

Bishop Denis also uses the Sunday Masses as an opportunity to meet people. It would be good if we all availed ourselves of this opportunity by allowing sufficient time after Mass that Sunday to wait just a little longer.

If any of you have ideas on how we can make this visit as beneficial both to ourselves and Bishop please give me your ideas.

Father Browne



RENEW

Since September, 1985, there has been a new word around - RENEW. To everyone who hears it, it will have a different message. Divided into five Seasons, or 'themes', it is a process designed to make us stop and take a look at ourselves, our relationship to God, and our role in the Church. For this reason, it will mean something different to everyone, depending on their stage of Spiritual 'Growth'. There can be no hard and fast list of goals reached, or achievements to be gained. To many people, this may be a little disconcerting. So, WHAT IS RENEW?

It is an opportunity to:- Get to know and love Jesus better by more clearly understanding the things He said and taught.... To get to know and appreciate the Bible.... To get to understand one another better and to form networks of friendships through our mutual friend - Jesus. To get to think and feel about Social Justice in the same way Jesus did. YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN!!

We are about to begin the third Season, the Theme of which is Empowerment by the Spirit. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you, then you are to be my witnesses". (Acts 1:8) From now on, regular notices will be published, letting you know what's going on, starting with 'Prayer Commitment Sunday' on August 10th. If you haven't participated in the Small Group meetings to date, it doesn't matter. RENEW can be picked up at any stage. By now, many people know that RENEW is proving a rich faith experience throughout this Parish and others.

Your Parish Renew Team hopes you will be able to accept this invitation to take part in Renew this September, and so help make Christ's Love, Peace and Justice more a reality in Our Lives and Parish.

The weather is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!

PRISON VISITING

Some time ago, Fr. John Moss appealed to Glenfield Parishioners, for volunteer prison visitors. As one of Fr. John's recruits, I thought that maybe others who are potentially interested in becoming a prison visitor may like to know more.

Why visit prisons at all? Christians are clearly enjoined to feed and clothe those in need, to welcome strangers into their homes, care for the sick and visit those who are in prison (see Matthew ch.25). The Church's own St. Vincent de Paul Society has for many years provided visitors (among other good works) and a member of that Society, Mr. Bill Young has become the Secretary/Organiser of the Auckland area Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Society (P.A.R.S. for short).

Having ascertained a would-be visitors suitability, Bill takes him along to Paremoremo or Mt. Eden and effects an introduction to a prisoner who has requested a P.A.R.S. visitor. The first one or two visits can be slightly intimidating until one becomes accustomed to electronically controlled barred doors, uniformed officers and prisoners.

The real challenge though is in getting to know the prisoner as a friend and ultimately become a confidante for him. We are advised by P.A.R.S. that our basic attitude is quickly sensed by those we visit. My prisoner friend explains that inmates rapidly uncover the motives of those who go to the prison as though it is a Zoo. Our approach must be of sincere but neutral friendship and non-judgemental, otherwise we are not effective. In addition P.A.R.S. visitors should become a non-threatening, non-official sounding board for prisoners. We, as visitors, receive confidences, mainly about normal family concerns, about wives and children which an inmate cannot share with prison officers or with other inmates.

We are assured by prison officers that the presence of volunteer visitors reduces those inevitable tensions which arise in a closed environment. No one knows or has tried to evaluate what connection there may be between the availability of prison visitors and any reduction in recidivism. In the words of Paremoremo's Governor "P.A.R.S. visitors contribute".

But...we do need more contributors. If you are interested and want to know more please contact Bill Young (or me).

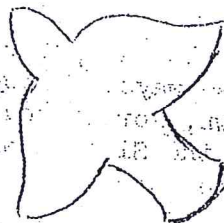
Jim Neale P.A.R.S. Visitor.

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED!

God hath not promised skies always blue
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through
God hath not promised sun without rain
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain
God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care
But God hath promised strength for the day
Rest for the laborer, light for the way
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Untailing sympathy, undying love

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding
great and precious promises"

- II Peter 1:4



DOMINICAN HOUSE IN ACTION

On Thursday, 12th June the Caring Community were joined by the Visit Group, and the St. Vincent de Paul group to hear Sister Margaret Hoy Johnson give a talk on the work of the Sisters at Dominican House, a North Shore refuge for families in desperate homeless, conditions.

Sister thanked Clare and the Community for the invitation to speak and said she was happy to see so many familiar faces present. Being a Daughter of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, Sister emphasised she spoke from a Vincentian background. This became very evident as she went on, showing how the Sisters saw the people who suffered the trauma of homelessness, and its subsequent effects on families, as being in a crisis situation very much in need of having their dignity as people being restored and affirmed. Having caring people at hand enables them to work through their hardships and problems, and to quietly, unobtrusively, and without the residents realising it help them to help themselves and each other. They learn again to share, budget, to take pride in their surroundings, and to come to terms with their problems, with the sisters walking beside them in love.

Dominican House is administered only by the Daughters of Charity. They provide the care and concern and give the House a psychological warmth and welcome. The Sisters are grateful to all who have given their time and talents and assisted them in so many ways, from their Australian counterparts who have provided many material goods, to those who have scrubbed floors, cleaned stoves, scraped stairs or any of the thousand and one jobs to be done to make the old unoccupied house into a clean shining welcoming home.

Referrals are not made to the Sisters. Prospective residents make application to Mr. Jim Ward, of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Sisters are aiming to organize a roster of people, who would give a little time, to help in these ways:- Babysit in order to allow the mums a little time on their own, sort through and mend good quality clothing, or generally assist the Sisters with other tasks, thus leaving them freer to attend to the personal needs of the residents.

Would anyone interested in joining such a roster, please phone...

Clare 444-8843

THE SONG OF THE VIRGIN MARY

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
For He has looked with favour on His lowly servant,
And from this day all generations will call me blessed.

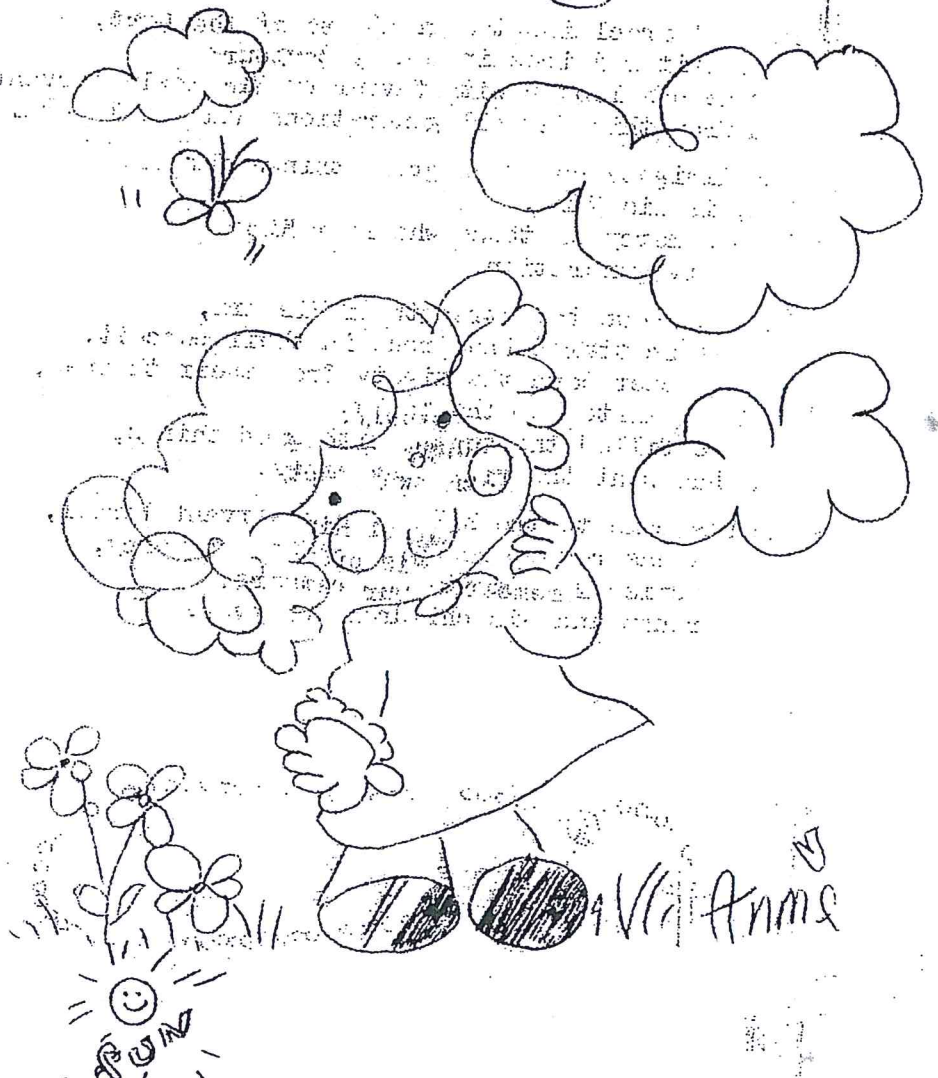
The Almighty has done great things for me:
Holy is His Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him;
In every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And has sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel,
For He has remembered His promise of mercy,
The promise He made to our fathers;
To Abraham and his children for ever.



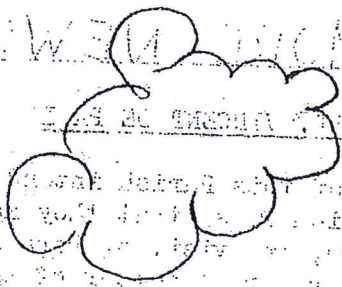
Kids Page



Anna

Hope you have fun colouring this in!!!

NEWEN WYCH IN WIL A



Dear God,

IF MY DAD WROTE TO YOU

AND SAID THAT I'D BEEN GOOD,

WOULD YOU SAVE A PLACE IN HEAVEN

I'D LOVE IT IF YOU COULD

HI KIDS!!!

We filled the page today

cause Nikki was away

Thought she wouldn't mind,

It was the best that we could find!!!

Teresa and Nikki's Mum!!

A little Bit MORE NEWS

ST. THOMAS MORE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of this Parish intend to collect together some of the infirm Parishioners so that they may watch on TV, in a friendly and warm atmosphere, the visit of Pope John Paul in November. We are aware that there are a number of people, because of physical handicap, who would find a prolonged visit to the Domain an ordeal. We would like to gather these people together so that they may enjoy this historic occasion. Refreshments will be available. The venue will be the Presbytery basement. Because of lack of seating there will be a maximum of 40 guests. Parishioners who would like to help the organisers with offers of transport or catering should contact..

Bill Breen ph. 444-9594

VISITING LADIES GROUP

We have just had another popular sing-along for our Senior Parishioners and ladies from the Rest Home at the residence of Mona & Wally Cleveland. Over 30 people came along and were delighted to have Sr. Jane, Sr. Margaret and Sr. Val with us. They were especially talented when it came to the Australian songs. Thank you ladies. Our very own Miss Milligan and her demure 'Finishing School' girls gave us a very humorous and poetic account of how the BEST girls act. There was a raffle and lucky ticket draw and our Hula Girls performed with their usual brand of charm and flair. There were plenty of golden-oldie songs (compliments of the organist) and last but not least the delicious shared lunch. A very good morning's entertainment was enjoyed by all.

JOIN OUR MAG TEAM!

To get this Magazine out more efficiently, Teresa and I would like the services of a third person, to look after the 'Production' side of things - perhaps a retired person who would be willing to learn to use the duplicator.

To find out more, ring Clare, ph. 444-8843

CATHOLIC

Are you an active Catholic,
The kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented,
That your name is on the list.

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock
Or do you usually stay away,
Yet criticise and knock.

Do you take an active part
To help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind to just 'belong'.

Do you push the cause
And really make things tick
Or leave the workload to the few
And talk about a 'clique'.

Think this over Catholic
For you know right from wrong
Are you an active member
Or do you just 'belong'.

THE CARING COMMUNITY OF ST. THOMAS MORE

Over the months, regular readers of this Magazine, will, hopefully, have become aware of this group operating in the Parish. However, I am continually amazed at the number of people who have lived in Glenfield for many years, who are totally unaware of our existence!

We have been taking a long, hard look at ourselves, and have come to the conclusion that our main fault lies in being too big! Our main object is to develop caring, neighbourhood groups, and when one person has 40 to 60 homes in their area, that's just not possible. Over the last two years, we have asked for new people to become involved by 'looking after' a few houses in their immediate area, but without much luck. Perhaps 'looking after' is the wrong expression to use! However, we believe that practical and spiritual support can be given to a person in need by a friendly, caring Catholic neighbour, and although professional help is available and should be used where appropriate, for day-to-day problems a caring neighbour can often help. People involvement is essential to make this work.

The Areas are now to be divided into workable, neighbourhood Groups other than 'Areas', so that contacts can maintain a personal touch. This means that they will cease being 'Magazine delivery people', and many of you, having had this Mag popped into your letterbox, will now have to pick it up from Church. We hope you won't mind too much, and will perhaps, even take an extra copy to give to a house-bound neighbour. This way, we can all practise Our Lord's Gospel, and show that we are Christians who care.

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Matches are made in Heaven -
And then used in the other
place!

THE COMMUNITY

OF

ST. THOMAS-MORE

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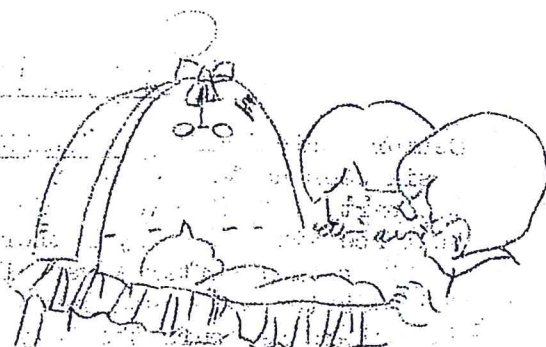
THESE CHILDREN

WITH

LOVE

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BAPTISM



Andrea Jane Tindall
Laureen Anne Simpson
Benjamine Keith Simpson
Kirsen Nora McCaffery
Holly Aileen Rolfe

JULY FEAST DAYS

- 3rd July - St. Thomas, Apostle
- 4th July - St. Elizabeth of Portugal (Day of Penance)
- 11th July - St. Benedict (Day of Penance)
- 16th July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 18th July - Day of Penance.
- 22nd July - St. Mary Magdalen
- 25th July - St. James Apostle (Day of Penance)
- 26th July - Sts. Joachim & Anne parents of Mary
- 29th July - St. Martha
- 30th July - St. Peter Chrysologus
- 31st July - St. Ignatius of Loyola

He waited for years and years
for his ship to come in
And then his jetty collapsed!

Parish Patter!

Senior Parishioner BILL BLANDFORD left Auckland on 6th June to begin a six week holiday - pilgrimage tour. After three days in Singapore the party left for Rome where they visited the Vatican and had an audience with the Holy Father. From Rome the European Coach Tour was to begin. After a week in London, the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was to begin 29th June with the Pilgrims flying to Tel Aviv. From there he tours the Holy Land, before returning to London. He leaves London on 10th July and the homeward journey begins via Los Angeles, Honolulu (for 3 days), then back to Auckland 17th July. Hopefully Bill will have kept a full diary and be able to share his Pilgrimage with us in future issues of More News...

p.s. Bills' daughter has recently produced a new Grand-daughter they also belonged to the Parish (Barbara & Denis Brown) and not long ago moved to Wellington. Congratulations!

OVERSEAS YACHTING:

Rosmini College Yachting Team recently completed in the National Secondary School Yachting Championships, going through the heats to eventually win it in Timaru. Glenfield Team Members were PAUL & MIKE O'REILLY with PAT O'REILLY coaching and GARETH KNIGHT. Well done boys!

SKATING:

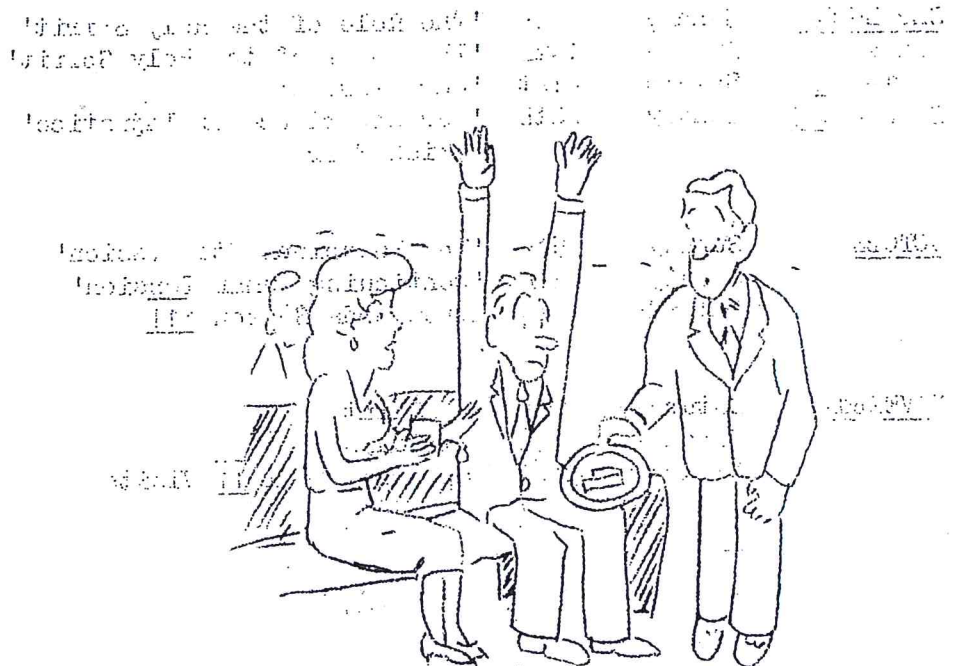
Heartiest congratulations to RUSS FLATT of Ayton Drive who, two weeks before his 15th birthday, became the N.Z. Senior Mens Free Roller - Skating Champion! He has, since then, competed in the Australian and 16's to come 2nd, and has been selected to represent N.Z. in the World Championships to be held in Bogota, Columbia, South America in October this year. Our best wishes go with you, Russ!

WELCOME HOME:

To ELMA & TOM TAYLOR and ALISON & WAYNE TAYLOR who have just returned from their trip overseas. Really looking forward to hearing from you in our next issue of More News!!!

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My life is but a weaving, between God and me
I do not choose the colours, He worketh steadily
Of times He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside
Not till the loom is silent, and shuttles cease to fly
Will God unfold the canvas and explain the reason why
The dark threads as needful in the skilful Weaver's hand
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has plamed.



"Don't contribute if you don't want to -
But don't be so dramatic!"

ST. THOMAS MORE

PARISH CALENDER

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AUGUST
Sunday 10th Prayer Commitment
Friday 15th Assumption of Our Lady
Sunday 17th Sign-up Sunday
Saturday 30th Bishop Denis
Sunday 31st Bishop Denis (Confirmation)

SEPTEMBER
Sunday 7th 'The Role of the Holy Spirit'
Renew Sunday 14th 'The Power of the Holy Spirit'
begins Saturday 21st 'Our Mission'
Season 111 Sunday 28th 'Our Experience of Injustice'
Parish Fair.

OCTOBER
Sunday 5th 'The Roadblocks to Mission'
Sunday 12th 'Continuing Human Tension'
Saturday 18th Renew ends Season 111

NOVEMBER
Saturday 1st All Saints
Sunday 2nd All Souls
Saturday 22nd Pope John Paul 11 Visits