

Parish News

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Thirty-third Sunday of the Year
13th November, 2016

Prayer for the faithful departed

Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If you, O Lord, shall observe iniquities, Lord, who shall endure it? For with you there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of your law I have waited for you, O Lord.

My soul has relied on his word; my soul has hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy and with him fullness of redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

R And let perpetual light shine upon them

V May they rest in peace.

R Amen.

V O Lord, hear my prayer

R And let my cry come to you.

Let us pray: O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplication they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *R Amen*

Responsorial psalm

The Lord comes to rule the people with fairness

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Prayer to be said during the Year of Mercy at the end of the bidding prayers:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Sunday and weekday services

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(our parish family)

Thirty-third Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(for all those killed in the two World Wars and all conflicts before and after them)

Monday Feria **Mass: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)

Tuesday St. Albert the Great, bishop and doctor of the Church **Mass: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **8.00 am–4.30 pm** in the sacristy

Wednesday St. Margaret of Scotland **Mass: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)

Thursday St. Hugh of Lincoln, patron of the diocese **Mass: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)

Friday The dedication of the basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, apostles **Mass: 11.30 am**
(for the deceased relatives and friends of Tony Browne)
2.00 pm Service to mark the end of the Year of Mercy

Saturday Feria **No Sacrament of Reconciliation this morning**

11.00 am A service of prayer and reflection on the Works of Mercy, led by Monsignor Brian Dazeley, concluding with Mass, at the end of which there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7.00 pm For those who are at work during the day, the same service as at 2.00 pm

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(John Garratt [Peggy and Stan Hart])

Thirty-Third Sun-day of the Year, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Mass: 9.00 am**
(our parish family)

The piety shop will be open after the 6.00 pm Mass on Saturday and the 10 am Mass on Sunday.

12th/13th November

Car park Charmaine Jones
Nick Spolton

Welcoming Marion Smith
Robert Vink

Altar linen Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Church cleaning group 1 Anne Hobbs
Anne McGrath

Flowers Trish Brocklebank

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Richard Hannah

Offertory procession Michael Browning
Ben Hanwell
Little Church

Little Church Lesley/Rose

Readers:

Saturday for Sunday Liz Peto
Maureen Mawditt

Thirty-third Sunday of the Year Krys and Jane
Szokalo

19th/20th November

Car park Michael Browning
Robert Vink

Welcoming Doreen Noble
Isabel Carrington

Altar linen Pat Hudson

Church cleaning group 2 Barbara and Mike
Swaby

Flowers Isabel Carrington

Offertory collection Denice Middlebrook
Jane McGovern

Offertory procession Bill Martindale
Maureen Mawditt

Little Church Merla/Lisa

Readers:

Saturday for Sunday David Stodart
Denice Middlebrook

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Nick Spolton
Barbara Swaby

Year of Mercy prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the Heavenly Father, and have told us that, whoever sees You, sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father. Let the Church be the visible face of forgiveness and mercy in the world. You willed that your ministers would feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please pray also for the sick of the parish:

Theresa Abram, Martin Bell, Eric Blakeman, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Marcello Calcagno, Pat Clement, Paul Croker, Peter Doyle, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, John Garratt, Muriel Gourlay, Michael Griffith, Mimi Gunn, Alan Hanley, Peggy and Stan Hart, Bob Hill, Jennifer Holdsworth, Eric Keating, Dianne Keaton, Tom and Brenda McLaughlin, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Roger Peto, Winifred Phillips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Jacob Taylor, Della Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Jane Walker, and Anne and Ken Woods.

The Month of November is here again; it is traditionally dedicated to the remembrance of the Holy Souls in purgatory. To help the Holy Souls we concentrate on good works, acts of self-denial, prayer, but most importantly, we offer Masses for them.

Please hand in your Holy Souls envelope as soon as you can; if you haven't got one, they are at the back of the church. Make a list of those you wish to be remembered, place the list in the envelope and put it through the presbytery letter box, or in the collection bag at Mass. All those mentioned in your list will be included in every Mass offered here during November, and mentioned specifically at Mass on the date shown on the top right-hand corner of the front of the envelope.

Prayer before Mass

Before each of the Masses during the month of November we shall pray the *De Profundis* for all the souls in purgatory.

Monday coffee mornings ...are held in our church hall from 10 am till 12 noon. *June Ellis.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please try to come and spend some time in prayer and adoration with Jesus on Tuesdays **from 8.00**

am to 4.30 pm. in the sacristy. We are so blessed to have this opportunity.

Instruction in the Faith

Please note that instruction in the Catholic faith starts again on **Tuesday 15th November, at 6.30 pm** in the presbytery. All are welcome, especially those thinking of becoming a Catholic. Those who are Catholic, but would like to know more about the faith, are also welcome to attend.

First Holy Communion class

The next First Holy Communion instruction for the children will be in the presbytery on **Wednesday, 16th November**. There will also be a meeting with parents in the church hall on **Wednesday, 23rd November**, at 7.30 pm

Parish bingo

Our weekly bingo session in the parish hall is on Tuesday at 8.00 pm. You won't win a fortune, but you will have an enjoyable evening. *Kath Duthie*

Year of Mercy

To mark the end of the Year of Mercy, I have asked Monsignor Brian Dazeley to come and share some reflections on the works of mercy and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The programme will be something like this:

for those of you who don't like coming out at night – **on Friday, 18th November, at 2.00 pm**, an introduction from Monsignor Dazeley, time for reflection and prayer, ending with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the *evening*, the same day, at **7.00**, the same service, especially for those who will be at work during the day.

On **Saturday, from 11.00 am**, a further reflection on the works of mercy, followed by group discussions, the result of which, hopefully, we can come up with some ideas as to how we can form a practical plan to continue the spirit of the Year of Mercy in accordance with Pope Francis' wishes. We shall finish with Mass at **noon**. Please keep these dates free and come and join us.

Cathedral Mass

Bishop Patrick wants each parish to be represented at a Mass at 6.00 pm at the cathedral on **Sunday, 20th November**. If you would like to go, please put your name on the list in the church porch. We should be able to arrange some cars for the transport.

Winter fair

The winter fair will be taking place in our church hall on **25th, 26th and 27th November**. If you didn't get a carrier bag to fill with good saleable items for the fair, you can pick one up after Mass today. You will have found five books of Christmas draw tickets inside the bag to start you off. Please sell these and come back for more! The draw will take place during a social evening in the parish hall on **10th December**.

All the profits from the draw will be going to the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund, so let us hope we can show great generosity to those wonderful

priests who have served us all so well over very many years – many of them have ministered to us for well over half a century, and have more than earned a few years' comfortable retirement without money worries. *Sue Stodart*

One Hundred Club winners

The winners for October and November are: £75 – Margaret Taylor and Jean Fitches; £50 – Eamonn Greene and Teresa Bamber; £25 – John Garratt and Bernard James.

Congratulations to the winners! For everybody else: don't give up, it could be *your* turn next month.

We welcomed some new members last weekend. It is not too late to join! If you would like to, you can contact us on 01529 240516. We look forward to hearing from you!

There will be six prize winners in the December draw. *Jane and Krys Szokalo*

Help for the homeless

On behalf of the homeless people in Grantham, I would like to thank you all for your generosity and compassion.

What you have given will be welcomed by the recipients and will make a big difference in their lives, especially in this cold weather.

We have enough items for the moment, but we may well need to come back to you.

Mary Donnelly

Thank you

I have received a card from the members of the New Life church who organise the Food Bank; they want to thank you for your gifts of food. They are still having many requests for help.

Another thank you!

Father Oliver Leavy, who made the appeal for the missions two weeks ago, has written to thank you for the welcome he received and for what he describes as "your wonderful generosity."

Parish Advent retreat day

There will be an Advent retreat day on **Saturday, 3rd December**, beginning with Mass at 10.30 am. The theme of the day is "Jesus the Son of God". All are welcome to attend. *Deacon Tony*

Service for the bereaved

Unfortunately, it is just not practicable to have our service for the bereaved on a Sunday afternoon this month: there is so much else going on. So our service will be on **Sunday, 4th December, at 3.00 pm**.

