

Parish News

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Thirty-fourth Sunday of the Year 20th 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

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house".

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father, David 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**
(John Garratt [Peggy and Stan Hart])

Thirty-fourth Sunday of the Year – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe **Mass: 10.00 am**
(our parish family)

Monday The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Mass: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)

Tuesday St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr **Mass: 9.00 am**
(for those named on our November list)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, **8.00 am – 4.30 pm** in the sacristy

Wednesday St. Clement I pope and martyr **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)

Thursday St. Andrew Dung-lac, priest and companions, martyrs **Eucharistic service: 10.15 am**
(for those named on our November list)

Friday St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr **Mass: 11.30 am**
(for those named on our November list)

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

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

Sunday, First of Advent **Mass: 10.00 am**
(our parish family)

19th/20th November

Car park	Marion Smith 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
Little Church	Merla/Lisa
Readers: Saturday for Sunday	David Stodart Denice Middlebrook
Sunday	Nick Spolton Barbara Swaby

26th/27th November

Car park	Fred Cork Isabel Carrington
Welcoming	Michael Browning Richard Hannah
Altar linen	Maureen Mawditt
Church cleaning group 3	Mary and Roy Canvin Marjorie Fitzgibbons
Flowers	Imelda Elkington
Offertory collection	Ben Hanwell Jim Ryan
Offertory procession	Anne Mear Michael Browning Little Church
Little Church	Anne/Martha
Readers Saturday for Sunday	Barbara Browning Bill Martindale
Sunday	Mary McAleavy Ivan Rossiter

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

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.

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.

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.

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 continues on **Tuesday, 22nd 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: parents' meeting

There will be a meeting with the parents of those preparing to receive their first Holy Communion in 2017 **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

Winter fair- next weekend, in our church hall

- i. **Bric-a-brac sale:** Friday, 25th November, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
2. **Winter fair**
- ii. Saturday, 26th November, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm
- iii. Sunday, 27th November, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Please come and join in the fun. Helpers are urgently needed for all three days. If you can spare a couple of hours, please add your name to the list at the back of the church this weekend. Any cakes are welcome for the cake stall. Thank you.

Sue Stodart,

telephone 302194

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! We will be six prize winners in the December draw.

Jane and Krysz 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

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 . 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 possible to have our service for the bereaved on a Sunday afternoon in November: there is so much else going on. So our service will be on **Sunday, 4th December, at 3.00 pm**.