

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING 12:1-3

A reading from the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 15

Response: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 10:11-14.18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other

hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ Our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us

growth in charity, Through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



What do you think will happen after you die? Will you go before God to be judged on the deeds of your life? Does God already know everything there is to know about you, and understand your human weakness? What will you be accountable for?

Why do you think people are so interested in endtimes? Will the endtime be an end or a beginning?

Are you prepared for the final coming, the endtime? What would you do if you knew the endtime was coming during your lifetime?

Why do you think God created us to spend eternity in heaven? What do you think your role will be

What might be the signs that the final coming is imminent? Do you think any person can predict when that time will come? Can you do anything to either hasten or delay the endtime?

Will the words of Jesus ever pass away? How do you know this?

Which teaching of Jesus can you use to measure how successful you have been at living a good Christian life?

As the end of the liturgical year draws near, how do you feel about your faith growth? What are your plans for your faith journey over next year?

GOSPEL ACTION

Reflect on how your life would change if you knew the second coming was just a few days away. Which of these changes can you incorporate into your life today?

Readings – UNIVERSAL KING Yr B

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Bidding Prayers and Synod Prayer

14th November 2021 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Priest:

On this Remembrance Sunday we remember and give thanks as we place all our prayers before the Lord.

Reader:

For the Church and Christians everywhere: may they be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they journey together.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For peace in our world and an end to war, division, hatred and violence everywhere. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: may we take seriously our important roles as good stewards of Creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in our world who are rich: may they always act with love, generosity and compassion especially to those who are poor and in need.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those who have died in war and conflict so that we may enjoy the peace and the freedom that we do today: may we never forget the sacrifice that they have made on our behalf. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For those in our parish who are sick, housebound or in any kind of need: may they come to know the love and the comforting presence of Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the faithful departed especially **Mary Adams** and all who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur around this time and those named on our November Lists. On this Remembrance Sunday we remember all those who have died because of war: **“Eternal rest grant unto them...”**

We pray through the intercession of Mary our mother: **“Hail Mary...”**

In silence we bring our own private prayers and intentions before the Lord.

Priest: Loving Father,

We offer these and all our prayers to you,
through your Son Jesus,
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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Synod Prayer

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. **Amen**

Homily

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Dear friends, as we come to the end of our Church year the readings turn towards the end of times when as we hear in the Gospel, **'they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.'**

November is the month of the year when as a Church we pray for the faithful departed. Today is Remembrance Sunday and we begin Mass at 11 o'clock by observing a period of silence with the rest of our nation to remember and honour those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. November is a month to remember the dead and for us as a Church to pray for all those who have died, as has been the practice of the Church from the earliest of times, and it's important for us to do this.

We have our November Lists that sit at the foot of the altar with names of our own loved ones who have died and every day, at each Mass, we pray for the faithful departed and all those named on our November Lists, our prayers do help.

Tomorrow we are holding our annual Bereavement Mass when we pray for all those who have died and particularly those who have died during the past 24 months, as we were not able to have a Bereavement Mass last year; this last couple of years has been hard with the pandemic but particularly hard for those who have lost loved ones. I have written to the relatives of the 52 people whose funerals we have celebrated here in our parish over the last 2 years with a personal invitation to come and join us at the Bereavement Mass as we remember and give thanks and pray for their deceased relatives; and as their names are read out we will light votive candles of hope for them.

Our hope comes from our faith and our belief in Jesus who died for us and rose from the dead, opening for us the gates to everlasting and eternal life and giving us that sure and certain hope of one day enjoying that eternal life with him; the new and fullness of life that he speaks of. This belief in Jesus the Resurrection and the Life, is right at the heart and the centre of our faith and our practice of praying for the dead is rooted in this Christian belief of eternal life promised to us by Jesus.

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We believe in the communion of the saints, the Church on earth joined together with the Church in Heaven in one great communion. We are able to help each other through our prayers, we assist those who are living and dead and they can assist us also with their prayers.

Let's pray today on this Remembrance Sunday for all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to enable us to have the freedom and peace that we enjoy today; and we pray for all the faithful departed, remembering all those named on our November lists, all those who have died over the last 24 months and our own loved ones who have died and gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

In this month of November we remember and give thanks to God for them all,
**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them,
may they rest in peace, Amen.**

Sending love and prayers, **Fr Phil x**

Items discussed at the co-ordinators meeting on 2nd November 2021

Fr Phil welcomed Deacon Jim Kay to the meeting, Sheila Morrison has taken over as Mission Coordinator (Mick Brown has moved to Liturgy).

- 1. Paul McKean's belated birthday celebration (40 +2)** – Paul's party has been booked for 22nd April 2022 at the Bronze Club. Party is a surprise for Paul, please don't mention it to him.
- 2. Heritage Fund (HF) application** – Tony Mossman gave a brief update. Deacon Jim and Mike McSorley (volunteer coordinator) have joined the project team. An update will be given at the parish meeting on 7th November, volunteers needed for the various activities. Due to 10/12 week delivery time for the roof tiles work will probably not begin until January.
- 3. Our Common Home Project** – Important moment with COP26, focus for parish during the 2 weeks of the meeting is on prayer for the success of the conference. Parish groups have been asked to think of ways that they can meet/work more responsibly and sustainably, Mick has received some responses. Discussion over no of newsletters printed agreed to be increased to 70.
- 4. Garden Project** – group continues to meet weekly, Fr Phil has signed the LCR final document re grant funding.
- 5. Coming out of Lockdown** – Numbers coming to Mass on Sunday are approx. 2/3rd of number pre-Covid, some new faces. Children's Liturgy is up and running. A gesture of peace now to be offered at Mass. Tony would like to re-instate a counting rota on Sunday, volunteers needed.
- 6. Synodal Process** – The first diocesan/local phase of the process has been extended to August 2022 which gives us more time to engage and respond. Information and guidance received from Bishops' Conference and Diocese, with questions for discussion, have been sent out electronically to those on the mailing list. Individuals and groups are asked to respond directly to the Bishop's Office and this will be encouraged. Coordinators felt that this was not the right time for a large parish meeting. This is a spiritual process as highlighted by Bishop in his pastoral letter. Coordinators will meet in New Year as a group to consider the questions and respond, it was felt that this was the right time to re-visit our Parish Vision. A Deanery meeting is being arranged for the New Year.
- 7. Items from Parish** – Christmas Foodbank Appeal – items needed to be collected earlier, Val to speak with Jill McNamee.
- 8. Communion to the sick and homevisits** – Sean Henry did lots of visiting in September, Deacon Jim will continue with this and a new list is being compiled. Appeal through newsletter if anyone would like to receive Holy Communion at home or have a visit. Deacon Jim will organise a refresher course for Eucharistic Ministers in New Year.
- 9. Other Parish News** **RCIA** – Paula Wherly has stepped down as coordinator after 20+ years, the meeting acknowledged her (and her team's) significant contribution to the faith-life of the parish. Fr Phil/Deacon Jim are in the process of putting a new RCIA team together. 1 enquirer up to now for next Easter, appeal to go out through newsletter.
Safeguarding – Jean Pentecost is standing down as Parish Rep after 10 years in role, Rachael Clarke has agreed to replace Jean and will undergo the Diocesan induction/training with Andy O'Brien. Fr Phil expressed his thanks to Paula and Jean for all their hard work.
Parish First Communions – children from 2020 group, Cindy Rowlands has made contact with the families, hopefully 1st Communion at beginning of Advent.
Confirmation – Friday 26th November 7pm at St Alban's has been confirmed, retreat morning to complete preparation on 20th November at St Joseph's.
Dates - i) 14th November - Clergy Education Fund Collection. ii) 15th November - Bereavement Mass. iii) 27th November - SVP Craft Fair iv) 12th December – Heritage Family Open day v) 17th December – VCT Nativity (Frank Nance).

Christmas Mass times: Christmas Eve 24th December, **5.30pm – Children’s Mass, 7.30pm - Carol Service followed by 8pm – Christmas Night Mass** and Christmas Day, **10.30am Christmas Morning Mass. Holy Family Sunday 26th December, 9,30 and 11am Masses.**

Christmas Tree – Kay to organise as normal.

Pantomime – discussed and agreed to go ahead with booking tickets, Bernie Brown to organise.

10. Date of next meeting – It was agreed to change meetings from Tuesday to Thursday - date of next meeting Thursday 6th January (Epiphany) after 7pm Mass.