



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY & ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



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32st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **12th November 2023**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



What is Remembrance Day? The second Sunday of November is Remembrance Sunday, also known as Remembrance Day. At 11am, men, women and children across Britain hold a two-minute silence to remember the millions who died in war. The silence is usually observed at war memorials, cenotaphs and religious services and shopping centres throughout the country.

A Prayer for Remembrance

Eternal God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; May that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Members of the Wedding

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together. This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel. In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom. In this, He fulfils God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride. The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the

members of the Church. We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God-virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm. We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry. We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God, hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet that will satisfy our souls.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass: We are looking for children/young people to act, read and sing during the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve:

Sunday 24th December at 4.30pm.

Children need to be in Early Years 2 or above. We are looking for older children at secondary school to take part too! There will be a rehearsal on **Sunday 17th December after the 10.30am Mass** in church. Please contact Jo Chrysandreas (jo.chrysandreas@gmail.com) to confirm your child's interest and that they are able to attend the rehearsal and the Mass. Many thanks, Jo Chrysandreas and Caroline Luckraft.

ONE-OFF DONATIONS & MASS INTENTIONS

If paying via the contactless device, remember to gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer (follow the prompts on the device; you will only need to do this once). **Mass intentions**, complete the Mass details on the list in the porch, choosing an available date.

If paying in cash or with a cheque, please now use the **blue 'one-off' donation envelopes** for any offerings re Mass Intentions or other reasons, making sure to complete all sections of the form, and place your envelope in the collection basket or hand to Fr Denis.

In either case, please **ALSO** choose an available date for you mass intention, from the list in the porch and complete the details there.

RC HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN: John O'Neil. Please call the Chaplaincy office at the Lister Hospital
Contact Tel: Mobile: 07876 526935 Lister 01438 285518,
FOR ALL GENERAL PARISH ENQUIRIES
CONTACT: Parish Office: Tel: 01462 893127

CHURCH HALL HIRE:
Please contact parish office 01462 893127

BAPTISM PREPARATION: For further information please contact the parish office on 01462-893127 .

RCIA COURSE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis.
ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Contact the School Office or the Head teacher, Mr Tom Timson 01462 892478 The school website is <http://www.stjohns4her.ts.sch.uk/index.html>

NEWSLETTER
Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the parish email address (baldock@rcdow.org.uk) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS
Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network
www.news.va/en.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES
have responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people, and adults at risk. Please Contact: Patricia Cusack & Colette Murphy
Baldocksg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk
Baldocksg3@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

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18th-19th November
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The hall is available for hire. If you are planning an event do now consider this venue with excellent parking and access. Contact: Parish Office 01462 89312
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(formerly Knit & Natter) We hold our meetings on the first Friday of the month, 9.30 to 11am in the Holy Family room. We welcome any adult crafters who enjoy knitting, hand sewing, embroidery etc. £2 per session which goes towards the church building fund. Any queries please phone Mary 07366 596671
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of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church or from the parish office, and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You may also wish to consider becoming a Patron of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:



We pray for the sick and housebound in the parish especially; Celia Sheehan, and for those who care for and support them. We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Patrick Rodgers, Daisy Lyons Margaret Cannon, John Walsh, Guiseppe Ciampa, Agnes Welland, Anthony Quilty, Gladys Rose, Sarah Hopkins, Carmelina Lewicki and Angela Gray.

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY.

There will be a good supply of Christmas cards, Advent Calendars, candles and other items on sale here in the church from the weekend 18th/19th November. You will be able to pay cash or by card for any item.

Sat 11 th	6.30pm	Frances Anderson
Sun 12 th	8.30am 10.30am	Betty & Frank Collins RIP Eda & George Murray RIP
Mon 13 th	10.00am	
Tue 14 th	10.00am	Carmen Lewicki RIP
Wed 15 th	10.00am	
Thu 16 th	10.00am	Angel Gray RIP St Edmund Abington, Bishop
Fri 17 th	No mass	Friday, a day of fasting and Abstinence

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered.

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis.

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Fr. Denis is still celebrating the Vigil Mass online at 6.30 pm every Saturday night & Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All are accessible through the Parish Facebook page: **Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury**. For more information, please go to the Parish website. The Wednesday word is available via: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/school/index.htm>

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