



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ordinary time year B

**Remembrance Sunday – we will be sharing a one minute silence with the rest of the country at 11.00am**

### Nonviolence: a style of living for peace

While the last century knew the devastation of two deadly World Wars, the threat of nuclear war and a great number of other conflicts, today, sadly, we find ourselves engaged in a horrifying world war fought piecemeal. We know that this “piecemeal” violence, of different kinds and levels, causes great suffering: wars in different countries and continents; terrorism, organized crime and unforeseen acts of violence; the abuses suffered by migrants and victims of human trafficking; and the devastation of the environment. Where does this lead? Can violence achieve any goal of lasting value? Or does it merely lead to retaliation and a cycle of deadly conflicts that benefit only a few “warlords”? Violence is not the cure for our broken world. Violence profanes the name of God. Let us never tire of repeating: “The name of God cannot be used to justify violence. Peace alone is holy. Peace alone is holy, not war!”

Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for “it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come” (Mk 7:21). But Christ’s message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He unfailingly preached God’s unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. Mt 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery (cf. Jn 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. Mt 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility (cf. Eph 2:14-16). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God’s mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: “As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts”. For Christians, nonviolence is not merely tactical behaviour but a person’s way of being, the attitude of one who is so convinced of God’s love and power that he or she is not afraid to tackle evil with the weapons of love and truth alone. Love of one’s enemy constitutes the nucleus of the ‘Christian revolution’. The Gospel commands to love your enemies. It does not consist in succumbing to evil, but in responding to evil with good (cf. Rom 12:17-21), and thereby breaking the chain of injustice”. Pope John Paul went on to say: “May people learn to fight for justice without violence, renouncing class struggle in their internal disputes and war in international ones”

It is fundamental that nonviolence be practised before all else within families. The family is the indispensable crucible in which spouses, parents and children, brothers and sisters, learn to communicate and to show generous concern for one another, and in which frictions and even conflicts have to be resolved not by force but by dialogue, respect, concern for the good of the other, mercy and forgiveness. From within families, the joy of love spills out into the world and radiates to the whole of society. An ethics of fraternity and peaceful coexistence between individuals and among peoples cannot be based on the logic of fear, violence and closed-mindedness, but on responsibility, respect and sincere dialogue. “Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship.

**Pope Francis**

## FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

### SPANISH FIESTA SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Authentic Spanish food and Rioja wine. **Tickets on sale at all weekend masses commencing 10/11 November.**

Adults and 12 years+ £12. Under 12 years £5.

Chocolate theme raffle prizes to the parish office by Friday 23 November.

All proceeds to the parish Building Fund.



### SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS FUND - 11<sup>th</sup> November

Please support the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. The fund helps cover the medical, housing convalescence and personal needs of these priests. Donation leaflets are available in the entrance hall. Please continue to pray for our clergy: active, retired and ill.

### NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

If you would like to include someone in the Holy Souls List for November, please leave details and donations in the Parish Office.

### FUNERAL

**Vivian Dixon**  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 11am



**Michael Ainger**  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 11am  
Please pray for the repose of their souls

### PARISH GROUPS

#### Monday Prayer Group

Baroness Caroline Cox travels the world to help persecuted Christians, going where no one is allowed to go!

**8 pm on Monday 12 November** is a must for anyone interested in this important subject.

#### CWL

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**11am Holy Mass** will be offered in loving memory of all deceased members of CWL Cockfosters section. **The monthly meeting will be held at 2pm in the small hall.**

All ladies of the parish are welcome.

#### Parent & Toddlers

**9.30 – 11am Wednesdays**

This friendly group welcomes toddlers, babies their parents and carers. In recent months the group has grown so we need more help – if you are free on Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 11am for making coffee, set-up or whatever you can do on a rota. Help will be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Giulia.



#### The Being Together Club

15th November Remembrance Reflections  
22nd November Thanksgiving USA Style  
29th November Christmas Card Workshop



### ADORATION & CONFESSION

Monday – Friday 6.00 – 7.00pm  
Saturday after 11am Mass and 5pm

### 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> November

Brother Jean-Pierre Godding from the Chemin Neuf Community will be visiting the parish this weekend. He is the Project Manager for the Street Children project in Kinshasa and would like to meet parishioners after each mass. He will also have some very attractive aprons for sale at £10 each, made by the girls in their training centre.



### CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND BRUNCH

Welcoming Christmas Fayre and Brunch for all to come along and enjoy the Christmas Festivities. **It will be held on Saturday 15 December 2018 at 10am – 2pm.** Save the date! There will be lots of stalls to welcome you in to buy your last minute Christmas presents. **We shall also be serving an all-day Breakfast with other snacks too.** We are looking for the following items to be donated and left in the parish office: bottles of wine/spirit/beer and soft drinks for the KSC Bottle Stall. We shall also need some freshly baked cakes to be donated and delivered on the morning of the event for the cake stall. All proceeds will be going to the Church Building Fund. For the children there will be Face Painting, mini nail manicure/colour, sweet stall and lots more.



### CHRISTMAS OPEN DAY

The Christmas Open day will be going ahead. If you are able to help in any way please look out for details which will be available within the next couple of weeks. Invitations available from the entrance hall.



### CHURCH SHOP

Christmas cards and diaries are now on sale in the church shop.



### YOUTH GROUP – YEAR 7, 8 & 9

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 – 9pm**  
**Film Night** in the cabin. Bring your friends

Sunday 11 November	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY Year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16. Ps. 145:7-10. Heb. 9:24-28. Mk. 12:38-44.	Thursday 15 November	Feria Mass: 11.00am <b>Funeral of Vivian Dixon</b> Readings: Philemon 7-20. Ps. 145:7-10. Lk. 17:20-25.
Monday 12 November	St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr Mass: 11.00am Readings: Titus 1:1-9. Ps. 23:1-6. Lk. 17:1-6.	Friday 16 November	St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop Mass: 11.00am Readings: 2 Jn. 4-9.. Ps. 118:1-2. 10-11. 17-18. Lk. 17:26-37.
Tuesday 13 November	Feria NO MASS Readings: Titus 2:1-8. 11-14. Ps. 36:3-4. 18. 23. 27. 29. Lk. 17:7-10.	Saturday 17 November	Our Lady on Saturday Masses: 11.00am and 5.30pm Readings: 3 Jn. 5-8. Ps. 111:1-6. Lk. 18:1-8.
Wednesday 14 November	Feria Mass: 11.00am Readings: Titus 3:1-7. Ps. 22. Lk. 17:11-19.	Sunday 18 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY Year B Masses: 9.00am & 11.00am Readings: Daniel 12:1-13. Ps. 15:5. 8-11. Heb. 10:11-14. 18. Mk. 13:24-32.