

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

We are coming close to the end of the liturgical year and today's readings are about the end of life. When Luke was writing his Gospel the magnificent Temple in Jerusalem had been razed to the ground. It was an awesome structure. A portion of the Western Wall survives. Many of the massive stones were more than two metres in length and one metre in height. How did they ever manage to set them in place! Each stone was carefully sculpted and embossed in a style that was Herod's trademark. It took eighty years to build, but a mere five years later it was utterly destroyed by the savage Roman general, Titus. The unimaginable had happened.

We know not the day nor the hour.

On September 11th, 2001, the Twin Towers in New York were destroyed. On one of the hijacked planes, many of the doomed passengers sent messages to family and friends. Virtually all the messages were about love, affection or apology. A moment of crisis can bring startling clarity to life. People suddenly see that personal relationships matter far more than other occupations or interests. Is there anything that can last? Saint Paul said there are three things that last, faith, hope and love. We hear a lot about faith and charity. Hope does not get mentioned often enough. Faith might have to struggle through a time of darkness. Love might meet with rejection and become cold. Then it is hope which keeps us going, through the darkness and the coldness. Jesus said that your perseverance will win you your lives.

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COMMUNITY

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 – 1.30 pm

MASSES

Mon - Sat 12.00 noon
Sunday Saturday 7.00 pm – Vigil Mass
 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am
 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm

Confessions 11.00 am – 12.00 noon
(Saturday) 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

17th NOVEMBER 2019

**The readings for this weekend's Masses start on
page 164 in the Mass book.**

The Creed – page 11/12 The Lord's Prayer - page 56

**The response to the Psalm is -
*The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.***

**The Acclamation is:
*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess
your Resurrection until you come again.***

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
VINNIE PACKS**

During the cold weather the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their days on the streets. If you could spare a couple of hours next Sunday, 24th November, from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, to help pack the Vinnie Packs, you would be more than welcome. The address is SEIDs, Empire Way, Wembley, HA9 0RJ, the packing area is accessed from the car park, and is in the basement of the SEIDs building. You might like to consider sponsoring a pack at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to Binnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ. Cheques can be made out to SVP, or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Many thanks for your support.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION

All young people (and not so young!) are invited to a special night of music, song and testimonies. We will have special guests – a group of young people from Ireland who are coming to share their stories with us. This will take place on Saturday 23rd November, beginning with Mass at 7.00 pm. We are hoping for a full house, so please tell your families and friends. All are welcome.

PILGRIMAGE to FATIMA

Fr. Liam will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 27th April to 1st May 2020. The cost will be approximately £560.00 per person. **You will need to arrange your own travel insurance.** Full itinerary, booking forms and forms will be in the parish office. Please book as early as possible as the places are limited.

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 24 hours in the Side Chapel, from 9.00 pm on Thursday 21st November to 9.00 pm on Friday 22nd November, in thanksgiving for a successful pilgrimage to Medjugorge during the summer. Everyone will be welcome.

**CHRISTMAS MASS NOVENA CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.**

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Eamonn Hickey

Mass 7.00 pm, Tuesday 19th November, Visitation Church.
Burial will take place in Ireland.

Maurice Geaney

Mass 1.00 pm, Thursday 21st November, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Piaras Brendan Renihan

Reception 7.00 pm, Thursday 21st November, Visitation Church.
Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 22nd November, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Advance Notice

Mary Joanna Calixte

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 29th November, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER**

Tickets for the main raffle at the Bazaar are now available in the Parish Office, as well as tickets for the Office raffle.

Donations of items for the bazaar can be left in the red box in the Church Porch.

Please bring donations of bottles to the Parish Office.

Many thanks

If you would like to help sell tickets for the main Bazaar Raffle before and after Mass on Sundays, please collect the box from the Sacristy at whichever Mass you come to.