Our Faith on Sunday

Liturgy

33rd Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Jer 29:11,12,14

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.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:19-20

For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.

PSALM: Ps 97:5-9. R.cf.v9

R) The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R)**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **(R)**

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

II Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lk 21:36
Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence
before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your lives.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Mk 11:23-24

Amen, I say to you: whatever you ask in prayer,
believe that you will receive,
and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



In today's Gospel reading we can clearly recognise a description of our own times. Not so obviously here in England, but certainly in many other countries of the world, where we see (on TV) or hear or read frequently, of murder and destruction. Here in England there is an attack in more subtle ways; the Devil it seems, is never idle! In England we see his work in the continuing undermining of the Ten Commandments and of the rights of the individual conscience. Church buildings have not (yet) been destroyed.; but the 'church' properly speaking is in fact believers, the "Body of Christ". By challenging the Faith of believers by means of the sins of their leaders, the Devil is in fact wreaking a destruction far more potent than the destruction of buildings, as scandalized believers abandon their Faith. It is an attack on the Head, Christ, by means of the Body. Christ says of these times that we should not be surprised by them, certainly not abandon Him, and they *will be your opportunity to bear witness"*, witness to His name, witness to truth.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



The Social Dimension of Evangelization
Concern for the vulnerable

210. It is essential to draw near to new forms of poverty and vulnerability, in which we are called to recognize the suffering Christ, even if this appears to bring us no tangible and immediate benefits. I think of the homeless, the addicted, refugees, indigenous peoples, the elderly who are increasingly isolated and abandoned, and many others. Migrants present a particular challenge for me, since I am the pastor of a Church without frontiers, a Church which considers herself mother to all. For this reason, I exhort all countries to a generous openness which, rather than fearing the loss of local identity, will prove capable of creating new forms of cultural synthesis. How beautiful are those cities which overcome paralysing mistrust, integrate those who are different and make this very integration a new factor of development! How attractive are those cities which, even in their architectural design, are full of spaces which connect, relate and favour the recognition of others!

GOSPEL CHILDHOOD

The 'Little Way' of St Therese of Lisieux for everyone*

WE CAN NEVER TRUST GOD TOO MUCH

Love is such a vast subject I can't write about it as fully as I would like. One of my poems speaks about 'Living on Love' from various angles, but when it comes down to it there are so many aspects of love that I can't possibly describe them all.

Do my literary limitations leave me agitated? Not at all! Deep down I am at peace. God will teach you, as he has taught me, whatever you need to know, even if you come looking for God from another angle, another life-experience.

One of my novices had a childhood of abuse. Of course she has more difficulty in believing in God's love, but that doesn't mean God loves her less. It just means that in my dealings with her I have to show infinite patience and care in order that she too may know, through me, the tenderness of Jesus for her. He understands completely. Whatever may be our life history, he is with us, and has always been with us. We can never lose out if we foster confidence and take one step at a time.

There's a story told of a king and his servants out hunting. The hounds were closing in upon a little rabbit when the rabbit suddenly turned round and leaped into the king's arms. The king was so touched by the creature's trust that he not only saved it but made it his constant companion and friend.

We can never trust God too much. Trust touches his heart like nothing else.

* Simplified and illustrated by Elizabeth Ruth Obbard. First published in 2005 in Great Britain by:
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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17th NOVEMBER 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm	Deceased Members of the O'Donovan Families
Sunday	9.00am	Ivor Hopla (RIP)
Monday 18th November	11.45am	feria – Gill Taylor (RIP)
Friday 22nd November	11.45 am	**NO MASS**
Sunday 24th November	**Christ The King**	
(Saturday)	5.30pm	Seale Family Intentions
Sunday	9.00am	Ivor Hopla (RIP)

November is the month when we remember those of our family and friends who have died.
The November Deceased List is at the back of the Church. At all Masses the Holy Souls will be remembered.

Feast Days This Week: 21st November – The Presentation of the Blesses Virgin Mary
22nd November – St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

We offer our prayers and condolences to Judith and family on the death of Ivor Hopla
Also we remember to pray for Gill Taylor, Kerrie's father who died on the 4th November
We offer our prayer and condolences to Kerrie and family.

Please remember in your prayers: Sick; Nigel Clark, Judy Atkins, Sofia Mayorga, Una Hewitt, Mary Jones, David Ruth, Maria Maynard, Liz Mevin and Diane Boba.

Please remember in you prayers this week in The Churches Together List the residents of:
Stephen's Way, St. Matthew's Care Home, Crouch Hall Gardens, Fish Street Farm, Shepherd's Row, Bettespol Meadows, Caddington Hall, Cowper Road, Hicks Road, Old Victoria Gardens, Sharose Court, Chapel Road, Holtsmere End and Puddephat's Lane.

Confessions are available after Saturday evening Mass and on request.

Favourite Hymn to sing at Mass. Maggy has left a list on the table at the back of the Church for anyone to write their favourite hymn to be sung at Mass on Sundays.

First Holy Communion Preparation for our children will begin after Christmas. Communion date to be arranged. Forms available at the back of the Church must be returned by the end of November.

Mission Red Boxes: Those who have the red collection boxes should please return them now.

Christmas Hampers: Luxury food and drink items are requested please. Place your contributions in the box to be found in the porch. The hampers will be raffled on Sunday 1st December after Mass.
This year the proceeds will go to **CAFOD.**
To make things easier and go smoothly for the draw each ticket will be £1 each instead on £1 per strip.
If you are able to sell tickets before or after Mass, please add your name to the list in the porch.

Catholic Newspapers; As the newspapers have not been purchased for some time, from December they will no longer be available. If you wish to receive a paper you can contact: michelle.jones @thecatholicuniverse.com

Sick and Retired Priests: Today's retiring collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service, They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years. The fund is used to cover their essential needs at a time when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Your gift could help ensure our sick and retired priests have the housing, care and support they need. Please use an envelope for Gift Aid purposes. Thank you in advance for your kindness.