Father Michael Harwood M.Harwood@rcaol.org.uk Secretary stjulie@rcaol.org.uk 01744 28196 Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday, 12th November 2023

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - CYCLE A

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Sunday, 12th November	9.30 am	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Holy Souls
		Remembrance Sunday	25
Monday, 13th November	9.30 am		Ada Cunningham - Anniversary
• •	2.00 pm		Holy Rosary Group – all welcome
Tuesday, 14th November	•		
Wednesday,15th November		St. Albert the Great, Bishop	
Thursday,16th November	9.30 am	St. Gertrude	Arthur Gillon – Lately Dead
Friday 17th November		St. Hugh of Lincoln	
Saturday, 18th November		Dedication of the Basilica of SS.	No Confessions
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Sunday, 19th November	9.30 am	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Audrey Devereux – Birthday
		World Day of the Poor	Remembrance

Sick - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Peggy (Margaret) Atherton, Philip Bond, Sarah Bond, Luke Bryan, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Gerada D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Shelagh Lowe, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Margaret Murphy, Annie Plant, Beryl Pudifer, Tanya Rattigan, Nathan Sa Joe, Jean Sharkey, Patsy Shiel, Danny Singleton, Georgina Smith, Margaret and Frank Speakman, Stan Springford, Howard Thomas, Michael Twist, Marjorie Wills, Eden Rose Wilson, Baby Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

Lately Dead - Brother Edmund (De la Salle), John Chalcraft, Arthur Gillon, Grattan Hamlett, John G. Mather

Anniversaries - Mary Boyle, Ada Cunningham, Teresa Mulligan, Margaret M. Smith

Birthday Remembrance - Audrey Devereux, Dorothy Mather, John C. Mather

Special Intentions – Innocent people on both sides of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19

<u>Confirmations</u> – Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 (or above) will open on the 15^{th of} January and end of the 15^{th of} March 2023.

Weekly offertory - Last weeks' collection was £380.04. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206). Even if you aren't a regular donor, but do pay tax, we can reclaim the tax paid on your donation Month of the Holy Souls (November), Book of remembrance. If you would like names of deceased relatives and friends added to the book of remembrance, please contact the parish office. The books will be brought up to the altar during the offertory procession at Mass on Sunday 12th November (11th at St Thomas of Canterbury) so please make sure that all names are provided by Monday 6th November. There will also be a remembrance service at Windleshaw Chantry-details to follow in the coming weeks. If you know someone who does not attend Mass regularly and who has lost someone since last November, please encourage them to have names entered in the book and invite them to Mass on the 12th.

St Anne & Blessed – will be celebrating their Golden Anniversary of their current church with a mass on Sunday 25th November at 4.30pm. The chief celebrant will be Archbishop Mc Mahon. All are welcome.

Mary's Meals Charity Event — Saturday 25th November 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Chicago Teddy Bears Society Jazz Band will be entertaining. Tickets are available from Bernard or Irene Dillon (07974189132/07974189133. All proceeds to Mary's Meals. World Youth Sunday which takes place on 26 November this year. The Feast of Christ the King.

Parish Choral Offering at Blessed Sacrament Church - Friday 17 November

On Friday 17th November the choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will visit the Blessed Sacrament Church, Aintree (L9 2DG) to present a Parish Choral Offering.

Newman Association Talk - Thursday 16th November at 7.30 pm "The Coronation: what did it mean for Catholics, Anglicans and contemporary Britain?" Speaker Fr. Tom Carpenter. Join us at St. Helen's Parish Centre, Crosby L23 7TQ (on the 53-bus route from Liverpool City centre). Tea & coffee will be available from 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start. The event is free to attend, and everyone is welcome. For more details contact the Secretary at helen.flynn8@googlemail.com

<u>Thank you</u> to everyone who attended the Families of Parishes roadshow; there were approx. 100 people-a great turnout and a very interesting evening. Thanks to those who set up the hall and served refreshments.

<u>Christmas Shopping with EasyFundraising</u> - Shop via easyfundraising. When you're shopping online, start at easyfundraising so the retailer knows to give your cause a free donation. Easyfundraising are a charity cash back website, who provide a free way to raise money for a good cause or charity when you shop online. There are over 6,000 retailers who will give a donation as a thank you for shopping with them, and it will cost you no extra to do your shop. (Argos, John Lewis, Sainsburys to name a few). How easyfundraising works:

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32nd Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 87: 3 Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Ps 62:2-8, R.v2

R) For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R)

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R)

SECOND READING:

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluial Mr24:6 Stay awake and stand ready, so because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluial Mt24:42 44

GOSPEL:

Matthew 25:1-13 Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



The theme of today's Gospel is a common one. Once again Jesus is reminding us that some day we will be leaving this earth behind and where will be going afterwards depends on us being ready when he calls us. Although the only certainty in life is death, most of us live our lives as if we were going to live forever. The saints all had the fact of their mortality very much in their heart and soul. This was not a morbid way of thinking about death, but an admission of its reality. One of the mysteries that will be revealed to us when we arrive in heaven, will perhaps be an answer to a question which, here on earth, we

cannot answer. It is this: why do some people live 3 months, some 3 years, some 30 years and some 3 times 30 years? We don't know when our time will come, but it would be good to be reminded now and again that we won't live forever. The death of a young person, or the sudden death of a close friend or relative, can be a sharp reminder of our own mortality. We can't say we haven't been warned. We do not know either the day or the hour - but we do know that that day and that hour will come.

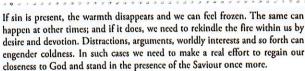


155. Lack of concern for the vulnerable can hide behind a populism that exploits them demagogically for its own purposes, or a liberalism that serves the economic interests of the powerful. In both cases, it becomes difficult to envisage an open world that makes room for everyone, including the most vulnerable, and shows respect for different cultures.

The Fire of Love*



GOD IS KNOWN BY WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE LOVE



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