

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – CYCLE A

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sunday, 19 th November	9.30 am	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor	Audrey Devereux – Birthday Remembrance
Monday, 20 th November	10.00 am 2.00 pm		Requiem Mass for John Chalcraft Holy Rosary Group – all welcome
Tuesday, 21 st November		Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Wednesday, 22 nd November		St. Cecelia	
Thursday, 23 rd November	9.30 am	St. Clement I, Pope	Marjorie Fairhurst - 103 rd Birthday School years 4&5 attending
Friday 24 th November		SS. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	
Saturday, 25 th November			No Confessions
Sunday, 26 th November	9.30 am	Christ the King of the Universe	Teresa Mulligan - Anniversary

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 – John Chalcraft, Grattan Hamlett, John G. Mather, Fred Quinn, Brian Kett

Anniversaries – Edward Rex Anderson, Mary Boyle, Bill Gerrard, Teresa Mulligan, Roy Rowlands

Birthday Remembrance – Audrey Devereux

Special Intentions – Marjorie Fairhurst (103rd Birthday), Innocent people on both sides of the Israel/Gaza conflict, people of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19

Confirmations – Registration for Confirmations for those in Year 8 (or above) will open on the 15th of January and end of the 15th of March 2023. Anyone wanting to be confirmed should register on the [Liverpool Called website](#) from Jan to March and they will be invited to prep meetings along with other young people.

Weekly offertory - Last weeks' collection was £222.15. 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.

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). Tickets are available at the door. All proceeds to Mary's Meals.

World Youth Sunday – 26 November - World Youth Sunday which takes place on 26 November this year – the Feast of Christ the King.

St Cuthbert's in Sutton are looking for another Foundation Governor. Mrs Twist is the Headteacher and Father Philip Swanson is Chair of Governors and either can provide more details.

LGBT+ Catholic Gatherings: Out on a Limb.....a meeting with Jesus - This is an invitation to come for a time of reflection and prayer. Venue: All Saints, Oakfield, Liverpool, L4 2QG. Saturday 18th November 2023; 1.00am - 2.00pm. Sunday 10th December 2023; Venue: All Saints Church, High Street, Golborne, WA3 3BG Mass at 2.00pm

The first-ever **Archdiocesan Synodal Council** for the Archdiocese of Liverpool will be taking place on **Saturday 25 November** from 10.30am. Anyone can watch the ASC online and can submit questions by clicking the link on the Archdiocese of Liverpool's homepage: <https://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/> We want as many people as possible to be able to be part of this gathering.

Would you consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister and take Holy Communion to those in the parish who cannot get to Mass? Or becoming a chaperone or driver to support the Eucharistic Ministers? This is a very rewarding ministry and means so much to the sick and housebound. You would not be required to distribute Holy Communion or lead Eucharistic services in church unless you wish to! Please contact Fr Michael to find out more.

We would love to see more boys and girls become **altar servers** in church. Anyone who has made their first Holy Communion can be a server.

Advent recollection 16th December 2023. We are planning a day of recollection for readers, Eucharistic ministers, Sacristans and others who prepare for Mass, funeral teams, musicians, church cleaners, welcomers and anyone else who helps with the liturgy. The theme will be on Advent and spiritual preparation for Christmas. There will be scriptural input from Dcn Brendan and Fr Michael, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Mass. The event will take place at St Julie's 16th December 10.00-3.00pm. Please register with the Parish Office. Tea and coffee will be available and bring your own lunch.

Little Church – there will be **NO LITTLE CHURCH** next Sunday the 26th of November, but it will be back on Sunday 3rd December.

Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

33rd Sunday in OT (A)

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:

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A perfect wife - who can find her?

PSALM:

Ps.127:1-5.R.v1

R) O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R)

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R)

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life! (R)

SECOND READING:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

*Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like
a thief.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Apoc 2:10

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

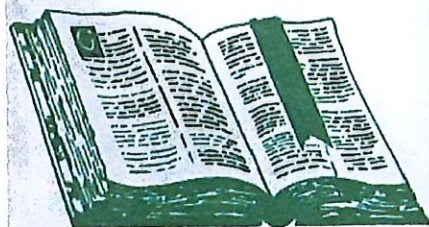
Matthew 25:14-30

*You have been faithful in small things;
come and join in your master's happiness.*

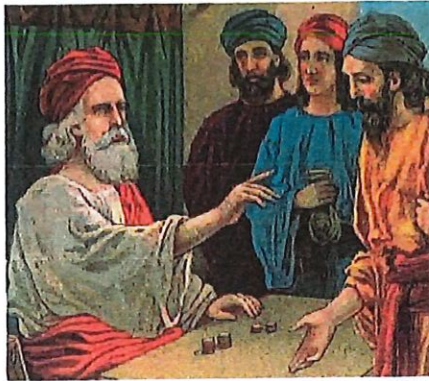
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



At first glance this Gospel seems very harsh. The person who buries the talent is given a sharp rebuke, but it is a warning to all of us that whatever talents we are given are not just our personal property to have and to keep and to do whatever we want with. Everything we have, our intelligence, our health, our children, are given to us by God so that we may serve him and love him and serve and love our fellow humans. We are living in times when we are told we have lots of 'rights', including the right to do whatever we want with our bodies, our talents, our possessions. But if we listen carefully to what Jesus tells us, the only 'right' we have is to love. This gives us a completely different view of life: we are

not here simply to fulfil our worldly ambitions; we are here to build the Kingdom of God among us. And at the end of our lives we will be judged on how we have contributed to the building of this Kingdom. However, we can't do this if all our efforts are concentrated on building a 'better' life for ourselves. If, on the other hand, we put our talents and our capabilities at the service of humanity, we will both fulfil ourselves and help bring about God's Kingdom on earth.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

POPULAR VS. POPULIST

156. In recent years, the words "populism" and "populist" have invaded the communications media and everyday conversation. As a result, they have lost whatever value they might have had, and have become another source of polarization in an already divided society. Efforts are made to classify entire peoples, groups, societies and governments as "populist" or not. Nowadays it has become impossible for someone to express a view on any subject without being categorized one way or the other, either to be unfairly discredited or to be praised to the skies.

The Fire of Love*

DISCERNING THE RIGHT KIND OF LOVE

We all know that we can never be filled with a love of eternity or anointed with the sweet oil of heaven unless we are genuinely converted to God. We have to turn from worldly things, even if only in our minds. This means loving what we ought to love, and not loving what we ought to hate.

We must love God first and foremost, and then other heavenly things. Only necessary love should be given to what is earthly. We must desire nothing but Christ and eschew all that is false and would pervert our steps into the paths of wickedness. It is possible to find people like this who have no taste for earthly things and deal with worldly matters no more than is strictly necessary, but they are few.

Those who get rich find comfort in what they have (at least for now) so they are not necessarily entitled to enjoy even a little of this heavenly love. They think they should be given future bliss because they have a surface kind of devotion. But as their love for earthly treasures is unlimited, the fire of love in them will come to nothing. Moreover, they will lack the sweetness that God gives to his true lovers. They enjoy only a counterfeit 'love' which brings them no good in the long run.

*The Fire of Love by Richard Rolle Published by Aeterna Press





PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT BULLETIN

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

For the current week's readings and Saints please look at Liturgy Office www.liturgyoffice.org.uk, *Universalis* (Liverpool/IOM) and The Liverpool Ordo. You can find additional Saints' information on https://www.catholicireland.net/saints_category/saints/

NOTE: In light of feedback, we will be posting Archdiocesan related news, resources, and events in the bulletin. We are in the process of setting up a notice board on the website where other information can be housed.

REFLECTION

Message from "Rt Rev Kieran Conry, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton Diocese, who also has responsibility in England and Wales for evangelisation, said:

"Every November throughout the world those who have died are especially remembered and prayed for by the Catholic community. The commemoration begins on 2nd of the month on a day called All Souls when Catholics pray for the dead as they continue, ahead of the living, the journey into the fullness God's Light. Catholics also pray for those who are left behind and are still grieving. These prayers continue throughout the month of November, with people encouraged to visit a church or cemetery to pray."

"Know that, even if you are not a Catholic, you and your loved ones will be prayed for and remembered during November. Jesus Christ conquered death through his own suffering and death on a cross and by his resurrection. In Him is the source of our hope and light whatever darkness we might currently face. His love for us and those that we love is endless."

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
N. is gone now from this earthly dwelling
and has left us behind mourning his/her absence.

Let us find in your Son, Jesus,
comfort in our sadness,
certainty in our doubt,
and courage to live through this hour.

Make our faith strong
Through Christ our Lord."

CBCEW - <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/message-of-hope-for-those-who-are-grieving-the-loss-of-a-loved-one/>

UPDATE FROM THE LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE

• VATICAN II LECTURES

The next Vatican II lecture will take place on 7th December with Prof. Paul McPartlan (Catholic University of America) on Lumen Gentium: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. The seminar begins at 3pm at Liverpool Hope University and the lecture starts at 5.30. The lecture can also be attended online through zoom. Places are limited, so please book your free tickets here

<http://bit.ly/3QI4e5R>



- **RCIA WORKSHOPS**

Following the feedback from our previous series of workshops, we have arranged a second list of meetings for anyone who coordinates or helps at RCIA meetings to come together for a catch up, training and sharing of resources meeting. This will be a continuation of the discussion we began in September, but if you were unable to attend previously, you're very welcome to join us now.

To book your place, please email rcia@rcaol.org.uk

- Saturday 2nd December 2023 (11-12:30pm) – Metropolitan Cathedral
- Monday 11th December 2023 (6:30-8pm) – St Bede's, Guild Hall, Widnes
- Wednesday 13th December (6:30-8pm) – St Joseph's Church, Wroughton

- **CATECHIST TRAINING**

Beginning on **Wednesday 24th January 2024** until June, we will be offering 3 modules over 13 weeks offering training for Catechists. Whether you are considering being a catechist, or are an existing catechist, looking to refresh your knowledge, this course could be for you. The first four sessions will explore key principles of Catechesis to build confidence.

The first module, on Encountering Catechesis will cover the following topics:

- 'What is the Kerygma (Gospel)'
- 'What is Catechesis?'
- 'How do I choose and use catechetical resources and programmes?'
- 'What do I need to know about safeguarding and leading a group.'

This course is initially being offered on Wednesdays at the **St Margaret Clitherow Centre at 7pm – 8.30pm for free**, and I'm hoping to confirm an alternative location soon. To register your interest for this course, please email training@rcaol.org.uk

- **LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION: COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT MEMBER?**

The Commission exists to stimulate awareness of the need for justice and peace; understand these needs in the light of the Gospel and the Church's social teaching; and encourage action. It meets 6 times a year and contributes towards the social action work of the Archdiocese through conferences and events. Read this month's NW J&P newsletter, and find out more about becoming a Commission member by contacting p.guidi@rcaol.org.uk

- **FACILITATION TRAINING**

We are now offering training for people in our parishes who lead groups. Whether they're for praying, liturgy, or volunteering this 2-hour workshop will provide an opportunity to come together to discuss the format of your group and share new ideas that can support the facilitation of your group moving forward. If you're interested in arranging a workshop for your parish or deanery, please contact e.parsons@rcaol.org.uk

- **COST OF LIVING ASSEMBLY – 16th November 2023, 7-8.30pm (online)**

This Assembly is co-hosted by Together Liverpool, a social justice charity of the Diocese of Liverpool and Church Urban Fund, with the Archdiocese of Liverpool's social action coordinator. The main speaker is from the Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) will talk about working for lasting change, and the new Let's End Poverty movement. For more information and registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/network-of-kindness-cost-of-living-assembly-november-2023-tickets-731798477947?aff=oddtcreator>

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- **VACANCIES AT THE ARCHDIOCESE**

We are currently advertising several vacancies. If you're interested in working for the Archdiocese, you can find an up-to-date list of vacancies available here:

www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers

RESOURCES AND EVENTS

- **(CANTONESE) RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

We extend a warm invitation to individuals aged 18 and above who are interested in exploring and deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith. All fellow believers are also welcome to join us on this journey of Catholic faith. Period: 5th September 2023 – 19th May 2024.

The RCIA program consists of two components:

1. ZOOM Meetings: Tuesdays, 8-9:30 pm, throughout the program period; AND
2. Physical Gatherings: on 3rd Saturday of each month at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Christ the King (Mt. Pleasant, Liverpool L3 5TQ)

The language medium for the program is Cantonese. For Enquiry : 0740 3489931 (Flora)

- **EXHIBITION ON THE LIFE OF FR. LUIGI GIUSSANI AT LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL**

The Communion and Liberation Catholic Movement in the Northwest of England are hosting a free exhibition on the life and teachings of their founder Fr. Luigi Giussani titled "From My Life to Yours" in the Gibbard Room at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ on Saturday 18th November (10am-7pm) and Sunday 19th November (10am-5pm). Tea and coffee will be served, all visitors are welcome.

For more information, please go to their website: www.clonline.org or email: clnorthwest.soc@gmail.com

- **HARD-HITTING PLAY AT THE IRENAEUS CENTRE**

At 7pm on Tuesday 14th November the Irenaeus Centre (Great Georges Rd, Waterloo, L22 1RD) will be hosting a production of a hard-hitting play "Mum, can you lend me twenty quid?". A true story of a family torn apart by addiction based on the memoir of Drug FAM founder, Elizabeth Burton-Philips, MBE. Admission is free of charge, but donations to support the running of The Irenaeus Centre are most welcome. This is an It Is What It Is production.

Please be advised the production contains strong language and drug use.

Are you affected by someone else's drug or alcohol misuse? Don't be on your own pick up the phone: 030088 83853

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The Irenaeus Project <https://www.irenaeus.co.uk/>

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