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33rd WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 16 Nov	5.30 pm	SG	Mary O'Rourke RIP (in Ireland).
Sun 17 Nov	9.30 am	SG	People of the Parish.
	11.15 am	HS	For all our dead, especially those on the dead lists given.
Mon 18 Nov	9.30 am	SG	A family thanksgiving Mass. Donor's Int.
	6.00 pm	SG	Reception into Church of Hilary Crosbie RIP.
Tues 19 Nov	9.30 am	SG	NO MORNING MASS
	1.00 pm	SG	Requiem Mass for Hilary Crosbie RIP.
Wed 20 Nov	9.30 am	SG	Holy Souls in Purgatory and donor's family loved ones. RIP.
	6.00 pm	SG	Reception into church of Margaret Joyce Grundy RIP.
Thu 21 Nov	9.30 am	SG	NO MORNING MASS
	11.00 am	SG	Requiem Mass for Margaret Joyce Grundy RIP.
Fri 22 Nov	9.30 am	SG	For Michael, Jimmy's son.
Sat 23 Nov	9.30 am	SG	For all parishioners and family members who are not well.
	5.30 pm	SG	Sp. Int. Pamela Besong for examination success.
Sun 24 Nov	9.30 am	SG	Dec. members of the Toryusen family.
	11.15 am	HS	People of the parish.

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

To understand the New Testament we look to the Old. Today, Mark alludes to the apocalyptic imagery of the prophet Daniel: 'In my vision at night I looked and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven' (Dan. 7:13). Jesus is this Son of Man, and a central truth of our faith is that he will come again. 'Faith in Christ has never looked merely backwards or merely upwards, but always also forwards to the hour of justice that the Lord repeatedly proclaimed. This looking ahead has given Christianity its importance for the present moment'. (*Spe salvi* 40).

The Spirit invites us to rediscover a fresh and new appreciation of this central teaching of our faith. We need, as it were, to uncover and seek out a grace of revelation, so that this essential doctrine can have an impact on our lives.

That is not to say that we become fanatical or unduly anxious or focused in an unhealthy way on the Second Coming.

Rather, it means we seek to pray and reflect on the 'last things' in a way which expands our vision so that we look beyond the moment, indeed look beyond history. At the heart of the teaching of the Second Coming is the Lordship of Christ. Theologians of old used to speculate about how, if humankind had not fallen, whether Christ could indeed have been incarnate.

Without the fall and sin would we have needed a Saviour or simply a King, the Lord and Creator? Most of us wouldn't have time to ruminate on such ideas, since we live in a world of mortgage or rent payments, bills to pay, mouths to feed. It is precisely in this reality of daily life that we can live out our hope in the Second Coming. You see, whatever challenge, suffering or hardship we face in life, one day all of human life, all of human history, indeed the very cosmos will be wrapped up and come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Lord of heaven and earth, we long for your return, and ask for the grace to stay awake and keep watch, ushering in your glorious return as Christ, the Servant King, Our Lord and Saviour.

HOLY SPIRIT: Every Thursday 2.45pm at Holy Spirit, Sinfen, please join the Prayer Group to pray for Divine Mercy, The Rosary and Prayers for peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin at St George's after Easter. Forms will be available before Easter from the back of Church or school. Fr. Brentnall.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Thurs 21st Nov: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Fri 22nd Nov: St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

Sat 23rd Nov: St Clement I, Pope & Martyr

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Bishop Patrick has asked that we have a special collection to help towards the Hospice crisis in our diocese. Many are in financial difficulty.

RECENT DEATHS:

The Requiem for Hilary Crosbie RIP is now at 1 pm on 19th November. Reception into church at 6 pm on 18th November.

Please pray for Margaret Joyce Grundy of Littleover who died recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Thurs 21st November at 11 am at St George's with reception into church at 6 pm on Wednesday, 20th November.

We extend our sincere sympathies to her family and pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her May she rest in peace. Amen.

FROM LIVING FAITH:

To Be Led Gradually

Jesus said...: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light..." Mark 13:24

A couple of years ago, I lost all my rosemary bushes and a few azaleas in a freeze.

The problem was not the temperature itself, but the fact that it dropped so far so quickly: from the fifties to the teens over just a few hours. The plants couldn't live through the rapid, dramatic change.

This reminded me of one of the beauties of our liturgical tradition, evident in today's Scripture readings. It's not Advent yet, but it's coming, and here we are, being eased into it. (Not that a quick transition between seasons would literally kill us!) But to be led gradually, to be invited to slowly open our hearts and minds to those last things and our subsequent need for the Saviour, is more fruitful than a sudden plunge and, yet, more hospitable to – spiritual – life.

Loving God, guide me along this journey to you.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: These are available at church for those who use them. Please find your box with your name on it. Sincere thanks to all who give so generously for the support of the church and clergy throughout the year.

THE CATHOLIC POST: Please get your FREE copy. See especially Page 12 under the heading, "How to oppose the Assisted Dying Bill. You can use the given QR code to register your opposition to the Assisted Dying Bill. The Church proclaims the sanctity of human life from conception to its natural end.

THE CATHOLIC NEWS: Please get your FREE copy. See Page 3. Under the heading "Ten Reasons to oppose assisted suicide and euthanasia" and again a QR code to register your opposition.

If you have any possessions presently stored in the church kitchen next to the sacristy, would you please remove them so redevelopment work can take place. Many thanks, Fr Brentnall.