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16th November 2025**WORLD DAY OF THE POOR WITH SPECIAL PRAYERS****33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR****St GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

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| Sat 15 Nov | 5.30 pm | Molly Heaps RIP |
| Sun 16 Nov | 9.30 am | People of the Parish |
| Mon 17 Nov | 9.30 am | For the living and deceased of the McAleavy family. M & A, C & M, & all |
| Tues 18 Nov | 9.00 am Nb earlier time | The deceased members of the Brennan & Sameresiwge families |
| Wed 19 Nov | 9.30 am | Kath & Colum Keenan RIP |
| Thu 20 Nov | 9.30 am | Holy Souls, especially those belonging to parish families |
| Fri 21 Nov | 9.30 am | For the McClelland & Wright families |
| Sat 22 Nov | 9.30 am | Michael RIP, Jimmy's son. |
| | 5.30 pm | Deceased of the Crosbie family. |
| Sun 23 Nov | 9.30 am | Danny Reynolds RIP |

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Highway Code is a book of signs. We study it diligently but less so once we have our licence. We often assume we know more of the Highway Code than we do and are surprised by changes and updates.

We know how to read the Highway Code but don't always know how to read the Signs of the End of Age. Both point to God's final and definitive intervention in human history in the Second Coming, the Return of the King. Jesus warned of wars, revolution, earthquake, famine, plague upheaval and uncertainty. As if this wasn't enough tumult and tribulation Jesus also stressed a time of trial and persecution. The apocalyptic language of the Gospels and the New Testament can be unnerving and unfamiliar. And yet the Catechism of the Catholic Church echoes it: 'Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers.' (CCC675).

What are we to do? How are we to think and act? Do we run for the hills or stand firm in faith? Are we crushed with fear and anxiety? As hard as it is to hear, Jesus counselled that we make a decision not to succumb to worry, 'Make up your mind not to worry' (Luke 21:14), and promised the gift of wisdom. 'For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict' (Luke 21:15). Jesus invites us to stand firm in faith. This invitation is echoed throughout the New Testament. 'Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.' (1 Corinthians 16:13) and 'Resist him, standing firm in your faith' (1 Peter 5:9). Do not be afraid. Jesus has redeemed us and he is with us even unto the end of time.

May God grant that I speak with judgement and have thought worthy of what I have received, for he is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise? (Wisd. 7:15)

THANKS: Thanks again to all who have prepared the church for Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day. It looks great with its poppy theme and red flowers. The display depicting family members of parishioners who served and some of whom gave their lives is always moving to contemplate. Many who died were so young. GOD BLESS THEM ALL.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*
*on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.*****SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

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| Mon 17 th Nov 9.30 am | St Hugh of Lincoln, Patron of our Diocese |
| Tues 18 th Nov 9.00 am | Dedication of the Basilicas of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles |
| Fri 21 st Nov 9.30 am | Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Sat 22 nd Nov: 9.30 am | St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyrs |

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide. Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

The Jubilee of the Poor is celebrated in the Diocese of Nottingham on this World Day of the Poor.**Sacrificial Love**

You will be hated by all because of my name ...LUKE 21:17

Jesus tells his followers that being his disciple will not always be easy and pleasurable. He warns them that they will suffer ridicule, hatred, persecution, betrayal, imprisonment and even death – "all because of my name." His words remind us that the great symbol of Christianity is not a comfortable recliner; it is the Cross. And the central action of our Christian faith is not preserving ourselves at all costs; it is giving ourselves away in sacrificial love – as Jesus did.

And what can sacrificial love look like? It is driving our kids to practice, encouraging someone who's down, cooking supper again and again, doing the honest and right thing, reaching out to someone in need, being patient with another's foibles, showing kindness to a stranger, writing to an elected official, playing with a child, being gracious when inconvenienced, donating to a good cause and praying every single day.

Jesus, may all the loving I do today be done because of your name.

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

This is the month when we particularly pray all the faithful departed, for all the Holy Souls, especially beloved family members who have gone before us. You may wish to have a Mass said for a family member or friend who has died. If so, write down the details and place in an envelope with your offering and give it in at church or post it through the priest's house, 40 Village Street, opposite the church.

As you know from the newsletter we continue to celebrate Mass each day at 9.30 am.

Also, we must continue to pray for an end to warfare and violence in our world especially in Gaza, where we hope the ceasefire will hold, and the Ukraine where Russian aggression continues. Also for the Sudan in the grip of civil war and other places of conflict.

Our Lady Queen of peace, pray for us and our world.