

**The Catholic Parish
of
Our Lady, Star of the Sea**



32nd Week of Ordinary Time, Year C
Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle II, Psalter Week IV

“Now he is God, not of the dead,
but of the living;
for to him all men are in fact alive.”

Luke 20:38

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Sacramental Preparation: Applications are made by Contacting Fr Pádraig – one month's notice is required for the Sacrament of Baptism and six months' notice for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Parish Newsletter: Items for consideration need to be sent to Fr Pádraig - frpmfoh@gmail.com – by Wednesday Evening please. The Completed Newsletter will be posted on the Website each Saturday.

Parish School: St Mary's, Kirkley Cliff - Tel: 01502 565384 - Website: www.stmarysrcps.com

Gospel Reflection

“In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses. The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection. Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game! More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, “. . . for to him all are alive.”

Please do visit the “Wednesday Word” Website each week for short Reflections on the Sunday Readings: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

Consultation on Sunday Mass Times – Complete!

From the 1st Sunday of Advent (26th/27th November) 2022 the Sunday Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Saturday 5pm at Our Lady's, Sunday 9am at St Nicholas' and 11am at Our Lady's.

All Weekday Masses will take place as advertised in the Weekly Newsletter.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every week after the Saturday Morning Mass, from c.9:30 to c.10am, during which **Confessions** will be available. The

Rosary will be prayed together following each of the weekday Masses at Our Lady's.

First Holy Communion Classes

Preparation Classes are due to begin. If your child is in year 3 or above and they wish to Celebrate their First Holy Communion in the Summer of 2023 then please contact Fr Pádraig ASAP for a Registration Form. You will be able to catch Fr Pádraig after any one of the Parish Masses. **The first meeting is due to take place in the Stella Maris Hall at 4pm on Saturday 12th November.**

Calling all Musicians

If you play an instrument and would like to come together to play for our parish celebration of Christ the King at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday 20th November, please contact Jan Long on tel: 07753626987.

The Listening and Prayer Ministry is looking to recruit new Helpers.

Do you feel called to be a more active part of the loving face of the Church? If so, you might be interested in joining the Diocese's Listening and Prayer Ministry. If you are a good listener, have compassion for others in their need, believe in the power of prayer to change lives and are in agreement with Church teaching, you could join our team who are already assisting parishioners in need by offering listening and prayer support. Applications to be received by mid December 2022, with interviews taking place online and training planned to commence in January 2023. Members of prayer groups, counsellors, those interested in counselling or people who use similar skills in their work would probably be well suited to this ministry although it is definitely not limited to these individuals. For more information on the Ministry and for a Person Specification please visit: www.rcdea.org.uk/prayer-ministry-needs-good-listeners-with-compassion/

Dates for you Diary...

08/11/22 – The next CWL Meeting is on Tuesday 8th Nov at 1:30pm – All are Welcome.
10/11/22 – First Parish In-Council Meeting at 7:30pm in the Stella Maris Hall. Topics to be discussed and Items for the Agenda to be sent to Fr Pádraig by **Sunday 6th November.**

Upcoming Second Collections for 2022

19th/20th November – Youth Sunday – Diocesan Youth Service

10th/11th December – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £357.35 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£403). Your continued financial support for your parish, the diocese and the wider Universal Church is much needed and very much appreciated.

We Pray for...

We pray for all in our Parish who are currently unwell and who are suffering from illness of one kind or another, praying especially for the housebound who are not able to join us for regular worship. We pray also for those who have recently passed away and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time; may they rest in peace. Names of the Sick and the Deceased may be written in the Parish Prayer Books and will be prayed for.

Mass & Service Times for the Coming Week: November 6th – November 12th

- Saturday 5th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Sunday 6th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 6th - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: Joan & Maurice Franks (RIP)
- Monday 7th - 09:00 – Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Fr Martin Orme (RIP)
- Tuesday 8th - 12:00 – Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Wednesday 9th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
Offered for: Bishop Alan Hopes' Intention
- Thursday 10th - 09:15 - St Nicholas'** (Mem, St Leo the Great)
Offered for: Martin Carolyn (RIP)
- Friday 11th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Martin of Tours)
Offered for: The Deceased Clergy of the Deanery
- Saturday 12th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Josaphat)
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Saturday 12th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for:
- Sunday 13th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 13th - 10:30 - Our Lady's** (33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C)
Offered for:

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place every week during Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (from 9:30 to c.10am) following the 9am Mass on Saturday Morning. One may also make an appointment with Fr Pádraig for confession at another suitable time.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for someone, living or deceased, or for a particular intention (exams, interview, etc.), please collect a pre-printed envelope from the back of the church. Details of your request, including the preferred date, can then be entered on the front of the envelope (legibly please) and then your offering may be placed inside before being given to Fr Pádraig.
