

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



30th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week II

“You must love the Lord your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”

Matthew 22:36

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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.

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Gospel Reflection

“This week’s Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today’s reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem. The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today’s Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments. The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God’s covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law. Jesus answers the Pharisees’ question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus’ response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.”

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

All Saints Day (1st November): Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. The Beatitudes, which we hear proclaimed through the Gospel, can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes just as Jesus lived them – and we are being challenged to live our lives in the same way.

All Souls Day (2nd November): On this day we pray for the souls of all those who have died, focusing on our belief in the resurrection of the dead and Jesus' promise of eternal life. In his death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in him. We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those whose souls are journeying through purgatory and are being prepared for eternal life in heaven. We believe that our prayers, especially our offering of the sacrifice of the Mass for them, will help to speed their journey to eternal life with God in heaven.

Red Wednesday 2023: Break the silence on Christian Persecution

Red Wednesday, an annual initiative from Aid to the Church in Need, returns again this year on Wednesday 22nd November with a special focus on Africa. Christians in Africa are enduring a 70% increase in violence. Africa is now a priority for ACN with 9 countries in the emergency category. In a bid to seek awareness and justice, Aid to the Church in Need is asking Christians to light up and speak out for our brothers and sisters around the world, by wearing red, lighting up our churches, schools, and buildings in red again this year.

Dates for your Diary

01/11/2023 - Everyone is welcome to join us to sing, pray and praise the Lord on Wednesday 1st November at 3pm at Our Lady, Star of the Sea. Please bring your bible.

02/11/2023 - Thursday 2nd November NSPCC Coffee Morning in the Stella Maris Hall 10am till 12 noon. Entry £1, Cakes, Raffle, Stalls, Games and Craft. All most welcome!

02/12/2023 – The Parish Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 2nd December 10am to 1pm. Any donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

09/12/2023 – The Christmas Quiz will take place on Saturday 9th December at 7pm. Teams of 6. £5 per Ticket and will include a buffet and refreshments.

17/12/2023 – The Parish Carol Concert will take place at 2:30pm on Sunday 17th December, Gaudete Sunday, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

Parish Christmas Fayre - 2nd December - 10am till 1pm

Any donations of bric-a-brac, books, CD's, DVD's, toiletries, toys etc. together with any other donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. There will also be a cake stall at the Fayre and donations of cakes (homemade or shop bought) would be much appreciated nearer the time, these items being brought into church on the morning of the Fayre or to the Church/Presbytery in advance. Any help on the day, to run a stall and/or generally help out would also be much appreciated, if you can help in any way at all please speak to Barbara Radforth, Caroline Langan or Father Pdraig. Thank you. **Raffle tickets** will also be on sale before and after Mass for the Christmas Fayre. **Tickets** for the Christmas quiz are now on sale, £5.00 per ticket per person to include a buffet supper and refreshments.

Upcoming Second Collections for 2023

25th/26th November – Diocesan Youth Service – Youth Sunday.

16th/17th December – Diocesan Dependant Priests' Fund.

Weekly Collection

Thank you for last week's collection which amounted to £374.48 (Plus the regular standing orders of c.£477). 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: October 29th – November 4th

- Saturday 28th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 29th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: (RIP)
- Sunday 29th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Sandra "Sandy" Shephard (RIP)
- Monday 30th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Tuesday 31st - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Wednesday 1st - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (All Saints Day)
Offered for: Kathryn Munden (RIP) (Birthday Remembrance)
- Wednesday 1st - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (All Saints Day)
Offered for: The People of the Parish
- Thursday 2nd - 09:00 - St Mary's RCPSchool** (All Souls' Day)
Offered for: The Holy Souls
- Thursday 2nd - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (All Souls' Day)
Offered for: Pope Francis' Intention
- Thursday 2nd - 18:00 - Our Lady's** (All Souls' Day)
Offered for:
- Friday 3rd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Saturday 4th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Mem, St Charles Borromeo)
Offered for:
- Saturday 4th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: (RIP)
- Sunday 5th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 5th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: (RIP)

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.
