

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



34th Week of Ordinary Time, Year A
Sunday Cycle A, Weekday Cycle I, Psalter Week II

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
escorted by all the angels,
then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.”

Matthew 25:31

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Other Clergy: Rev. Fr. Stephen Bould; Rev. Fr. Neville McClement, Rev. Mr. Stephen Pomeroy.

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

“Today’s Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus’ discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew’s Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew’s report on Jesus’ life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection. In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones. Recall that last week’s parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. When we read today’s Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew’s Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.”

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

Congratulations!

We congratulate four of our Altar Servers who are being enrolled in the Guild of Saint Stephen during this Sunday’s 11am Mass at OLSS. Altar Serving is a wonderful way to involve the younger members of our parish in the life of the Church and we are always ready to welcome new members.

Memory Tree – Praying for Loved ones at Christmas

From the first Sunday of Advent, 3rd December, there will be a Memory Christmas Tree at the back of the church (OLSS). There will be tags available to write the names of loved ones on who are no longer with us that can then be attached to the tree in their memory. There will also be a basket for donations located by the tree, donations going to the ‘School of Joy’ in Bethlehem www.schoolofjoy.org via the ‘Friends of the Holy Land’ www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Christmas Present Wrapping

As a service to the community “Christians Together” is offering a FREE gift wrapping service to shoppers in Shop 18 of the Britten Centre on Saturday 16th December from 10am to 3pm. If you would like to help with the Gift Wrapping please contact Mary Hunt.

Dates for your Diary

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. The Concert will only last 45 minutes and will include Carols Sung by Children from St Mary’s Primary School.

The Parish Christmas Fayre

The Church Hall will be open for setting up of tables for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December from around 9.30am until approximately 1.30pm and then again on Saturday the 2nd December at 8am. Any donation of Cakes, either homemade or shop bought, can be dropped off at the Church or Presbytery at any time. **Raffle tickets** are on sale before and after Mass.

World Youth Sunday

On this Feast of Christ the King, we also celebrate World Youth Sunday. Please pray for young people and all who work with them, and please do take a newsletter which explains more about the work of our Diocesan Youth Service. If you would like to give financially to support this valuable ministry in our Diocese, you can do this online at www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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 £375.63 (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: November 26th – December 2nd

- Saturday 25th - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Sunday 26th - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Maurice & Joan Franks (RIP)
- Sunday 26th - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A)
Offered for: Ray Hammond (RIP)
- Monday 27th - NO MASS TODAY** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Tuesday 28th - 12:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Wednesday 29th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for:
- Thursday 30th - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feast, St Andrew)
Offered for:
- Friday 1st - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: Mr & Mrs Sneesby's Intention
- Saturday 2nd - 09:00 - Our Lady's** (Feria)
Offered for: People of the Parish
- Saturday 2nd - 17:00 - Our Lady's** (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)
Offered for: Irene Stone (RIP)
- Sunday 3rd - 09:00 - St Nicholas'** (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)
Offered for: Edward Frazer's Intention
- Sunday 3rd - 11:00 - Our Lady's** (1st Sunday of Advent, Year B)
Offered for: Irene Tall (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.
