



The Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia
SAINT LUKE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – Sunday 7th November 2021
Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 4

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B – Sunday 14th November 2021
Prayer of the Church: Psalter Week 1

MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday - 10am, **Saturday** - 6pm Vigil
Sunday - 9:00am, 10:30am & 12:00nn

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NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During this month we remember all of our deceased family, friends & all the Holy Soul's on their journey to heaven. We will pray for the Holy Soul's at every Mass – please collect a list for names & an envelope from the porch and hand in to the sacristy. These names of those we remember will be kept at the altar throughout November.

DEANERY REQUIEM MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

This will be celebrated by the Dean Fr Jeffrey & the clergy of West Cambridgeshire on Friday 19th November at 12.30pm in St Peter & All Soul's - all are welcome.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday is coming - November 24th! Please support ACN in drawing attention to religious persecution. Wear something red on the day, join the events at Westminster Catholic Cathedral, and keep praying: <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

PETERBOROUGH INTERFAITH WALK

Sunday 14th November 2.00pm from Peterborough (Anglican) Cathedral, to Faizan e Madina Mosque, Gladstone Street and then on to Bharat Hindu Samaj Mandir, Rock Road. There will be tea served at Bharat Hindu Samaj so please email if joining in: rajnireddy07@aol.com.

SYNODAL PATHWAY

In his most recent Pastoral Letter Bishop Alan told us about the consultative process that will take place across the whole Catholic Church with ten principal questions we are to discuss.

Things will start to become clear as we get underway, particularly during Advent, and we are assured that this process is no way an attempt to change Church teaching or become a platform for other issues.

It is the we the Church, who need to respond to the questions from our own personal experience and examination done after prayerful reflection. There will be a chance to fill in an on-line questionnaire but for those who have no or little access to the Internet there will be printed questionnaires to complete and return to our Parish representatives who will arrange for your responses to be uploaded to our Parish Response. The questionnaire will be anonymous.

The results of our own parish consultation will be sent to the diocese, whose own findings will be sent to the Bishops' Conference and ultimately to Rome. We will update you in the newsletter and will in time put these questions on the website. We have until April 2022 to send our responses to the Diocese.

In the meantime, please use the following as part of your prayer time:

The Synodal Prayer:

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.*

NEXT BISHOP OF EAST ANGLIA

There is still no sign of a successor to Bishop Alan who is continuing to support us to the best of his ability. Please pray for a holy and worthy successor to be appointed by Pope Francis:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Lady of Walsingham. Pray for us. Saint Felix. Pray for us. All Holy Saints of East Anglia. Pray for us.

REDEMPTORISTS

Fr Royston from the Redemptorist order will join us over the weekend of 20th-21st, **not** to make an appeal, but to encourage vocations, particularly to Holy Orders and the Religious Life. We look forward to welcoming him.

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - 1 Kings 17:10-16

This story about Elijah and the widow of Zarephath is, of course, about a widow's generosity, but this story is more about her trust and obedience to the command of the prophet. In a way, trust in the Lord is the sub-text of all generosity: we trust that the need presented to us is presented to us by the Lord, a request for our help. We trust that God, our Father, knows what he is doing. Realising that we are no more than stewards of God's good things, we respond to the need which God presents. This story also has something special about it, for this widow in the territory of Sidon is mentioned in the manifesto-speech which Jesus makes in Luke's gospel in the synagogue of Nazareth: his mission is not confined to Israel any more than that of the prophets was. The gentiles, too, are the children of God, the object of his loving care, and are to be saved no less than the Jews. In Jesus' mission the gentiles too form part of the Chosen People of God.

Second Reading - Mark 12:38-44

Addressed to Jewish priests converted to Christianity, this Letter to the Hebrews seeks to show them that the sacrifices they had formerly valued so much were only a shadow of the reality in Christ. There is no time in heaven! Those sacrifices were of their nature temporary and unsatisfying; Christ's is of its nature eternal and all-sufficient. The image of Christ, permanently presenting his sacrifice and his blood before the throne of God, is ultimately reassuring. It signifies the permanent and unbreakable union of humanity to God, welded by the obedience of Jesus on the Cross. Although the language is largely similar, the sacrifices of the Bible are not to be thought of in the same way as pagan and Greek sacrifices. They are not appeasing an angry god, but are celebrating unity with God. They are shared meals, and in the great annual sacrifice of the Day of Reconciliation, blood is sprinkled on people and altar to signify the renewed union with God. Especially reassuring is the mention of Christ's blood, for blood is the symbol of life. Christ's blood, given to us, is the sign and sacrament of the gift of divine life, offered to us, if only we will accept it.

Gospel Reading - Mark 12:38-44

We are presented with a contrast between the dignitaries of the Temple, parading in their splendour, and the least of the least. These little coins are called lepta in Greek, meaning 'light', hardly more than shavings of copper, hardly worth picking up. Yet the value of a gift depends not on its absolute worth, but in the love with which it is given. The value of a birthday present depends on the love which it expresses, and the care which has gone into choosing or making it. One can imagine the widow debating with herself: could she survive without these two little coins, if she made this supreme gift to the Lord. What would she have to go without? This paltry gift is a rich expression of her trust in divine love and care, of her wanting to do something for the Lord. The little gift would go unnoticed among the riches of that exquisite and lavish building, for its splendour was the wonder of the eastern Mediterranean, but it is a heartfelt expression of her love.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

This passage looks towards the end of all things. It is a crucial passage, for here, for the first time in the Bible, the resurrection of the dead is proclaimed. The Book of Daniel was written during a great persecution of the Jews a couple of centuries before Christ. It was then that finally the resurrection of those who remain true to the Lord was revealed. The earlier Israelites pictured the after-life as a sort of powerless, shadowy half-existence in Sheol, where the dead could not even praise God. Yet there had been many hints of conviction that God would never desert those who love him: 'I know that my Redeemer lives, and that from my flesh I will look on God,' said Job. Only now, under the stress of the death of martyrs in the persecution, is the full truth revealed: at the end of time God will intervene to draw his own to himself in fullness of life. In this reading 'many will awaken' does not mean that some will not awaken; it merely indicates a vast number, the almost limitless multitude of the dead.

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Christ is pictured in the terms of the coronation song, Psalm 110, as the Son of God, sharing God's throne. His sacrifice on the Cross was not an act of vengeance by God, inflicting on Jesus the pains which we deserve, after which God suddenly changed his mind and rehabilitated Jesus. It was the consummate act of loving obedience, by which Jesus, on behalf of all humanity, reversed the disobedience of Adam and united us all to God. The resurrection, by which Christ was raised to glory, the Son of God in power, was the recognition of this renewal of life. The sacrifices of the Old Law were partial, temporary and needed to be repeated. Christ's offering in obedience was complete, and could never be repeated. When he writes to the Corinthians Paul uses the same psalm to show that Christ is waiting to put the last great enemy, Death, under his feet, and so present the Kingdom to his Father.

Gospel Reading - Mark 13:24-32

Jesus saw his mission to be the establishment of the sovereignty of God, the kingship and rule of God over the world, even in rebellious human hearts. Using the language and imagery of his time, he described this 'earth-shaking' event in terms of cosmic disturbances. The coming of God, the Day of the Lord, would constitute the end of the world as we know it. As Christians we must acknowledge that the death and resurrection of Christ utterly changed the world for ever; it was the Day of the Lord. And yet the world still continues, and we have still to prepare for the Day of the Lord, when we will come into that awesome presence. That meeting can be pictured only in terms of collapse and upheaval, our world turned upside-down. At death all our familiar realities cease, even the ticking of the clock. At death, time ceases to have meaning. We do not know, and have no need to know, when or how this will occur. For all it will come, for each it will be an individual meeting, but will it be all together or each individually? The Son of Man will gather his own, in great power and glory.

MASS TIMES, DEVOTIONS, PRAYERS AND PARISH DIARY

If you would like a Mass said, please ask for an envelope from one of our ushers or from the parish clergy.

You may also send an email to Fr Jude: jude.belnas@rcdea.org.uk

Saturday 6th November: Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Rosary

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **All Saints – 32nd Sunday in O. T.**

The Holy Souls

SUNDAY 7th November: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Mass **Ignatius Ubakanma+ & The Holy Souls**

- followed by tea and coffee

10:30am – Live-stream **Orlan Tesch+ & The Holy Souls**

- followed by tea and coffee

12:00nn – Mass – **Confirmation Candidates & The Holy Souls**

Monday 8th November: Feria

10am – Mass **William & Mary Wilcock+ and The Holy Souls**

Tuesday 9th November: The Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica - FEAST

10am – Mass **Deceased of Ubakanma Family & The Holy Souls**

10am – Funeral Mass **Alan Yardy+**

Wednesday 10th November: St Leo the Great PpD – Mem.

9am – Mass **Samuel and Irene Critchley & The Holy Souls**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

10:45am – Church Cleaning

Thursday 11th November: St Martin of Tours B. – Mem.

10am – Mass **The Deceased Members of Ezuta-Ikoko Family & The Holy Souls**

6:30pm – Confirmation Class

Friday 12th November: St Josaphat BM – Mem.

10am – Mass – **Desmond McNamara+ & The Holy Souls**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- followed by tea and coffee

2:30pm – Funeral Mass – **Graham Cheetham+**

6:30pm – Choir Practice (Children)

7:30pm – Choir Practice (Adults)

Saturday 13th November: Our Lady on Saturday

10am – Holy Rosary

10:30am – First Holy Communion Class

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass **33rd Sunday in O. T.**

Maureen White+ and The Holy Souls

SUNDAY 14th November: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – World Day of the Poor

9:00am – Mass **Alan Yardy+ & The Holy Souls**

- followed by tea and coffee

10:30am – **Remembrance Sunday Mass**

Those who have died in war +

- followed by tea and coffee

12:00nn – Mass – **Janet Ohwo+ Juan Hagad+ and Desomd McNamara+ & The Holy Souls**

PLEASE PRAY

For the repose of the souls of: **Alan Yardy+**, Funeral Mass at St. Luke's at 11.30am on Tuesday 9th November and **Graham Cheetham+** Funeral Mass at St. Luke's at 2.30pm on Friday 12th November.

Monday 15th November: Feria

10am – Mass **Anne Gannon+ & The Holy Souls**

Tuesday 16th November: St Margaret of Scotland

10am – Mass **Mary Barry+ & The Holy Souls**

Wednesday 17th November: Feria

9am – Mass **Deceased Members of The Hennessy Family & The Holy Souls**

10:30am - Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

10:45am – Church Cleaning

Thursday 18th November: Feria

10am – Mass **Deceased Members of The McNamara Family & The Holy Souls**

Friday 19th November: Feria

10am – Mass – **Robert Gibson+ & The Holy Souls**

10:30am - Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

- followed by tea and coffee

6:30pm – Choir Practice (Children)

7:30pm – Choir Practice (Adults)

Saturday 20th November: St Edmund, King M. – Mem.

10am – Holy Rosary

2pm – (Slovak) Confession

3pm – Mass in Slovak

5pm Confessions

6pm – Vigil Mass, **Solemnity - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

Mai Dolan+ and The Holy Souls

SUNDAY 21st November: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Solemnity

9:00am – Mass **Ellen Morrissey+ & The Holy Souls**

- followed by tea and coffee

10:30am – Mass **The Holy Souls - Those who have nobody to pray for them**

- followed by tea and coffee

12:00nn – Mass – **Irma Joseph+ & The Holy Souls**

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

We ask that people come forward in procession as prior to Covid restrictions and remind you that Holy Communion will continue to be offered under one kind—The Sacred Host.

We do ask that you receive Holy Communion and consume it in the presence of the priest or deacon rather than keeping it in your hand and consuming it on your way back to your place. We must protect the dignity of the Sacrament.

Please return to your place via the sides of the building unless in the front row.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Many do not realise that due to data protection laws the chaplains can only visit if you or your family request them. Local clergy may not visit at present and often can't anyway which is why we have chaplains. Contacts: 01733 673115 (non-urgent calls; a message can be left out of hours); 07934 796221 (emergency priest out of hours); Email: nwangliaft.chaplaincy@nhs.net or for our Catholic Lay Chaplain sallyanne.smith@nhs.net

CHRISTMAS CARDS

A large supply of lovely reasonably priced Christmas cards, nativities, candles, calendars, diaries, statues & other gifts are gradually arriving in the repository, with all profits supporting our parish. Many thanks.

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Opening next September, work on our new Catholic school is progressing well and the site will shortly be blessed by Bishop Alan. It is now time to apply for 'reception' primary school places and the last admission event for parents have been arranged: **25th November 2021, 6-8pm** at Hampton Vale Community Centre, Stewartby Avenue, Hampton Vale, Peterborough, PE7 8NJ. These will provide parents with the opportunity to meet some Governors, local Headteachers & others to ask questions about the school & admissions for September 2022. Years 1 & 2 will also open via inter-school transfer. st-johnhenrynewman.org.uk

WHEN I WAS IN PRISON YOU VISITED ME

Jesus taught us to have a care for those in prison and although we cannot generally visit, the chaplains at HMP Peterborough ask our help once more in providing tubs of chocolates to be shared by the prisoners at Christmas. These will be distributed along with a diary, calendar and Christmas card - for many this will be the only present they receive for Christmas, an already difficult time of year for them.

Please bring tubs to the church sacristy by Sunday 12th December. Last year St. Luke's gave over 200 tubs!

COP26

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards in the church entrance; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalized communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks.

See cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Takes place at Fletton Cemetery today 7th November from 2pm onwards. Please gather there.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Reborn after the collapse of the Catholic Universe newspaper, each week they can deliver a publication full of news and features directly to your desktop, tablet, laptop or smartphone, for just £20 a quarter paid subscription (13 copies). See:

<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/subscribe>

WORLD YOUTH DAY NOVEMBER 2021

As well as International World Youth Days, Pope Francis has asked that 'Youth Sunday' be now known as 'World Youth Day' with each diocese throughout the world running a special event! All young people Year 7 upwards are invited to 'World Youth Day East Anglia' held at the Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Norwich on Saturday 20th November, 12noon – 8pm. There will be live Music, inspiring talks, powerful prayer times and a vigil Mass with the Bishop to welcome in World Youth Day. Places are limited - to book a place and for more information, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC FAMILY SOCIETY

Congratulations to SJCFS a recently established charity in Peterborough which has officially been designated as 'Catholic' by the diocese with the right to name itself as such. Please take a leaflet or magazine from the entrance to find out more about how we can be 'people helping people'.

MASS IN SLOVAK

Will be celebrated by Fr Tibor at St. Luke's at 3pm on Saturday 20th November – Confession from 2pm.

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Due to lack of space, volunteers and the current higher than average Covid rates in Peterborough it is still not possible for the children to have their own time together during Mass. We are very happy for the children to sit on the floor and look at their bulletin and worksheets during Mass, but everyone must pray together during the Consecration & Holy Communion. Please do not let children wander around the church – if struggling feel free to go outside for a bit. Those who find children a distraction please be patient – it is their church too and a church without children today is a dead church tomorrow!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Our Act of Remembrance followed by a Requiem Mass for those who have died in war will be at 10.30am on Sunday 14th November. It is also World Day of Prayer for the Poor.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please note that those preparing for First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation are expected to do their best to attend all sessions and also to attend Mass every Sunday **at St. Luke's**. Fr Jeffrey will be checking up on how we are getting on with this over the next few weeks. Significant difficulties will mean having to start again next year.

ST. BENEDICTS SAWTRY

Has remained closed since the start of the pandemic, although we enjoy the company of some Sawtry residents at St. Luke's and at St. Michael's in Huntingdon. There remain nine Sunday Masses celebrated within 20mins of the village and all other Sacraments are available from St. Luke's. Following consultations and with sad deaths & several people moving away it is presently not viable to reopen St. Benedict's for those who say they would likely attend – less than 20 people. With St. Luke's continuing to grow and attendance of 600+ at weekends, hopefully residents will understand that we must concentrate our efforts there for now. It may be that we will be able to facilitate some prayer and social meetings in Sawtry for Catholic residents and friends in the meantime. The long-term future will be discussed by the bishop and diocesan Council of Priests next year. Please speak with the clergy if you have any questions.

SCHOOL GOVERNORS

We are looking to recruit new Governors to support our vibrant and welcoming Catholic schools. We welcome interest especially from practising Catholics, as each Governing Body needs to have a majority of people who are Catholic. Governors help ensure the school is run effectively through having committee meetings covering a number of areas (e.g. Resources, Pastoral and Admissions, Teaching and Learning etc). Governors also oversee the school budget and help out with senior appointments at the school, as well as occasional challenging matters such as exclusions and staff discipline, though these are reassuringly infrequent. They are kept fully informed about all aspects of school life, which is very rich and varied.

The Governing Body works well with the school leadership team, and are a welcoming group of people drawn from different walks of life who kindly give up their time to support the school and improve children's life chances. If you feel this may be of interest to you, please feel free to contact the Headteacher at your local school who can give you more details about the role, and put you in contact with their current Chair of Governors. Alternatively, please email the parish office.