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17th November 2024 is the Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

We are approaching the end of the Church's year, and so the liturgy invites us to think about the End of the World, as we often call it, or the End Times. In the first reading, we hear the prophet Daniel's vision of the End Times, when war will break out and God's champion, Michael the Archangel, will stand up. The dead will arise from the earth, and be judged, some positively and some not so. This is what we call the Last Judgement and is illustrated by Michelangelo on the wall above the altar of the Sistine Chapel. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, Jesus too speaks of the End Times, and the Second Coming of the Son of God. At the same time he cautions us against predicting when these things will happen.

The world belongs to God, and one day we will all be judged, and all things will be concluded in God.

That is all we need to know, and we need to live accordingly.

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. CAFOD is working with local Caritas partners in Gaza & Lebanon to provide essential food, water, shelter & health care. Please donate via the envelopes or one of the card machines, which will be available at all Masses this weekend, or online at cafod.org.uk/give

This Sunday evening at 6pm, the Altar Servers are meeting at 6pm in Church, and later the hall, for training, pizza and drinks and games. The evening will conclude at 7.30pm.

Liturgical notes

We are in the month of November, which is the dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed, otherwise called the Holy Souls in Purgatory, those who are being purified before they can see God. On days when there is no feast we shall be offering the daily Mass for the Dead. **Monday** is the feast of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles. This feast commemorates the date of the dedication of the basilicas in Rome, one above the tomb of St Peter at the Vatican, and the other above the tomb of St Paul, along the Ostian Way. **Thursday** is the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the dedication that the Blessed Virgin made of herself to God at a young age, in the Temple at Jerusalem. **Friday** is the feast of St Cecilia, virgin & martyr, patron saint of music. She was martyred in Rome about the year 250, and her house became the church now dedicated to her in Trastevere, the district of Rome on the far side of the Tiber. **Saturday** is the feast of St Clement, pope and martyr, patron of this parish. He was the fourth pope. The Roman Canon lists the three popes who succeeded St Peter: "Linus, Cletus, Clement..." Tertullian (c.155–c.220) stated that St Clement was ordained by Peter. St Irenaeus (c.130–c.202) wrote, "This man, as he had seen the blessed apostles and had been conversant with them, might be said to have the preaching of the apostles still echoing [in his ears], and their traditions before his eyes." Pope Clement's letter from Rome to the Corinthians serves as one of the earliest indications that the young Church recognized the authority residing in the See of Rome, initially occupied by Peter. His letter is both doctrinal and pastoral, and it was often read and revered in the early Church alongside the canonical Gospels and letters in the New Testament, although it is not included in the New Testament. To continue quoting St Irenaeus: "In the time of this Clement, no small dissension having occurred among the brethren at Corinth, the Church in Rome dispatched a most powerful letter to the Corinthians, exhorting them to peace, renewing their faith, and declaring the tradition it had recently received from the apostles..." According to legend, Pope Clement was arrested by Emperor Trajan and exiled to modern-day Crimea, where he was forced to work in a stone quarry. There, his co-prisoners, some of whom were also Christians, were starving and dehydrated. Pope Clement saw a lamb appear and, believing it a sign from Heaven, struck the ground with his axe, causing a spring of water to gush forth. This led to the conversion of many other prisoners. When this news reached the emperor, he was outraged at Pope Clement's popularity and ordered his execution. An anchor was tied around Clement's neck, and he was thrown into the Black Sea. The legend continues that in the mid- to late-ninth century, the brothers Sts Cyril & Methodius miraculously found his body and brought it to Rome, where it is now buried in the Church of St Clement.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King and the Winter Fair

Thanks to all who took posters & invitation sized posters. Do take more! Do also share news of the Fair online, & do please invite people to come along. This is not purely a fund-raising exercise, but also a way of introducing local people to our parish & our community without actually inviting them to a Church service. Lots of people like these sorts of occasions, so publicity is key. Word of mouth is invaluable, as is the personal touch.

This coming Saturday and next Saturday we have the First Reconciliation (Confession)

for our First Holy Communion Candidates, from 11am to 1pm. Fr Simon Hall will be here to help

Fr Alexander hear the confessions of the children and any adults who wish to approach the sacrament as well.

November is the month dedicated to prayer for the faithful departed Father O'Driscoll's grave in Epsom cemetery needs a bit a tidy up. To have this done professionally costs a fortune, so we are going to do it ourselves. If you would like to join the work party, we are meeting at noon at the grave on Friday, 29th November. More details to follow.

Christmas Sing-along

On Saturday 7th December, we will be holding a Christmas Sing-along evening, singing a selection of well-known Christmas favourites and traditional carols. Doors open at 7pm and entrance is free. Included will be a welcome glass of wine and some festive nibbles. (Bring your own extra drinks.) This event is for children too – we would encourage them to come in their nativity/Christmas costumes. Please gargle before you come as we'll be looking to identify the best singers!

Music News

Our committee to pick hymns for the 10.30am Mass has had its inaugural meeting, in which we went over the Advent section of the hymn book and picked what we are going to sing for the season of Advent, most of which are hymns we either know, or are very familiar with. We will meet in December, to discuss choices for the new year. Meanwhile we aim to have choir practices – the first will be this Wednesday at 6.30pm in Church. We also want to recruit more singers to the choir, which Nazaret has been invited to conduct. Could YOU be the one to help the parish's mission in this way?

Daily Mass in the week is on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10am. On Thursday, Mass is at 7pm. On Fridays we shall recite the Rosary after Mass.

'An A to Z of Catholicism' resumes this week, this Thursday after the 7pm Mass, with 'E is for the Eucharist'.

Thoughts on Assisted Dying/Suicide, part five:

It is to be noted that all the reasons the Church contributes to the debate about life matters are secular reasons, not religious ones. While it is true that as religious believers & Catholics we must hold the life of every human being to be inviolable, given that these human beings have been created by God, willed by Him, & loved by Him, the conversation about life issues centres on human rights, which is a concept accessible to all, even atheists. The right to life is fundamental, and putting people to death for whatever reason, is a violation of the foundational human right. If euthanasia is legalised, the right to life becomes relative not absolute, & people can be killed when the circumstances are judged favourable. It will be argued that we must respect the choice of those who want to die, but choice is only a good thing if it is directed towards a good object; we should never respect the choice to harm others or to harm oneself, and people who choose to do so should be dissuaded.

The Polish Culture Evening Saturday 30th November

The Polish Community at our parish have come together and have organised an evening of Culture, where you will be able to try some delicious Polish food, experience singing and dancing and much more. Everyone is invited. The event is free but donations on the day will be greatly appreciated. You can expect: A lovely Glass of Wine on arrival - Quiz about Poland - Games for adults - Games for kids - Kids Face painting- Plate of Polish cuisine Yummy Dessert - Dancing - Possibly some Singing - What to bring: - Glass and your favourite tippie - Plenty of spare change - Good moods ! The event is free however due to limited numbers we would kindly appreciate if you could sign the attendance sheet that is in the Narthex please.

Dates For Your Diary

16 Nov FHC Session 4 **11am-12pm**
17 Nov Altar Servers' training, pizza & games **6pm**
21 Nov A to Z of Catholicism: the Eucharist **7.30pm**
23 Nov FHC Reconciliation Services **11am-1pm**
23 Nov Feast of Saint Clement.
24 Nov Feast: Christ the King, Winter Fair **9am-2pm**
28 Nov School Mass **2.15pm**
29 Nov Fr O'Driscoll grave clean up **noon**
30 Nov Feast of Saint Andrew.
30 Nov FHC Reconciliation Services **11am-1pm**
30 Nov Polish Culture evening **7pm-10pm all welcome**
1 Dec Advent begins.

We have 2 Disabled Parking bays

Did you know that we have two designated bays for parking reserved for those who have a blue badge? If you have not done so already, please note where they are.

Winners of the 200 Club November draw:

Graham Longhurst No.167 £30
Juanita Williamson No.179 £20

Christmas Wreath Making Event 8th December 1.30-3pm

There a few places left for this event in the hall. Please contact Anna-Marie if you are interested in joining this event.
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Mass Intentions November 2024

Sat 16	6pm	Vigil Mass	Patrick & Joan Walsh RIP
Sun 17	8:30am	33rd Sunday in OT	People of the Parish
Sun 17	10:30am	33rd Sunday in OT	Pat Fay RIP
Mon 18	10am	Basilicas: Sts Peter & Paul	WPLS Ints
Wed 20	10am	Mass for the Dead.	Available
Thu 21	7pm	Presentation of the BVM	WPLS Ints
Fri 22	10am	St Cecilia	WPLS Ints
Sat 23	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun 24	8:30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ	Michael Diemer RIP
Sun 24	10:30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ	Elizabeth Keogh RIP

Christmas Card Sale in the Narthex

Please come along & stock up on your cards, advent calendars & other Christmas goods. this Weekend 16th & 17th November.

Recovery and Well Being

Please pray for: Bob Parker
Louise Charge, Kitty Cusack,
Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen,
Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez,
Shona Dane, Elpedio Tavares, Nicholas Ward,
Marcia Bancroft and Sally Mason.