



Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun. 16 th Nov.	9 am	33rd Sun in O.T.	Pius List	Holy Family
Sun. 16 th Nov.	11.15 am	33rd Sun in O.T.	Pius List Parishioners	Our Lady V
Wed. 19 th Nov.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Pius List	Our Lady V
Thur. 20 th Nov.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Pius List	Our Lady V
Fri. 21 st Nov.	9 am	Presentation of the BVM	Pius List	Our Lady V
Sat. 22 nd Nov.	12 noon	St Cecilia	S.I.	Our Lady V
Sun. 23 rd Nov.	9 am	Solemnity of Christ the King	Parishioners Pius List	Holy Family
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments. Wednesday Club: / Tuesday Nursery: You are welcome!

IT IS AN ACT OF MERCY: The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls. The practice of praying for the dead during this time is a long-standing tradition, and the phrase "pius list" likely refers to the list of deceased loved ones that Catholics submit to their parish for special prayers and Masses throughout the month. This is considered a "pious practice" or work of mercy. The term "pius list" is not an official, universal Catholic term, but a common colloquial reference to the practice of creating a list of the names of deceased family members and friends whom the faithful wish to be remembered during the November Masses. This is a "pious" act of charity and solidarity with the departed within the communion of saints.

We pray for all who are sick and elderly:

Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, John Evans-Freeke, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, Mark Fieldsend, Sister Laura (Ince Blundell Hall)

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Teresa Billington, Legge & Parker Family, Michael Mooney.

We pray for those who have passed away recently:

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sun 16th Nov. 2025

LUKE 21:5-19
**THE WORST TRAGEDIES CAN BE
THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES**

'YOUR ENDURANCE WILL WIN YOU YOUR LIVES.'

The words we hear today from St Luke recall for us Jesus' teaching about two significant events. The first is that the Temple will be destroyed. The destruction of the Temple came to be interpreted as a sign that one day all things as we know them will come to an end.

The second area that Jesus speaks about is the forthcoming persecution of those who are faithful to him. Very vividly he describes the hardship that will come to the Church, even resulting in the loss of life. Jesus warns that Christians will face discrimination and injustice on account of his name.

Since the first centuries of its history, the Church has been persecuted and, in some countries, this continues today. The assurance of Jesus is that in all of this it is perseverance, it is endurance in faith, that will win through, that will help us attain life in its fullness.

For every one of us there will be times of trial; there will be occasions when we are misjudged and may suffer injustice.

Clearly the Gospel calls us to speak out and stand up against what is wrong and in favour of what is right. Sometimes, however, it might seem impossible to do anything to change a particular situation, to make a difference or to restore what has been destroyed.

Whenever it seems to us that nothing can be done, Jesus invites us to endurance, to perseverance in faith, trusting that all things will eventually be made well by the power and truth of his cross and resurrection.

Dear God,

Remind us that in the challenges and struggles of the day there are always opportunities to speak good words and do good things and thereby witness to our faith. And remind us that you will be with us to help us to do just that. In Jesus' name. Amen



Funeral Arrangements to be celebrated in our Parish Churches:

Because we need to comply with Data Protection Law that has modified the usual way we have been dealing with information, note that the way we proceed to arrange funerals have changed:

- ✓ The family must contact the Funeral Directors first.
- ✓ Once I have received the official letter from the company (bound by Data Protection Law), I will contact the next of kin -stated by the company- to initiate arrangements. I will meet the next of kin (and some family members if they want) to make the arrangements, even when the family want another priest to come to concelebrate at the Requiem Mass.

It is the duty of care of the Parish Priest to lead this initial meeting and celebrate the Funeral. Depending on the circumstances, I may fully **delegate** on another priest **after** the initial meeting if it is the desire of the deceased or the next of kin, but the **decision is on to the Parish Priest**. Any other interference of a parishioner (who is not a member of Staff) may be considered a breach of Data Protection Law and in this case, it must be reported and investigated by Data Protection Officers.

Data Protection Laws also affect Sacramental Register and Certificates Requests:

Because these records reveal a person's religion, they are classed as special category data under data protection law. This means a copy of the sacramental register can normally only be provided to the person who received the sacrament, and only once proof of identity has been confirmed. Different procedures apply for requests relating to children or those who have died.

Guidance booklet for full details on how to handle identity checks and requests securely have been provided to Parish Priests.

Requests of Information about parishioners:

Sometimes people call on the phone or ask by email about information of parishioners, such as address, phone number, health condition. Even when the purpose of these requests is good and genuine, I cannot give any personal details to anyone because I must abide to Data Protection Law. I don't mean to be rude by rejecting those requests, but instead law-abiding.



The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales gathered at Hinsley Hall in the Diocese of Leeds for their autumn plenary meeting from 10-13 November 2025. As the meeting drew to a close, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Bishops' Conference offered a reflection on the discussions held over the week, describing it as "a time of encouragement and hope," as well as looking back at some of the extraordinary events which have taken place in the Church over the last six months. Watch it on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7VYp8BrOrA>

First reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The word of the Lord

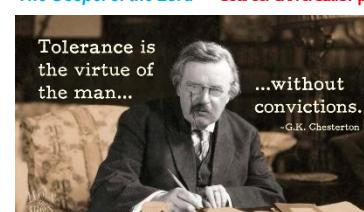
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord *Source: Universalis App - NewLectionary*



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98(97)

R:/The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the LORD. **R:/**

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands. **R:/**

The hills ring out their joy at the presence of the LORD, for he comes. He comes to judge the earth. **R:/**

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

“ The Catholic Church is the only thing which saves a man from the degrading slavery of being a child of his age

G.K. Chesterton, *The Catholic Church and Conversion*