

*"Every day, as long as this 'today' lasts,
keep encouraging one another" (Heb 3:13)*

Sunday November 13th 2022
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Malachi 3:19 - 20

The prophet Malachi speaks of a future time when 'the sun of justice will appear with healing in his rays'.

2nd Thessalonians 3:7 - 12

St. Paul exhorts his community to imitate him and to live honest lives.

St. Luke 21:5 - 19

The gospel presents a vision of a world that is not governed by dreams of wealth or glory or prestige.

"All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed."



We are reading the final chapters of the Gospel of Luke for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited having seen how magnificent the Temple is, having come 'up from the country' and Jesus is trying to calm them down. The time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings'. These things do not last.

Jesus' main warning is not to believe many who will come claiming to know when the end times will be. A series of quotations from Jesus follows in which he gives comfort to the people about various crisis that will happen. Luke is almost giving us a subsequent history of the Christian community. It is not all doom and gloom, but we need to take perspective and look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's Gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is affirming us to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid.

'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives'. *Michel de Verteuil*

Jane Mellett

Today's Psalm
Psalm 97

The end of life may be seen as a dreaded time of destruction or as a joyful liberation. Malachi warns of the retribution coming for the arrogant. But for the God-fearing, the sun will shine out with healing in its rays.

It is the theme of the celebration which is picked up in the psalm, which was composed for the enthronement of a king. Christians look upon the final judgement as the manifestation of the reign of God over creation.

The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

The enthronement calls for music. The orchestra is huge. People are asked to raise their voices in song to the accompaniment of harp, trumpets and horn. Then the orchestra of all creation joins in. The mighty sea thunders and the playful child-river trips lightly over the rocks to the rhythm of clapping hands. The hills echo the music. The great occasion is the coming of the Lord. *For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.*

Christian hope looks forward to the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting. In the meantime, get into training for heaven by praising the Lord with joy.

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday November 13 2022

Sun: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am. Holy Souls

10.30.am. Parishioners

Mon: Weekday

9.30.am. Holy Souls

Tues: Weekday

9.30.am. Hunter Family

Wed: Weekday

9.30.am. Holy Souls

Thurs: Weekday

9.30.am. Holy Souls

Fri: Weekday

7.00.pm. Holy Souls

Sun: Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

8.30.am. Holy Souls

10.30.am. Parishioners

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Confessions

At your request

On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

A Carer's Prayer

Lord help me in my role as a carer,
It can be an exhausting task.
Sometimes I feel so defeated.
Give me strength, I humbly ask,
Strength to not feel too despondent.
Strength to face things with a smile.
Let me hide my irritation,
Help me go that extra mile.

We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish Ryan Troop; JC; Catherine Thompson; Maureen Beardsworth; Desmond Gorman; Thomas Halligan.

Refreshments are available in the Parish Hall after 10.30.Mass today and all are welcome.

Remembrance Sunday is always the Sunday nearest to 11th November (13th November in 2022). Various concerts, church services and commemorative events take place across the land on this day to remember the men and women who gave their lives in combat. On this day we are asked to pray for all victims of war. Today's Euxton's Commemorative Service will take place at 3.00pm at the War Memorial. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Service.

CAFOD Candlelight Funds Celebrate a life and give hope to thousands more.

If you would like to create an ongoing tribute to someone special, you might like to set up a Candlelight Fund in their name. A Candlelight Fund is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died, where all donations made in their memory are combined to create a beautifully lasting tribute to them. It can be a private act of remembrance – donating to mark special moments like your loved one's birthday or anniversary – or you can invite others to join in too. There are no targets, deadlines or minimum amounts involved. This is your fund and you can grow it in whatever way feels comfortable. **To set up a fund visit www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Candlelight-Funds**

Ukraine Update Churches and Christian organisations are continuing to respond to the Russian invasion of Ukraine with initiatives to host refugees, prayers, statements and appeals for aid. 'Churches Together In Britain and Ireland' have just updated their webpage with new links and updates. You can find it www.ctbi.org.uk/church-response-to-russian-invasion-of-ukraine/

Care for our Common Home Heat the Human not the Home Save Energy, Save Money, Save the Planet

If you are young, fit and healthy, take advantage of this year's milder November and delay turning on the heating. Instead, think of ways to 'heat the human' rather than heating your home. There are lots of good old solutions to help save energy and save money. These include microwavable wheat bags, USB hand and feet warmers, fingerless gloves, extra layers, electric blankets, hot water bottles, thermal socks and fluffy slippers. There's a lot you can do before turning up the heating. The Money Saving website gives a weekly breakdown of how little these solutions cost. You'll be surprised! www.moneysavingexpert.com/utilities/heat-the-human-not-the-home-save-energy/

The date for 'Lancashire Memories' with Jimmy O'Donnell, has changed. It is now on 7th December at 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD. Tel: 0151 949 1199, email: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

"A man sooner or later discovers that he is the master-gardener of his soul, the director of his life."

James Allen