

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

November 6th 2022

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings p. 161

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Hope of eternal life gives seven brothers the courage to die for their beliefs.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Paul assures his readers that God will sustain them and guard them from the evil one.

St. Luke 20:27-38

Jesus demolishes an argument against belief in the resurrection.

Now he is
God, not
of the
dead, but
of the
Living.



In today's Gospel, the Sadducees are trying to trap Jesus, using a slightly exaggerated and absurd case about whose wife someone will be in heaven if they have married many times. They have no faith in the resurrection and therefore do not grasp that in a place of peace, justice and freedom, people cannot be 'owned' or 'given.' Questions like the one posed by the Sadducees ignore the radical freshness of the Kingdom of God. All we really can be sure of is that that place will be radically different to anything we know, a new creation.

We are all 'children of this world' who are called to be 'children of the resurrection.' You might recall today someone who has passed away, who is some sense, because of their influence on people, 'lives on' in the lives of those they touched. But they are 'children of the resurrection' not because of their own goodness, but because of the power of Christ to raise us from the dead.

Let us use this week to notice the moments of resurrection all around us. God's Kingdom is also here and now, if we allow ourselves to be present and aware to this ongoing 'new creation'.

'You were born a child of light's wonderful secret - you return to the beauty you have always been.' (Aberjhani)
Jane Mellett

Today's Psalm
Psalm 16

*I shall be filled when I awake,
with the sight of your glory,
O Lord.*

This response forms a beautiful prayer of hope in November as we remember our departed.

The psalmist prays that he will see the justice of God triumphing over the injustice he is experiencing. He reminds God of how faithful he has been. He wants to see justice prevail when he wakes up tomorrow morning.

On our lips it is an expression of longing for the beatific vision in the eternal awakening after the sleep of death.

Today's reading from Paul speaks of the inexhaustible comfort and sure hope which comes with God's grace. Paul is writing out of the experience of interference by bigoted and evil people.

The psalm has two moving images of protection. *Guard me as the apple of your eye.*

May God guard us just as we instinctively protect our eyes from any harm.

Hide me under the shelter of your wings....like the mother hen gathering her chicks under her wing.

(Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM-

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday November 6 2022

Sun: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am. Holy Souls

10.30.am. **Thanksgiving to St Anthony**

Mon: Weekday

9.30.am. Holy Souls

Tues: Weekday

9.30.am. Holy Souls

Wed: Weekday

9.30.am. Holy Souls

Thurs: Weekday

9.30.am. Michael James Purtil

Fri: Weekday

7.00.pm. Holy Souls

Sun: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am. Holy Souls

10.30.am. Parishioners

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Confessions

At your request

O God our heavenly Father,
look mercifully upon the unrest in our world
and draw all people to yourself and one another
in the sure bond of peace.

We give you ready thanks for the memory
of all those men and women
who laid down their lives
in the service of their country.

As we hallow their memory
we bless you for their courage and devotion,
even unto death.

In your mercy
send your peace into the hearts of all people
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(Prayer by Denis McBride C.Ss.R.)

Mass Intentions received upto 05/11/2022

Michael James Purtil 10/11; Bill Lovatt 4/12.

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

During the month of November, we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory alive by adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2022 is for children who suffer, including war victims and orphans. "There are still millions of boys and girls who suffer and live in conditions very similar to slavery. They aren't 'numbers', they are human beings with names, with a face of their own, with an identity that God has given them." We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention "Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war,"

November 13th is 'Remembrance Sunday'. Take the opportunity to contemplate on what remembrance is important, and to support the Poppy Appeal

Next Sunday's Remembrance Day service will take place at Euxton War Memorial at 3.00 pm. Refreshments will be available after in St. Mary's Parish Hall, across the road.

Fri: St. Martin of Tours One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had only what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty-six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflinching and courageous missionary.

(Whether we are remembering the saints, our loved ones or those who died in the service of the country, the way we remember is crucial. Our remembering can enslave us in the past – or liberate us into the future.) Brian Castle