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**Newsletter for the week commencing 16th/17th November 2019**

**Thirty-third Sunday of the Year ( C )**

**First Reading: Malachi 3: 19-20.**

**Psalm 97 Response:**  **The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness**

**Second Reading: The second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3: 7-12.** Some Thessalonians stop working because they wrongly think that the Day of the Lord has come near. Paul commands these people to work and earn their living.

**Gospel: Luke 21: 5-19.** Standing next to the Temple of Jerusalem Jesus foresees its destruction. He envisions a series of events that will follow his death and resurrection.

**Father John writes:**

Every year in Church we travel from (Advent) the preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ to His birth (Christmas) and, as Jesus grows up, onward to His 3 years of preaching the Gospel, through Lent to His Crucifixion followed by His Resurrection from the dead and his ascension into heaven. Subsequently we have the coming of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) and then we see the workings of the Holy Spirit in the early Church and the spread of the Gospel. Finally two weeks from now we will start the whole story again –the first Sunday of Advent on December the 1st !

 Not surprisingly, the Scripture readings on this Sunday are a bit grim, focusing on “the end of time”. Will we all be destroyed? “Not a stone will be left upon a stone”. But Jesus gives us these encouraging words “Your endurance will win you your lives”

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** John Dumbleton

**Those ill or infirm:** Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Marjorie Dumbleton and Josie Payne.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Rev. Derek Ockenden (deacon), Anne Luker, Roman Chudzikowski, Anne Grimley, Jim Flanagan, Annie Cox, Arthur Hodson, Elsie Bourcier, Frank Whelan, Patricia Rickwood and Marguerite May.

**This week’s events**

Don’t forget to jot down in our **Remembrance Book** at the back of the church the names of those you would like to be remembered during the month of November. This will be placed on the altar during the Masses celebrated, so that we will be reminded about them and, on those days when there is no other ‘Mass intention ‘ already booked, our common intention will be for the names of all those noted in the book.

There is a **Bereavement Service this Sunday, 17th November, at 3.00pm** in the church. All are welcome.

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** For nearly three thousand years, men and women from diverse lands and cultures have been lifting their hearts to God by praying and singing the psalms. “The Psalms: 150 Ways of Praying” is a short introductory online course from the English Jesuits. It explores why these beautiful and timeless songs have such universal appeal and shows how the psalms can set us on a pathway to deeper prayer. For these, and other online spiritual resources, visit [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie).

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Tuesdays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 7.00pm |

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 16th November | St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *People of the parish* |
| Sunday | 17th November | Thirty-third Sunday ( C ) | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass *John Dumbleton RIP (J Venables)*12.30pm Mass - Latin extraordinary rite |
| Monday | 18th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass |
| Tuesday | 19th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass D*eceased clergy of the diocese* |
| Wednesday | 20th November | Feria | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 21st November | The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9:00am Mass |
| Friday | 22nd November | St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr | 10:00am Mass followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 23rd November | St Clement, Pope & Martyr | 10:00 to 10:45 Reconciliation6:00pm Vigil Mass |
| Sunday | 24th November  | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | 8:30am Mass10:30am Mass |

**Next week’s responsibilities (23rd/24th Nov)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles O | Suzanne V | Brian L |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Maria MiltonPeter Lonergan | Martin HeinrichsmeierChris Leahy |
| **Flowers** | Suzanne V | **Cleaners** | Francien & Brian |

**Forthcoming events**

**Gaudete! A Christmas Celebration!**

**Did you realise that, on average, one person under 20 years of age takes their own life each day**

 **in this country?**

**To try and help the situation locally o**n **Saturday 7th December from 7.30pm** there will be a **musical evening**

provided by the **Tenterden Singers**, along with mince pies and mulled wine! It is in aid of a **fund-raising campaign run by St Mildred’s Church**, at St Mildred’s Church, for counselling young people with mental health issues,

which affects so many.

Leaflets with more details about this worthwhile charity are available at the back of the church. **Please support them.**

There is a **second collection** for Catholic Youth Work next weekend (**23rd/24th November)**.

The **next meeting of the Parish Outreach Group** (people happy to visit those in our area who want some company) is on **Monday 25th November at 2pm** in the parish room. If you are interested in being involved but missed the first meeting do come along – you’ll be most welcome. Please contact Anne Taylor on 01233 850235 if you are interested.

**Don’t forget the Christmas Big Wrap!** There’s a notice in the porch with all the details of how you can help.

Next weekend the Christmas trees will be on display in **Zion Baptist Church** for the **Christmas Tree Festival**. Zion will be open for you to view them throughout the Christmas shopping weekend (Friday 22nd Nov from 4 until 8pm; Saturday 23rd from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 24th from 11.30am to 1.30pm). **Come and see the St Andrew’s entry**, decorated by Kathy Gibb, Frances Lawrence and Lorraine Sharp.