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**Week beginning 5th November, Thirty-First Sunday of Year A**

**Today's Readings:**

**First Reading** *-* (Malachi 1: 14-2:2, 8-10) Instead of giving the honour and fear due to God as Father and Master, the priests despise God’s holy name and cause the people to stumble by their teaching.

**Psalm** - (131)  *This was David's rejoicing, that his heart could witness for him that he had walked humbly with his God, notwithstanding the censures he was under and the temptations he was in.*

**Psalm response** -  **Guard my soul in peace before you, O Lord   
Second Reading** - (1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9. 13) Paul reminds the Thessalonians that he did not evangelize with impure motives or to seek praise but that he cared for the community like a mother nursing her child.

**Gospel** - (Matthew 23: 1-12) Jesus criticizes the Scribes and the Pharisees who always desire to make a show of their status and authority.

**Fr. John Writes -**

How well do you know your Bible? I find there is always more to learn about it, or to be reminded of things I have long forgotten ! On the 19th of this month we start our 30 minute sessions in the parish centre (using our audio-visual equipment) between the Sunday Masses starting at 9.45am. This is a real opportunity for all of us to get insights into the Word of God - book this short space in your diary now! Talking of diaries, the parish diaries for 2018 are now available – free! They are on the table in the church porch.

Something different: this is “Catholic Legacy Week” ! Archbishop Peter has asked parishes to promote this. We are asked to think about leaving a gift to the Catholic Church in our Wills. People generously support their church during their lives, but often people haven’t thought about continuing that support through a gift in their Will. Yet these gifts are a wonderful and lasting way to continue to support the Church’s ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. At the back of the church today there are some leaflets entitled ‘What inspires your legacy?’ Many of our Catholic organisations depend on such help – including your own parish. If you are interested to know more –take a leaflet today

**2017 Parish Christmas Lunch**  
This years Parish Christmas Lunch will be held on **Sunday 10th December** in the Parish Centre from 1pm. The lunch will be a 3 course sit down meal with outside caterers supplying the food. The cost will be £28 per person and £14 for children 12 and under. As in previous years please bring your own alcoholic/soft drinks with you.

The menu to select your choices is now available in the church porch so please do compete the form asap.

For the Parish Christmas Raffle there will be a box in the porch from Sat 11th Nov were you can deposit your kind donation for the Christmas Raffle. The draw will be made at the Lunch.   
Please make payment to Fr John. If paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to St Andrews and write Christmas Lunch on the back of the cheque.

**Prayers**

**Those ill or infirm in our parish** – Elizabeth Morrison and Colin Morrison, Joseph Adams, Patricia Hook, Michelle McKinnon, Jo Venables**,** Marjorie and John Dumbleton, Joseph Delaney, Elena Troake (Elena Peck's daughter), Linda Wharfe, Jane McKinnon, Michael McDermott(Mara's husband), Wendy Butler, Stephen Beasley, Mgr. Hill, Lester Kinkel, Ellie Lawrence and Kevin Thornton.

Your **p**rayers, please, for all our sick parishioners, family members and friends.

'**Relatives and Friends'** list is on the porch noticeboard

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time –** Joan D'Arts, Bernadette O'Malley, Yvonne Smith, Jo Babicz, Ross Smith, William Ovens, John Gray and Mary Pollock.

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| **This Week's Services**  ***Thirty-first Sunday(A)***  **Saturday 4th November. 6pm Vigil Mass**  **Sunday 5th 8.30am Mass** *People of the parish*  **10.30am Mass**  **12 midday Blessing of graves @ Tenterden Cemetery Monday** 6th Feria 10.00am Mass *deceased clergy* **Tuesday** 7th Dedic.St George’s Cathedral 10.00am Mass  **Wednesday** 8th Feria 10.00am Mass  **Thursday** 9th Dedic. Lateran Basilica9am.Mass  **Friday** 10th St Leo the Great10am Mass followed by Adoration of . the Blessed Sacrament  **Saturday** 11th St Martin of Tours 10am – 10.45am.Sacrament of Reconciliation . **Thirty-second Sunday (A) 6pm Vigil Mass**  **Sunday 12th** November **Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am** |

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| **November 11/12 Thirty-Second Sunday (A)** | | | |
| **Readers**  **Nar** | **6.00pm**  Pat Sargent | **08.30am**  Elena Peck | **10.30am**  Kathy Gibbs |
| **Extra - Ordinary Ministers** |  | Elena Peck  Alan Shipton | Liz Dumbleton  Rani Thomas |
| **Flowers -** Suzanne | | | |

**Our Food Bank:** Do please remember the very needy; especially welcome are items such as Irish stew, minced beef & onion, stewed steak, meat balls, frankfurters, tinned carrots, peas, potatoes. tinned fruit; rice pudding, breakfast cereal & biscuits.

**Christmas Cards**

Our annual Christmas Card sale will be held after weekend Masses on Nov 18/19 and again on Nov 25/26, together with other Repository items.  **Maggie's Handmade Cribs** will also be on offer at the Nov 18/19 sale.  We will once again be supporting The Church in Need charity which works with worldwide Christian communities suffering persecution.

**FATIMA, LISBON & SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE –**

St. Peter’s, Bearsted are organising a pilgrimage next September. For further details visit their web

site – [www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk](http://www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk/)

**Christmas Day Festive 'DO'**

The 'Friends of Highbury Hall' are again putting on a festive meal for anyone who cares to come along. PLEASE see the poster in the porch for full details. Last year they were hosts to 37 people young, old, on their own or not.