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## Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Feast of Christ the King Youth Sunday

### LITURGY AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00</b> -	<b>Mass: Dr. Gerard Flood (A)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00</b> -	<b>Mass: Parishioners</b> with Children's Liturgy
	<b>11.00</b> -	Holy Communion to Homes
<b>Monday</b>	* <b>9.00</b> -	Communion Service
	<b>7.30</b> -	RCIA (ASK): Meeting Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9.15</b> -	<b>Mass: Holy Souls</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.00</b> -	Adoration
	<b>12.00</b> -	<b>Mass: Ruth Coxhead (R/D)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.00</b> -	<b>Mass: Frank Marsh (A)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30</b> -	<b>Mass: Foundation Mass</b>
		<b>Richard Langtree &amp; Mary Rennick</b>
	<b>11.15</b> -	Holy Communion to Douglas Bank
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Next Weekend: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
	<b>8.30</b> -	<b>Mass: Holy Souls</b>
	<b>9.00</b> -	Adoration
	<b>6.00</b> -	<b>Mass: Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10.00</b> -	<b>Mass: Clara Greaves (A)</b>
		with Connection Group and Children's Liturgy
	<b>11.15</b> -	Holy Communion to Homes

### COMMUNITY LIFE AND SERVICE

<b>This Weekend:</b>	Retiring Collection: Youth Services (Animate) 2.00 – Family Group: Christmas Craft Fayre: Meeting Room
<b>Sunday:</b>	
<b>Thursday:</b>	Another Faith WOW Day: School 2.45 – Newsletter: Office 7.15 – Christmas Bingo: Club
<b>Friday:</b>	7.00 – Advent Meeting: Meeting Room
<b>Next Weekend:</b>	
<b>Saturday:</b>	Retiring Collection: Crib Collection 10-12.00 – Faith in Action Reflection Session 1: Meeting Room
<b>Sunday:</b>	10.00 – Connection Liturgy during Mass 3.00 – Baby Memorial Service: Church
<b>Our church is open daily 8.30 am – 3.30 pm for anyone to come in and pray</b>	
<b>Masses at Don Orione</b>	
	Mon, Tue, Wed 6.00 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sunday 10.00 am

### THE WEDNESDAY WORD

<b>Preparing next Sunday's Mass:</b>	First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16	<i>The Branch for David</i>
	Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2	<i>The Coming of the Lord Jesus</i>
	Gospel: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36	<i>Liberation is Near at Hand</i>

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The first Sunday gospel of the year (and the liturgical year begins in Advent) is also in a way the last gospel of the previous year. It comes at the end of Jesus's ministry, when he is preparing his disciples for their own ministry - in succession to him. Jesus is speaking to them on the Mount of Olives, looking down on the white city of Jerusalem, glittering in the sunshine. The city is soon to be destroyed by the Romans, with dreadful horrors of famine, massacre, burnings and executions. This is seen as a foretaste of the end of the world when Jesus, the Son of Man, comes to save his people. We do not know when this will happen, and, more importantly, when it will happen for us, when we will meet the Son of Man and be judged and saved by him. But our Christian faith is a guarantee that it will be a moment of God's mercy, whenever it occurs. We must look forward to it, and have it ever present before our mind. But we would be fooling ourselves if we think that there are no struggles and trials and hardships to be undergone on the way. Why is the passage appointed for the first Sunday of Advent, the turning-point between the years? Because the birth of Jesus at Christmas, for which we are beginning to prepare, is a significant move towards the fulfilment of the promises of salvation, the coming of Christ as a baby – with all the budding potential of a baby. **What does Jesus really mean by these prophecies of catastrophic turmoil in the universe? How does Jesus want us to face turmoil and troubles in life?**

**Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB**

This reflection is taken from "The Wednesday Word", download more at: [www.wednesdayword.org/parish](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish)  
and also try: [www.sundaygospel.co.uk](http://www.sundaygospel.co.uk)

## PARISH VISION

**Illuminated by the light of Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we St Teresa's Parish strive always to be a loving and welcoming community where all people are included and valued, and strangers are treated as friends. Fed and nurtured by scripture, prayer and the Sacraments, we journey together, seeking always to come closer to God, so that we can proclaim His love in our thoughts and words and by our actions in the world.**

### FR. PHILIP'S REFLECTION

*For this was I born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.*

Oh Jesus, before you came we only guessed at the truth. We did not know that God loved the poor, that God healed the broken hearted, the sick and the distressed. Nor did we know that God would offer his very Son for our sake. Our youth remind us today that the best way to love you is by loving one another and helping those who need us. Yours is the kingdom of love. Be our king and reign in our hearts and may we truly be subject of the living, loving, forgiving God.

### POPE FRANCIS'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS 2018

**November: Universal: In the Service of Peace**

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict. Further information can be found at: [www.apostleshipofprayer.org](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

**ADVENT:** We would like to have one meeting per week during Advent to discuss the scriptures for each Sunday. There is a booklet available for this. We are looking for three or four volunteer parishioners to lead the meeting which will be held on a Fridays at 7pm, in the meeting room, starting this **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**, then every Friday through Advent. Please see Fr. Philip or Eleanor if you are interested.

### YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Sunday:** This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King when the Church in England and Wales traditionally celebrates 'Youth Sunday'. There will be a retiring collection for the Youth Services in our Archdiocese (Animate) who serve the Diocese so well. This Sunday at 10am Mass, our young people will take the lead with the music, readings, prayers and offertory. They will also be giving feedback from their pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sure to be a lively celebration of the faith and enthusiasm of our young people on Youth Sunday.

**Connection Liturgy** is next **Sunday, 2nd December** during 10am Mass.

**Fundraising for Lourdes:** We are bag packing at M&S in St. Helens on Saturday **8th December (9am to 5pm)** – offers of help welcomed.

**Youth Group** Christmas Party is **Saturday, 22nd December**, in the Club Lounge (more details to follow).

**FAMILY GROUPS** are holding a Christmas crafts afternoon this **Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2-4pm** in the Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee provided. Craft materials will be supplied but it would be useful if you could bring scissors and gold/silver markers (if you have any). There will be hand made decorations on sale to raise funds for future Family Group events.

**CHRISTMAS BINGO:** Our now famous Christmas Prize Bingo will be held in the Club this **Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 7.15pm** prompt. Tickets £1 to include a cup of tea and a mince pie. Everyone welcome – an enjoyable night to be had.

### SERVICE FOR LOSS OF A BABY OR CHILD:

**Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 3pm** – A short service (in our church) of hope and comfort for those who have lost a baby or child through miscarriage, termination, stillbirth or death at any age. Open to all dads, mums, siblings, grandparents, friends, neighbours of all religions or none. There is a box at the back of Church in which you can place their name anonymously if you wish.

**FOCUS TEAM MEETING:** The Focus Team meet this **Wednesday 28th November at 7.00pm** in the meeting room. (It's our December meeting being held a week early!).

**SYNOD:** Which Parishioner will go? You! Only two weeks left to decide!

### PARISH WEBSITE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the survey about the parish website. We would now like to get a team together to work on the content and design of the website in the light of people's comments and suggestions. You don't need to have experience - enthusiasm is more important, and we will be arranging some training for anyone who wants to be involved. If you do have any skills in using WordPress, Facebook or Twitter it could be very helpful. If you're interested please contact Andrew Southworth, any of the Focus Team or Eleanor in the Parish Office.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CHURCH:** We will be decorating the Christmas Tree (kindly donated by Pimbo Garden Centre) and decorating the church after Mass on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**. Offers of help very much welcomed.

**CAFOD Carol Service** will be held in Church on **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm**. Always a beautiful occasion. Wine and mince pies are provided afterwards in the Club.

**35<sup>th</sup> CAFOD FUN RUN** will take place on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December** at Wavertree Athletics Centre and Park, Liverpool, L15 4LE. Registration will be from 12pm and the runners and walkers start at 1pm on the 4km or 8km run and 2km walk. It's a great way to support people overseas through CAFOD (and get out after Christmas!) and a chance to start some light training now. Last year we had a fantastic turnout and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together which raised £11,200 for CAFOD's vital life-saving work overseas! So come along and let's beat last year's total! For further details contact 0151 228 4027 or [liverpool@cafod.org.uk](mailto:liverpool@cafod.org.uk)

**Planning and Living Liturgy in the Year of Luke:** this **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7-9pm** at LACE, L17 1AA. Speaker is Dr. Brian Schmisek. The evening is free and open to all but especially priests, deacons, musicians, readers, RCIA catechists and those involved in planning liturgy. Contact 0151 522 1040 or [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk) to book your place. See poster at back of church.

**Christmas Cards for Action by Christians against Torture:** If you can send a card to a prisoner, then please take one of the information sheets on an individual. The cards can be sent directly to the individual or left at the back of church with a suggested donation of £1.25 for a Europe address, of £1.45 for the rest of the world in an unsealed envelope. Please do not mention Action by Christians and if mentioned, please keep in non-religious. You can give your name and address if you so wish but you do not have to.

**Christmas Cards to Parishes in Jerusalem and Jordan:** Please take the name and address of a Parish in either Jerusalem or Jordan and write them a Christmas card. You can write in the card why you are sending this card as it will be read at their Sunday Mass. There are also printed slips available if you are not sure what to write and these can be stuck into the card. If the card is for a parish in Jordan it can be sent directly to the Parish (or left at back of church with suggested donation of £1.45). Please return to church the ones for the parishes in Jerusalem (suggested donation of £1.45). Deadline for cards to be returned to church is 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**NATIVITY CONCERT:** "He is the One", **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm** at St. Marie's Church, Standish, WN6 0TB. Performance by Joanne Wallace with Martin Fletcher and the children of St. Marie's Catholic Primary School. Tickets £5 (under 10s free) available from the Parish Office of St. Marie's C Church Tel 01257 423291.

### MONEY MATTERS

**Thank you** for last week's offertory of £474.40 + S/O £270