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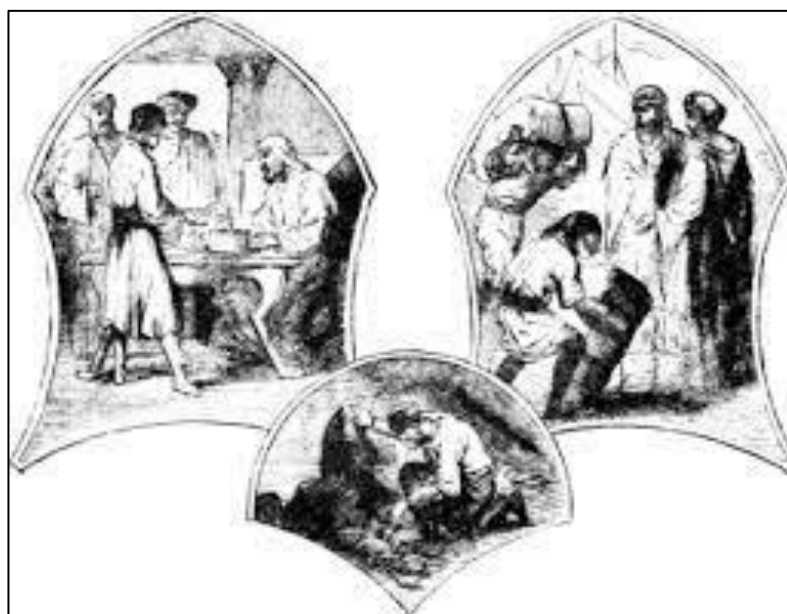
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
18th-19th November 2023

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know
the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Mt 24:42-44

NEW CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

Sun 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 5.00pm
Christmas Carols 7.30pm
Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm

Monday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am
Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

PARISH MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED 2023

This year this will take place on
Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm.

If you have a family member or friend, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are warmly invited to add their name to the list to be read out. Please pass on this information to the parish office by **Thursday 16th November.**

WEDNESDAY EVE MASS CHANGE

Wednesday evening Mass will be at 6.30pm from now on to fit in with the new journey in faith group meeting at 7pm

SECOND COLLECTION 19-20/11/23

For the Johnson Association which looks after retired and infirm clergy in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

12/11/23

C'less:	£	100.00
Shop	£	49.30
200 club	£	5.00
Loose plate	£	248.82
Tea & coffee	£	38.53
Candles	£	74.49
Weekly S Orders:	£	829.00

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

The next cycle of preparation for First Holy Communion will start after Christmas in January at time and date to be confirmed.

All interested parents & children must attend a meeting with Fr Joe on Sunday 10th December at 11.30am in the Cenacle.

Times and dates for the programme will be confirmed at this time.

DON'T FORGET THE HOLY SPIRIT

Earlier this year, Deacon Hugh and Margaret's son, Fr Matt Anscombe, was inspired to write a book, titled as above. It is, indeed, inspirational, but is also semi-autobiographical and very readable. Fr Joe recommends the book, and copies are available to buy at the church shop. A little extra Christmas gift for someone?

www.dftholyspirit.com

FIRST AID KITS

A new first aid kit has been placed on the shelving near the metal grills - will be mounted on the wall at later date.

ADVENT PRAYER COURSE, HENLEY

Tuesdays: 7.30 – 9pm

28 Nov; 5 & 12 Dec 2023

Led by: Jean Khoury

SACRED HEART CHURCH

31 Vicarage Road, RG9 1HT

OUR LADY'S LAMP



This week it is lit for:
Bernadette Kehoe
Please remember her
in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A talent is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of last week's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mass intentions for Thirty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	18 th November	5.30pm	Kitty Quirke
Sunday	19 th November	10.00am	People of the parish
		12 noon	Baptism
Monday	20 th November	9.15am	Holy souls
<i>Monday of week 33 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	21 st November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Wednesday	22 nd November	6.30pm	Church Musicians
<i>Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</i>			
Thursday	23 rd November	7.30pm	Brid Williams RIP
<i>Memorial of St Clement 1, People, Martyr</i>			
Friday	24 th November	9.15am	Deceased of Reading Catenian Circle
<i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i>			

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe [Youth Sunday]

Saturday	25 th November	5.30pm	Tony Lundy RIP
Sunday	26 th November	10.00am	People of the parish

The Rosary is prayed in front of the Shrine
before Saturday evening Mass. Everybody welcome.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*