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LITURGY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2020 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (A)

TIMES OF MASS & MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14th Nov	Saturday memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am	Departed relatives & friends of Harrison & Nguyen families
Sun 15th Nov	33rd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A)	10.00am	Jane & David Clarke (Wedding Anniversary)
Mon 16th Nov	St. Gertrude V	12 noon	Deceased relatives & friends of Cattell & O'Leary Families
Tues 17th Nov	St. Elizabeth of Hungary R	10.00am	Departed relatives & friends of Shackleton & O'Malley families
Wed 18th Nov	Dedication of Basilicas of Ss.Peter & Paul App	12 noon	Roger Haycock (RIP)
Thur 19th Nov	Feria	2.00pm	Pro Populo
Fri 20th Nov	Feria	12 noon	Deceased relatives & friends of Hazlewood & Flynn families
Sat 21st Nov	The Presentation of Our Lady	10.00am	Sylvia McAndrew (RIP)
		6.00pm	Vespers (<i>prayers for the ending of this pandemic</i>)
Sun 22nd Nov	Solemnity of CHRIST the KING (A)	10.00am	Anne Simpson (RIP)

Mass Intentions. If you require a Mass intention, speak to Father Stefan or give him a call on the 'phone.

Livestream Masses.

Due to the present Lockdown, we are not allowed to come together to celebrate services together, so Masses will be live streamed on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWKQ3_Ft_zoDHsTqSXz4uiA) (see above times)

Please note there will not be a live stream of Mass on Saturday evening. The Sunday morning live stream will be available all day should people want to watch it at a later time. If you have a problem finding the past live streams, please follow the link off the live stream option on the parish website.

Making a Spiritual Communion

- * Make the sign of the cross
- * You could read the Gospel of the day
- * Then share prayer intentions
- * Say the Lord's Prayer
- * Make an act of spiritual communion
- * Close with the sign of the cross.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

A Prayer in Time of Danger and Illness

God Our Father, each person is precious to You. You are the Giver of life. Have mercy on us and protect us at this time, as the Coronavirus threatens health and life. You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble. Watch over those who are suffering, give strength to those who are aiding the sick and give courage to all in this time of anxiety. We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen

May they rest in peace

Had the SVP Parish Group been able to meet during this month we would have remembered those who have recently died. We continue to remember in our prayers Philip Curtis, Brian Bonehill, Sheila Knight, Frank McCann, John Maddocks, Mick Massingham and Vera Jarvis and those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur about now – Cyril Jones, Anne Simpson, Jack Stevenson and our former Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

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*Please keep in your prayers the lately dead, Roger Haycock (whose funeral will be taking place at St Peter's Lapal) and Sylvia McAndrew.  
May they rest in peace.*

Next Weekend  
Sat/Sun 21/22 Nov '20  
**CHRIST the KING (A)**  
MASS on Sunday  
10.00 am.  
(Live streamed)

During NOVEMBER  
the Devotion  
of the month  
is to the  
HOLY SOULS  
Pray for them.

#### Message and Reflection from Father Stefan

I will be on the end of a phone should anyone want to ring and talk, and if you need to visit the church for private prayer, please do ring and we will arrange a time for a visit.

Please remember that our Bishops have asked us to sustain each other in our patterns of prayer, joining a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and observing the Vigil of Christ the King (21st November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic, there will be a livestream of vespers from the church on that evening.

Today's Readings continue to remind us of the unknown but certain date of the definitive coming of the Lord, but, in these selected passages the emphasis is on our work and diligence as we wait for 'the day of the Lord' which will come 'like a thief in the night'.

The Book of Proverbs speaks eloquently of the qualities of a worthy wife and while the text applies literally to 'the woman who fears the Lord' there is also a valid application to the qualities of each person who lives in expectation of the Lord. The passage emphasizes the industriousness and diligence of the good wife who is busy with useful matters, skilled at her work and cares for the poor.

The Gospel of St. Matthew focuses more sharply on the Christian attitude towards earthly life as we live in expectation of the Master's return. The implicit responsibility of each servant is to work and to multiply the talents entrusted to him. It is not enough (in fact, it is considered disobedience) just to preserve what one has been given. The Master expects the results of his investments. It is perhaps remarkable that, although the parable applies to an eschatological setting, the qualities praised are specifically human; diligence and hard work. The parable seems to imply an ample space for initiative and creativity, for the personal involvement of each servant in answering how to use best the given talents. It is those servants who assume their responsibility and put their minds and hearts into creative ways of multiplying their capital who are praised. It is the servant who wants only to hold onto what he has that is judged as lazy and wicked.

St. Paul reminds the Christians at Thessalonica of the unexpected but certain coming of the day of the Lord. He says that that day will strike like a sudden disaster on people's lives. Christians have been forewarned and are to stay alert and sober, and 'let us not sleep as the rest do'. May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe in the week ahead.

Shalom



Fr. Stefan