

**CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF  
OUR LADY & ST. KENELM, HALESOWEN  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES, OLD HILL**

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**Liturgy for the week of Sunday 19th November 2023  
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Masses.**

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	10am (H)	Our Lady on Saturday – Judy Jose (Int)
	6.30pm (H)	Vigil of 33rd Sunday – November Dead List
Sun 19th	10am (H)	Thirty-Third Sunday – November Dead List
	11.30am (OH)	– Paul Bac and Peter Ha (R.I.P)
Mon 20th	No Mass	Feria
Tue 21st	10.00am (OH)	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – November Dead List
Wed 22nd	12noon (H)	St Cecilia – Claret Jose (Int)
Thu 23rd	9am (SCH)	Feria – November Dead List
Fri 24th	12noon (H)	St Andrew Dung-Laz and Companions – November Dead List
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am (H)	Our Lady on Saturday – Pro Populo
	6.30pm (H)	Vigil of Christ the King – November Dead List
Sun 26th	10am (H)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Anne Simpson (R.I.P)
	11.30am (OH)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Deceased Members of Shackleton & O'Malley Families

**Masses marked H will be at Halesowen, OH will be at Old Hill**

**Confessions**

Next Saturday the 25th there will no confessions after the morning Mass.

**Aluminium Cans**

There is a box at that back of church at Our lady and St Kenelm for your aluminium cans.

## **Second Collection**

This weekend there will be a collection for the Maintenance Fund (H) and Parish Debt (OH)

Next Weekend there will be a Second Collection for the Catholic Youth Service.

Weekend of 3rd December there will be a second collection for the Welcome Group.

10th December there will be a second collection for the Poor Parish Fund.

## **November Anniversaries**

Remember in your prayers those deceased members of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time:

May Lee, Jack Stevenson, George Stevenson, Brian Bonehill, Philip Curtis, Shelagh Knight, Frank McCann, Vera Jarvis, John Maddocks, Mick Massingham, Roger Haycock, Cyril Jones, Anne Simpson, Catherine Newman, Lily Williamson, Thomas & Connor Ore, Margery Kurowski, Ann Tillitson, Liz Jones, Sylvia McAndrew, Elisabeth Meredith, Patricia Elliot, Margaret Adams, Ann Shackleton and our Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

May they rest in peace.

## **Winter Craft Fayre (Old Hill)**

Saturday 25th November, 11:00 am until 13:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Old Hill. If you wish to book a table, this will cost £10. Please call Elizabeth Haney on 07730560806 for details.

## **Welcome Group**

The Welcome Group has a support group which meets every Monday and every Christmas we have a party. This year we are expecting to give a small present to almost 200 children / young people aged 0 to 16 yrs. We also give £5 cash to every adult for them to spend as they wish. We would really appreciate any help you can give us - children's books, crayons, painting books, dolls, cars etc, and selection boxes, also Christmassy bags to put the presents in, plastic or paper. There will be a box in the Narthex where donations can be left. Another need is for CLOTHES for children aged 3 - 6 months and 2 - 4 years.

There will be a second collection on 3rd December to help with the gifts for the Welcome Group.

## **November Dead List (Holy Souls List)**

Time is but a fleeting moment for us, and the end of the year is almost upon us and so we approach the month of November as we remember those who have gone on before us.

One of the most important things we can do is remember our dead, there will be envelopes out after masses this weekend for people to put together those names

of our deceased who they would especially want to place before the lord with our masses for the November Dead List.

It is of course usual to put an offering into the envelopes to cover the masses which will be offered for our loved ones. Father does check every envelope as he likes to read all the names so that he knows who is named on our November Dead List.

### **Graves Blessings**

19th November - Kings Norton

26th November – St Nicholas, Kings Norton

### **Fr Stefan**

Father Stefan will be at the council of priests on Thursday, so the only Mass will be the mass in School at 9am.

### **Reflection for Sunday Readings**

Readings: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

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' (v.3).

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' (v.30) 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.

Psalm 128 speaks of the triple blessing of the produce of one's work, a good wife and of children for those who fear the Lord. In these ways will a man be blessed who 'walks in the ways' (v.1) of the Lord.

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' (v.6).

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Christian work: The book of Genesis describes God at work in creation. Adam and Eve were also instructed to work in the Garden of Eden and it is only after the original sin that work becomes hard and toilsome. Manual work was esteemed by the Jews, and their history as a people obliged them to daily work to earn their material existence. It is in the light of this tradition that our Lord demands that, as Christians, we earn our spiritual living. As well as the duty to earn one's physical upkeep, there is now the human work necessary to establish the Kingdom of God in hearts and in societies. The Gospel seems to emphasize the role of protagonist that each Christian is called to fulfil. We are not asked to be mere passive functionaries; the Gospel passage obliges us to multiply what we have received, using all our ingenuity, skill and hard work. The work of salvation, including our own, is to become the real and overriding concern of our lives.

### **Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,  
keep faithful, and I will give you  
the crown of life.  
Alleluia!



#### **Communion Antiphon**

To be near God is my happiness,  
to place my hope in God the Lord.

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