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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A 8TH NOVEMBER 2020 – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

“HOPE, PRAY AND DON’T WORRY” (St Padre Pio)

It is worth reflecting on these consoling words by St Padre Pio as we begin this second national lockdown. There is much that can worry us during these days of the Coronavirus Pandemic and being unable to attend Holy Mass can cause us further anxiety. But be assured that the Lord is with us, even in the midst of these difficult moments.

Being faithful to prayer – or even beginning to develop a life of prayer – can be a source of immense peace in these uncertain times. Prayer opens our hearts and our lives to God. It opens us up to His love. Prayer allows to place everything, from what is happening in our lives, to what is happening throughout the world, into God's hands and trust in His loving Providence. Rather than panic, despair, and anxiety, prayer helps us to stay close the Lord who calms us, gives us hope, speaks to our worries and concerns.

In the coming weeks, we are all going to have to get used to new routines and restrictions again. But, let's keep praying for each other. I pray that the journey we make together in the month ahead will enable each of us to have a greater heart for Jesus, for His Church and for His mission.

We look forward to welcoming back our online community who have gone back to their own parishes since churches reopened. We have a wonderful team of Stewards who will be continuing to help us to pray safely over the course of the coming month (and months).

I know what a comfort the live stream has been for so many of you for the past few months. I have switched the camera at St Christopher's on permanently for the coming weeks. This will enable you to pay a 'virtual visit' to the Blessed Sacrament at any time of the day (or night!). This 'virtual visit' would a wonderful time for you to pray the pray below for a spiritual communion.

There will also be two opportunities for Private Prayer during the week, and the times for these are inside this weekend's newsletter.

Please be assured of my ongoing prayers as we begin this lockdown.

With every blessing, Fr Craig.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to You now and forever. Amen.

based on a prayer of St Alphonsus De'Liguori

KEY CONTACTS

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Available after Holy Mass on Sunday,
and by appointment. Please contact
Fr Craig for more information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

During times of Private Prayer

OUR CHURCHES ARE NOT CLOSED!

Whilst the government has mandated that Places of Worship are unable to open for Public Worship, we are still able to open for Private Prayer. There will be two opportunities for this each week. During these times, the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar for us to pray silently before Jesus Truly Present.

St Thomas of Canterbury, Tettenhall will be open:
SUNDAY – 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

St Christopher, Codsall will be open:
MONDAY 6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Thank you to our stewards who have volunteered to enable to open for these times!

NHS TRACK AND TRACE APP

If you have downloaded the *NHS Track and Trace App* on your mobile phone, there is a QR code for you to 'check in' each time that you visit the church for private prayer.

PARISH GIVING

It is difficult to talk about money when things are so uncertain, but your parishes are struggling financially too. The usual expenditures (utility bills, building and liability insurance, etc) continue and we are still required to pay our levies to the Archdiocese. I will speak about this in the New Year, as I think it is important that you have an understanding of where money is spent. We are very thankful for your ongoing financial support!

There is a **DONATION BOX** at the entrance to the church for your weekly offerings. And it is not too late to sign up to pay by Standing Order rather than by cash each week. For more information, please do speak to Fr Craig.

THANK YOU...

...to the parishioner who has spent a considerable amount of time creating our two Memorial Books for the Month of November.

...to the parishioner who has worked incredibly hard cutting back the overgrown laurel bushes on the carpark at St Christopher's this week.

...to the parishioner who did the beautiful floral displays at St Thomas's last weekend. And to the wonderful florists in both parishes who work tirelessly throughout the year.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you, or if you know of anyone who would like some assistance from our SVP, then please do get in touch! An important task they are undertaking it to offer support to parishioners including shopping for those who are self-isolating or struggling to buy food due to current circumstances arising from the Coronavirus.

The SVP are currently providing food parcels for individuals and families in financial difficulties. If anyone is able to donate dried or tinned food, there is a blue box outside of the Presbytery for donations. Thank you for your support! Ring Eliz Hopkins 07752 380833 or Jo Stewart 01902 845027 for shopping.

SVP Christmas cards

The SVP are, once again, selling Christmas cards to raise money for their work locally. For more information, or to place your order, please contact Jo Stewart.



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

A few weeks ago, Blessed Carlo Acutis was beatified in Assisi. He created a website which documented every Eucharistic Miracle that has taken place. His website is well worth a visit: miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html

2020 CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL FOR WOLVERHAMPTON ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

Thank you for responding so generously in previous years to the appeals for help in providing Christmas gifts for Wolverhampton asylum seekers and refugees, both adults and children. This has been a very difficult year, but there is a plan to give out vouchers so that families and individuals can buy gifts and have a celebratory meal. To do this, they need to raise funds and would ask your help. If you are able to make a donation, please do so by cheque made out to "Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary" sent to Erik Pearse c/o WVSC, 16 Temple Street, WV2 4AN. Please mark your donation "Christmas Gift". For more information, please contact Mike and Rosemary Fox – mikeandrosie@maofox.me.uk

ENDNOTE...I ran out of room on the front page this week!

It was truly wonderful to celebrate Holy Mass at St Thomas's last Sunday morning. It was an incredibly emotional moment to welcome you all back 'home' after seven months. As I mentioned at Holy Mass, we must remain focussed on when we can reopen fully in the coming months. Thank you for the many lovely e-mails, messages and cards that I have received in the past week.

Yes, the building works have been tiring, and at times incredibly frustrating, but your reactions as you entered the church on Sunday made this all worthwhile!

As I explained at the end of Mass, there are still a number of smaller jobs that we need to finish – these include a better system for controlling the heating, refurbishment of the damp Confessional, and the replacement of the remaining dilapidated and unsecure windows in the sacristy. We are also awaiting the results of a recent survey on the drain problems! Depending on where we are financially once we have finished paying the remaining invoices for the roof and internal works, we will (hopefully!) be able to complete these last few jobs in the coming months.

I look forward with great excitement for when we can resume Public celebrations of Holy Mass in both of our churches!

With every blessing, Fr Craig.

LIVE STREAM CAMERA

St Christopher's church live streams Mass and other liturgies. Please see notices in the church for more detail.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

8TH NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	08	LIVE STREAMED	9.15 a.m.	Joe Sweeney RIP, Dick & Alice Carroll RIP Adrian Anslow RIP
Monday	09	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the SVP
Tuesday	10	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	Deceased Priests of the Deanery
Wednesday	11	--	-- --	Pro Populo (<i>not streamed</i>)
Thursday	12	LIVE STREAMED	7.00 p.m.	Nigel Preston RIP
Friday	13	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	Sr Olga Mercedes Oropeza RIP
Saturday	14	LIVE STREAMED	9.30 a.m.	May Lawley RIP

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

14TH NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	15	LIVE STREAMED	9.15 a.m.	Michael Stephenson RIP May & Albert Birch RIP
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The Lateran Basilica in Rome

LITURGICAL NOTE...

Monday	Feast – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday	Memorial – St Leo the Great
Wednesday	Memorial – St Martin of Tours
Thursday	Memorial – St Josaphat
Friday	Feria
Saturday	Memorial – Our Lady on Saturday

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES...

Zofia Stanislawska, Dee Allsopp, PWB, Mary Doherty, Ian Morris, Leon Thompson, Maureen Everitt, MK, T Hill, John Lewis, Mr & Mrs JT Begue, Alexandra Marshall, Anthony Jones, Marian Allen, Jayne Wiggins, Julian Chalmers, Jane Taylor, Sister Genevieve, Jeff Gibbs, Mary Spratt, Emily Jarvis, Chris Kennedy, Antonina Alaimo, Liliana Alaimo, Giuseppe Alaimo, Joy Westley, CHY, Eutemia Fernandes, Maisie Hargreaves, Mary Rock, Margaret Davies, Brian Barnwell, Clare Fish, Bernadette Peers, Shirley Brookman, Kathy Barnwell.

If you would like a name added to our Parish Sick List, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY...

MAUREEN MEE

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Due to the current restrictions, the Annual Blessing of Graves will need to be postponed until the Spring. Holy Mass will, however, be livestreamed at 11.00 a.m. on:

Saturday 7th November Mass from Our Lady's, Cannock Road for all buried in Bushbury Cemetery & Beacon Hill.

Saturday 14th November Mass from St. Peter & St. Paul for all buried in Penn, Jeffcock Road & Wombourne Cemeteries.

Saturday 21st November Mass from St. Joseph's, Wolverhampton for all buried in Hall Green, Bilston, Willenhall Lawn, Bentley, Heath Town & James Bridge Cemeteries.

Saturday 28th November Mass from St. Christopher's, Codsall for all buried at Danescourt & St. Nicholas' Cemeteries

FINANCIAL MATTERS... FOR OCTOBER 2020

	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Total
St Christopher	£491.00	£648.60	£1139.60
St Thomas	£567.90	£0.00	£567.90

Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!