

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING *Proverbs 31:parts*

A reading from the book of Proverbs

A perfect wife — who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hand to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 127*

Response: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R/**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R/**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R/**

SECOND READING *1 Thess. 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about "times and seasons" since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, "How quiet and peaceful it is" that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA VERSE

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

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

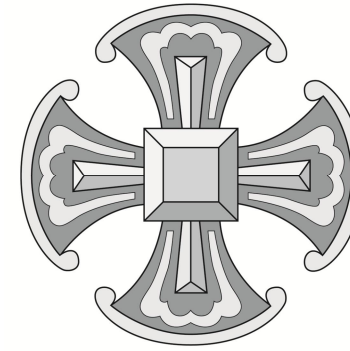
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

"The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.'

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Next the man with two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.' Last came forward the man who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he, 'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"



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19TH NOVEMBER 2017

THE 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

"World Day of the Poor 2017"

Sat	18th	18:15	Parish November List	St Patrick's
Sun	19th	09:00	Parish November List	Our Lady's
	33rd Sunday of the Year	11:00	Parish November List	St Patrick's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's
Mon	20th	Ferial 09:15	<i>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</i>	St Patrick's
Tue	21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 09:15	Parish November List	Our Lady's
Wed	22nd	St Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 09:15	Parish November List	St Patrick's
Thur	23rd	Ferial 09:15	Parish November List	Our Lady's
Fri	24th	St Andrew Dung-Lac & his Companions, the Martyrs of Vietnam 09:15	Parish November List	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	Ferial 10:00	Parish November List	St Patrick's
		12:00	<i>Wedding of Michael Monachino and Sarah Walker</i>	St Patrick's
		16:00	<i>Polish Baptism</i>	St Patrick's
Sat	25th	18:15	Parish November List	St Patrick's
Sun	26th	09:00	Parish November List	Our Lady's
	Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Universal King	11:00	Parish November List	St Patrick's
		13:30	Syro-Malabar Mass Gathering and Mass	Our Lady's
		17:00	Mass in Polish	St Patrick's



Confessions heard after Saturday Masses; and upon request
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PRAYER REMEMBRANCES

Your prayers are asked for the sick and the housebound: especially **Grace Kelly, Enid Breeze, Barbara Chrzanowska, Fr John Wright, Canon Harry Stratton, Hilda Jackson, Louisa Herarty, Jade Lambert, Mary Shaw, David Elsmore, Neil Morris, Marie Brophy, Fr Stephen Dwyer, Martin Keys, Hannah Ratcliffe, Sandy Caswell, Michael Davies, Patricia Lennon, Deborah Venezia, Frances Spurway, Michael Heraty,** and **Sandra Jones** and all those who are in hospital, the Hospice or local nursing homes, and for all who receive Holy Communion at home.

We remember in prayer all who have died, especially **Stephen Gorman** (Funeral Service on Wednesday, 29th November) and **Roger Dixon** of Newport (Funeral arrangements still to be made); and all mourning the death of a loved one, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you for last Sunday's Offertory Collection of £1,136.25

MEDITATION PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets every Monday, during term time, 5.30pm to 6.30pm in the Meeting Room. Newcomers always welcome.

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES HOSPITALITY

The Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality Group will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass at 7.30pm on Friday, 8th December at St Chad's Church, Stockport Road, Cheadle, Stockport, SK8 2AF followed by a social gathering in St Chad's Parish Centre. Everybody is welcome. Mass will be preceded at 6.30pm with a meeting for those Hospitality members interested in joining a working party to discuss the constitution and work of the group, following on from an agenda item at the AGM last September.

PARISH NOVEMBER LIST

During the month of November each of the Masses will be offered for those whose names are included in our Parish November List and Book of Remembrance. If you would like family members and friends to be included, please list them on the forms in the porch and return them by posting them in the gold box.

All names will be inscribed into the Book of Remembrance. For family members only: if you are able to give their full date of death then their names will be inscribed in the dated section of the Book and will be remembered in prayer at Mass on their Anniversary date. All other names will be inscribed in the "Unknown Anniversaries" section or in the "Families" section of the Remembrance Book.

POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Father has announced that today, 19th November be designated by the Church as

"World Day of the Poor 2017"

"It is my wish that Christian communities will make every effort to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance."

We hope to reflect as a parish on the plight of refugees and migrants. In the UK the church is called to serve those who are detained under the immigration rules, or who are left destitute. Through church agencies we pledge to support those fleeing persecution and violence overseas. This is about awareness not money!

Look up the work of:

www.housingjustice.org.uk
www.svp.org.uk www.depauluk.org
www.csan.org.uk www.medaille-trust.org.uk
www.jrsuk.net www.cafod.org.uk
www.mission.org.uk

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE MEETING

The next meeting of the CWL will be held this Tuesday, 21st November at 7pm in the Meeting Room. New members are always made most welcome. Why not come along and see what they do at their meetings?

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends.

Special Envelopes are available for you to use for the collection, which you can also use to take advantage of Gift Aid. A Leaflet about the Fund is also available which explains how to make a regular donation to the Fund by Standing Order, or how you can make your donation either Online or by Cheque. It also explains how to take advantage of Gift Aid for your donations to the Fund.

If you prefer, you can donate Online via Paypal to the Fund at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund where you can also take advantage of Gift Aid. I ask that you give your support in whatever way is possible for the provision of the best formation for a new generation of priests.

WALKING NETBALL

Walking netball takes place at TCAT 7-8pm on Friday evenings. Everyone is welcome. Sessions are £3 with FREE tea & coffee.

MOTOWN CLASSICS

Parishioners are invited, on 6 January 2018 at the Hadley Park House Hotel from 7.30pm, to **An Evening with The Former Drifters.**

Live Drifters and Motown classics, sung by four of the Official Drifters line up. There will also be a Tapas Style buffet.

Tickets cost £24 per person - limited number of tickets are available. Contact Liz on 07794 112292 or email jules3311@live.co.uk to reserve tickets or for further enquiries.

MYANGA HAMPER RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale this weekend and next weekend to raise funds for the Christmas Day food parcels for Myanga. The Draw will be made after the 11 o'clock Mass next Sunday.

Also a **Christmas Floral Demonstration** by Christine Finlan will take place in St Patrick's School on Thursday, 30th November at 7pm, more details to follow.

Our grateful thanks for your continued support.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY & ST LUKE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas Lunch will be held in Our Lady's Church on Saturday, 9th December at 1pm.

A traditional three-course lunch will be prepared by their "resident chefs" Mick and Sheila, with servers to bring you your food and a gift for every child.

If you would like to join with Our Lady's parishioners then please add your name to the list in the church porch. The cost is £10 for adults and £5 for children.

PHILIPPA HANNA IN CONCERT

Monday, 18th December 2017 at 6.30pm
Holy Trinity Academy, Priorslee, TF2 9SQ

Philippa Hanna is an acclaimed British singer-songwriter. Her music frequently draws upon her experiences of a turbulent youth and her Christian faith. Her songs champion self-esteem in young people.

Tickets £5.90, for more details please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/philippa-hanna-live-tickets-37940576285?aff=es2>

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018

The Good Shepherd Parish invites parishioners to join them on their pilgrimage next year. The booking price is guaranteed if booked before Christmas. Please see notice board for details and booking forms.

THERESA STONES

For some years Theresa has been the Parish Secretary at Our Lady's. Theresa applied for the recently advertised post of Parish Secretary at Shrewsbury Cathedral, and was successful. She takes up her new post at the start of December. On behalf of us all, Fr Alban wants to record our gratitude for all that she has done in the Parish as secretary, and to wish her all the best as she begins to use her many gifts and talents at the Cathedral Parish.

MAGNIFICAT, BIBLE ALIVE & DAY BY DAY

The above publications for November are now available for sale in the porch.

MINI VINNIES' COFFEE INVITATION

St Patrick's Primary School Mini Vinnies invite all retired parishioners to a Christmas Coffee Morning in school with cakes and mince pies on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 9.45am – 11.15am.

The children will provide entertainment.

If you would like to attend please sign the list on the notice board in the porch.

We look forward to you joining us.

ADVENT SONGS AND READINGS

St Patrick's Primary School will be celebrating their Advent Songs and Readings here in church at 6pm on Thursday 14th December.

Members of the Parish are invited to join this wonderful service of praise.

PARISH DIARY

November

18/19th Church Students Training Fund Collection
21st CWL Meeting
24th Our Lady's Parish Christmas Fayre
25th Wedding
26th Myanga Raffle Draw
26th Sri Lankan Mass for Remembrance
27th Knit and Knatter

December

1st Civic Carol Service, The Place Oakengates
3rd First Sunday of Advent
5th CWL Christmas Party
9th Polish Celebration of Confirmation
Our Lady's Parish Christmas Lunch
11th Knit and Knatter (bring treats!)
14th Saint Patricks School, Advent Songs and Readings in Church
15th Schools Close for Christmas Holiday
16th Carols in the Square
23rd Christingle Service and Children's party