

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

We come to that time in the Church's year when the themes of the end times appear. The world will come to an end; that is for sure. It is clear in the Old Testament and in the New. Indeed we look forward to the moment when Christ will come in judgement and usher in the new heaven and new earth. *We proclaim your death and resurrection until you come again.*

The Book of Daniel tells us the dead will awake some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. Jesus himself spoke of dividing the sheep from the goats This is an uncomfortable truth for us. The possibility of everlasting condemnation. But we should meditate on it from time to time. Indeed ancient Churches often featured the Last judgement on the west door as people left Church: We say it every Sunday when we recite the Creed: *He will come in glory to judge the living and the dead & his kingdom will have no end.*

We will face judgement at the end of our lives. This is only right and proper. In human terms we demand justice for criminals so that they make up for what they have done wrong and we seek a more fair world. That is right and needful for a healthy society. But if we have some sort of instinct for justice Why should God not have a do the same for us? Indeed we vaguely expect that many of the wrongs done will ultimately find their resolution through God. If it applies to others it applies to Us too! And of course this is the Christian faith:

At the end of our lives we will face our Particular Judgement and then there will be the General judgement at the end of time which Daniel refers to. Our death puts an end to the time of accepting or rejecting God's grace and each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. Either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation(CCC1022). The Sobering words of St John of the Cross are appropriate: At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

At the end of time as we know it, all shall rise and the universal Judgement of Christ will come. This will be *"the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man's] voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment."* (John 5:28). *At this Judgement the truth will at last be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life: and secondly through his Son Jesus Christ, God will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.*(CCC1040)

The possibility of eternal condemnation stands there clearly. We find it difficult to grasp with our limited ideas of Justice and mercy. How could a merciful God damn some one eternally? In fact he does not condemn us as such. It is we who choose to persist in mortal sin against him, against our neighbour or against ourselves As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: ***To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell"(CCC1033). God does not will any to perish but all to come to repentance***

Let us seek God's justice now and God justice is his healing mercy that makes us new. It is not a punishment dealing out retribution. It goes beyond any human ideas of justice remaking us in his image and likeness.



Our Lady of Victories

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14th November 2021
33rd of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 1

Times of Services

Sunday: 33rd of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: November Dead List

11.00am: Mass: Patrick Curran Birthday

Monday: Feria

9.00am Mass: Michael Ashman RIP (McCabe)

Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Wednesday: St Hugh of Lincoln

10.00 Mass: Norah & Tom McGlone RIP (McGlone)

Thursday: Feria

10.00am Mass: November Dead List

Friday: Feria

1.00pm: Funeral Mass for Kathleen O'Malley

7.00pm Mass: For deceased Catenians

Saturday: Feria

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 21st: Margaret Cotter RIP (George)

Sunday: 34th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Dominic Stewart (Family)



*He will gather
his chosen from
the four winds.*

CONFESSIONS
11am Saturdays

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

Late News: First Communion application forms are available from Fr. Chris

FR CHRIS WRITES: I have had a busy week with meetings such as the Chapter at the Cathedral. We also had a lovely Mass for those who died this last year. Many thanks to all who helped. This coming there will also be **two general meetings open to everyone** in regards of the Synod process:

Wednesday 17th November, 7.00pm

Thursday 18th November 10.40am . (after the 10.00am Mass)

We ask that all **written responses** are given to Fr Chris by the 15th November to give time for them to be collated and sent to the Dean. Thank you to those who have sent responses so far.

NB Could I ask if there is anyone willing to take notes at the above meeting?

Also as below please reflect on the Synod questions and send in your replies. If you want to meet as a particular group let us know and we can more than likely accommodate you in one of the Parish rooms.

Synod 2021-2023: We have prepared a simple handout to help discussions based on questions the Bishop has asked us to reflect on. This will help us as a Parish as continue our mission in the Post Covid era. **Please pick one up from Church or download from the website.** The Bishop hopes that as many will participate as possible. You can reflect individually or as part of a Parish group or a group of friends. YOU can also send in emails letters and so on. There will be the opportunity to also come to a Parish meeting in November: Wednesday 17th November 7.00pm and Thurs 18th November at 10.30am after the 10.00am Mass.

Above all we must pray for the Holy Spirit to speak and that we listen. **Please see the Synod page on our Website www.olvic.com/synod.htm.** What is our vision for the Parish. How do we reach out to others in our mission given to us by Christ: Go, make disciples of all...

Please pray the Synod prayer (card available) or whatever prayer asking for a new vision for our Church both local and all love the world. This is Key.

Advance Notice: Parish Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 19th December 3.00pm. Supported by the Catenians. Parishioners family and friends are very welcome.

Also listen to the Podcast series for Catholic Dads: the Father's Heart series. This new podcast series from the Diocese of Nottingham for the Year of St Joseph explores what does it mean to be a Catholic Dad, taking St Joseph as our model. Each month a section of the Apostolic Letter [Patris Corde](#) will be explored through conversation with two dads from the Diocese of Nottingham sharing their thoughts and experiences. See <https://dioceseofnottingham.podbean.com/>

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS are available at church. They have a meditation for each day based on the readings for Mass each day including the Christmas period. They are a great resource to help us pray in this special season

Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would like a box please let myself or Christine Shepherd know



'FROM DAILY GRIND TO DAILY GLORY' - Encountering Jesus in your Daily Work is a four week online course to help you discover how God is calling you to be his disciple through your daily work. Each session will involve a Video input exploring the theme of the week and interviews with people from around the diocese, this is then followed by group discussion and a time of prayer. The sessions will run from 7pm-8:15pm. The dates and themes are: Wednesday 12th January 2022 - A Catholic View of Work and Holiness; Wednesday 19th January 2022 - Making your work holy; Wednesday 26th January 2022 - Work makes you holy; Wednesday 2nd February 2022 - Your work can make others holy: [SIGN UP HERE](#)



PRISON FELLOWSHIP ANGEL TREE PROJECT:

The local Prison Fellowship group will be running the Angel Tree Project this year at HMP Gartree and would like your help. The purpose of this project is to purchase Christmas presents for children of some of the prisoners. The gifts will be sent to the children as from their dad's. The value of each gift will be **approx £15**. The aim is to alleviate some of the sadness experienced by prisoners and their families at Christmas time. Angel Tree provides a crucial link between innocent children and their imprisoned father. If you would like to help with this project, either with a **monetary donation or a suitable gift** you will be given a gift tag with the first name, age and gender of the child. **The gift can be wrapped by yourself in Christmas paper** if you wish, but we do need to have a photo of the gift for security reasons otherwise a member of Prison Fellowship will wrap the gift. A hand written gift tag from their dad will be attached to make it extra special. **All presents will be posted so please keep them light.** Local bank account details: Prison Fellowship (Gartree Angel Tree) Sort code: 40 32 04 Account: 91564005. For your donation to be **Gift Aided** contact info@prisonfellowship.org.uk Thank you for your kindness this is very much appreciated by prisoners, their families, staff and chaplaincy. Maureen Douglas, Angel Tree Co-ordinator 43 Gardiner St, Market Harborough, LE16 9QN Tel 07966 515115

REPOSITORY: Christmas Cards, dairies and so on are available in the Repository.

Torch House! Coffee Morning at Torch House on the 18th November at 10:30 a.m. Once again, the plan will be for everyone to come along and share fellowship together over a drink and something sweet to eat. At 11.30 we'll have a time of sung worship and then some prayer. There's no need to book - you can just turn up. If you would like to let us know that you're coming, that's good too so that we can get some idea of how many biscuits to get!

The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed



Results of the VICTORY PRIZE DRAW for November 2021: 1st Prize £70 LM Lander ticket number 216; 2nd Prize £30 P Hamer ticket number 78; 3rd Prize £20 M Ockenden ticket number 274. Annual ticket holders are reminded that they need to renew from 1st January 2022. Cheques to be made out to THE VICTORY PRIZE DRAW and left in the Rectory for collection or forwarded to Keith Shiers 23 Fairfax Road MH LE16 9JT. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. contact Keith on 07814419322 or keith.mshiers@gmail.com

COVID 19: We need to proceed carefully and slowly. This is the opinion of those whom I have consulted. With the Delta variant on the rise in our areas **Hands, Face, Space, Ventilate** is just as important as ever. So we will still have to wear **masks** in Church as before: this is to protect all concerned and is an act of Christian charity. Mostly. There will still be the 2m **social distancing** in Church back to back., but we will be closer along the benches. We will still **sanitise** hands as we enter and leave Church. Stewards will operate at the weekend Masses with booking for Mass as we do now. However, **on weekdays** there will not be a steward. We ask people to sign in or use the NHS QR code. **It will be easier if people book in online on a weekday.** On a weekday we will alternate sitting: on the Sacred Heart side on Monday, Our Lady's on a Tuesday and Sacred Heart on a Wednesday etc. If people could help sanitise the touch points after Mass that would be helpful i.e. the tops of the benches. I think we are now all accustomed to how to act in a safe way. We will review this every few weeks in the light of local conditions.