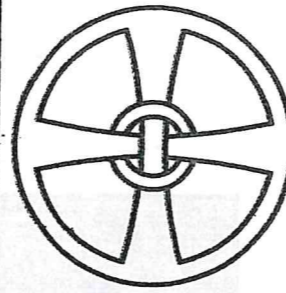


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**Parish of St Thomas of Canterbury**

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**Week beginning: 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.**



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Day	Holy Mass and Services	Intention
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b> 33rd Sunday of the Year.	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Parishioners
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Peter Caswell
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	<b>No Mass.</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b>	There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer of the Church from 6.15 PM to 6.45 PM.	
	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 7.00 PM	Deceased Parishioners and loved ones
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.</b> Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.	Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Denise Tamblingson
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.</b> Saint Cecilia.	Holy Mass at St John's - 10.00 AM	Rose Wall
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.</b> Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.	No Confessions at St John's today.	
	Vigil Holy Mass at St John's - 5.30 PM	Father Head
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.</b> Christ the King.	Sunday Holy Mass at Holy Rosary - 10.00 AM	Parishioners

**Please pray for the sick**

Sheila Allen	Canon Stephen Dye	Rev. Dan Mckie	Peter Smith
Stephen Allison	Sheila Holmes	Grace Ollie	Judith Sowerby
Maureen Braithwaite	Judy Houchen	Cal Rive	Lily Ward-Thurlbeck
Carol Brownlee	Brian Kane	Christine Rooney	Helen Webb
Ann Christeson	Maureen Maddren	Max Simpson	Kate Williams
Bill Devine	Sarah McAllister	Father John Skivington	Avril Wordsworth

**Please pray for those who have died recently - Eileen Minto, Steven Ebblewhite, and Peter Barker.**

**Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King**

There will be a Special Collection for the work of Catholic Youth.

**Remembering those who have died**

During the month of November we will have special prayers at the end of Mass for those who have died.

**Special Mass for those who have died**

There will be a Mass in Holy Rosary church on this Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

This Mass will be celebrated for all of those who have died during the past 12 months

There is a list at the back of each church for anyone you know whom you would like to be remembered at that Mass. *Please add names to this list by Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at St. John's - or Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Rosary.*

**SVP Christmas Hampers Appeal**

Jeremy and friends - **live music night** at the Catholic Club on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00 pm to help raise funds for our annual Christmas Food Hamper Appeal. The food hampers support families who are struggling over the Christmas period.

Tickets cost £5.00 and are available after the weekend Masses at the back of the Church. Thank you for your generous support.

Donations for prizes for tombola and raffle will be greatly received. Contact Jane (07584 575541) or Janet (07840 967111) or drop off prize(s) at church to a SVP member who will be available at the start and end of Mass at both St. John's and Holy Rosary this and following weekends.

**The CAFOD Group**

The CAFOD group will be holding a Coffee Morning after Mass on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024.** If anyone has any raffle prizes they would like to donate, please feel free to bring them with you to the Coffee Morning.

**Christmas gifts for Seafarers**

We are collecting Christmas gifts for seafarers who spend months away from home. Please donate men's toiletries, new socks, hats, gloves, chocolate, sweets, or packs of cards at the back of church by **this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November.** Thank you for your continued generosity to this very worthy cause.

**Mission to Seafarers.**

Volunteers needed at the Mission to Seafarers Centre in Teesport to extend opening hours and provide hospitality to seafarers. Full training provided. Contact Aidan on 01642 546 424 or [www.ntees@mtsmail.org](mailto:www.ntees@mtsmail.org).

**Thoughts on Sunday's readings**

Father Adrian has written a reflection of the Gospel on 'Small Things'. You can see this and the previous two reflections on the website.

**Question Corner**

Father Adrian has posed another question with clues for you to guess the answer. The answer will be made available later in the week. Find this on the website: See if you can get it right!

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday. United with the Bishops of England and Wales at this time, we will pray especially for respect for the Dignity of Human Life. During Evening Prayer we will use intercessions prepared by the Bishop's Conference in connection with this.

**First Holy Communion**

The children will have their special ceremony during Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. Father Adrian will briefly meet with the parents after Mass on those two days in both churches.

**The RCIA group**

For those looking at becoming members of the Catholic Church, please meet on Wednesday in the Sacristy after the 7.00 pm Mass.

**Diocesan Census of Volunteers**

This is a diocesan-wide survey to count the number of volunteers in our parish. If you volunteer in any role and are willing to take part in this census, please complete the form or scan the QR code (available in the Narthex of both churches and on the website).

Please return forms by this weekend (16th/17th November). Boxes for returned forms are available in both churches. Thank you for your service and for taking part in this census. Please contact Fr. Adrian or Pat McTimoney for more information.

**Car Parking**

Please park with consideration for our neighbours and use the car park if at all possible.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Jer 29:11,12,14

**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.**

**THE COLLECT**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Daniel

12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps 15:5.8-11. R.v1

**R) Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand,  
I shall stand firm. **(R)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he

is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lk 21:36

**Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Mark 13:24-32

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty  
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you  
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Mk 11:23-24

**Amen, I say to you: whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

# Our Faith on Sunday

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



There have been many predictions for the end of the world, all of which have passed without being fulfilled. The early

Christians too were convinced that the second coming of Jesus and the end of the world were imminent. The truth is, and Jesus says it in today's Gospel, nobody, other than the heavenly Father knows when this will happen. We now have weapons capable of destroying our earthly home in a matter of minutes. We also risk destroying more slowly through our abuse of nature. But still we do not know when the final day will come. But rather than trying to predict the end of the world, it

would make more sense if we thought more often about our own personal mortality. We don't know when the end will come for us, but if we live each day in front of God as if it were the last day of our lives, then will be well prepared for that final moment on earth.



### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



## THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS

206. The solution is not relativism. Under the guise of tolerance, relativism ultimately leaves the interpretation of moral values to those in power, to be defined as they see fit. "In the absence of objective truths or sound principles other than the satisfaction of our own desires and immediate needs... we should not think that political efforts or the force of law will be sufficient... When the culture itself is corrupt, and objective truth and universally valid principles are no longer upheld, then laws can only be seen as arbitrary impositions or obstacles to be avoided".<sup>201</sup>

201. Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'* (24 May 2015), 123; AAS 107 (2015), 896.

## Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia* LOVE IN THE FAMILY

In speaking of marriage, Jesus refers us to yet another page of Genesis, which, in its second chapter, paints a splendid and detailed portrait of the couple. First, we see the man, who anxiously seeks "a helper fit for him" (vv. 18, 20), capable of alleviating the solitude which he feels amid the animals and the world around him. The original Hebrew suggests a direct encounter, face to face, eye to eye, in a kind of silent dialogue, for where love is concerned, silence is always more eloquent than words. It is an encounter with a face, a "thou", who reflects God's own love and is man's "best possession, a helper fit for him and a pillar of support", in the words of the biblical sage (Sir 36:24). Or again, as the woman of the Song of Solomon will sing in a magnificent profession of love and mutual self-bestowal: "My beloved is mine and I am his... I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" (2:16; 6:3).

