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The Month of November is devoted to All Saints

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

15 November 2020 Psalter 1

Saturday

NO Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Jack Clarkson

Sunday

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Seamus Devilly

Monday

St Edmond of Abingdon

St Margaret of Scotland

St Gertrude, virgin

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Conversion of Sinners

Tuesday

St Hilda, abbess

St Hugh of Lincoln

St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Dead List

Wednesday

**The Dedication of the Basilica of
Ss Peter and Paul**

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - George Brewer

Thursday

Feria

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Conversion of Sinners

Friday

St Edmund, martyr

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Thomas & Dorothy
Clarkson

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m.

Private Prayer

Sunday (Meadowhead)

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Anne Brown, Pat Kirk, Rae

Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Sr Emma

Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin,

Breda Pakenham, Neville Garratt, Pauline

Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Michael Goodfellow,

Linda Costello, Pauline Collins and

Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Mgr Peter Moran,

Fr Michael Horrax, John Walton, Catherine

Mary Tetzlaff, and Peter Baines. **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers

Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

'[Woodseats R C Parish Account](#)'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Registered Charity No 512021

Fr Stephen will be saying Mass privately each day. You can see the intentions on the front of the newsletter. Don't forget, you can still send in any Mass requests and donation anytime.

Private Prayer - The church will be open Sunday - Friday from 10.00am Please feel free to come along any-time during that hour. You do not need to book (though this may be reviewed if numbers are high). *However, the 2 metre rule will still apply, masks MUST be worn and names and contact details are still required for tracking and tracing.* Don't forget, you can also use the QR Code if you have downloaded the NHS app.
NB - There will be no Private Prayer on Saturdays until further notice.



For Sale; Nativity Christmas - Cards to help establish the very first Hospice in Bethlehem . Available In church or from Philomena and Joe McNally 0114 236 4076 or Graham and Valerie Smith 0114 236 8859. Price same as last year £3.50 packet of 10.

Please sign this petition if you think Mass should be resumed. All are encouraged to sign the following petition calling for the government to reconsider its stance on a blanket ban on congregational worship:
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/548621>.

CAFOD - online events:

- ◆ **Top of the Christmas Card List?** As November is the month when we pray particularly for those who have died, let us remember some of CAFOD's partners who have been killed for standing up for their people and speaking out for justice – something we are privileged to be able to do in comparative safety here in the UK. More than 300 human rights defenders were killed last year while trying to protect their lands and nature, to halt the climate crisis or stand up for peace and human rights. Hundreds more were threatened or criminalised. CAFOD invites us to support these communities by sending Messages to the Brave either online or by making or sending a card via CAFOD by 7th December. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave

Fratelli Tutti and the work of CSAN & CAFOD Thursday 19 November, 11am-12pm Pope Francis launched his new encyclical Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All) in October in which he writes, “We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together...” CAFOD and Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) invite you to an online event to share some early thoughts on how this important encyclical will affect the way we work. [Register](#) to join us.

More updates on our parish Outreach partners.

Supporting our Outreach partners in kind – The Outreach Committee met by Zoom a few days ago to discuss the distribution to our parish Outreach partners of the £2,000 that parishioners have so generously donated in response to the appeal in recent weeks. We're confirming our provisional allocations with committee members who couldn't attend and will give you the full details next week. In the lead up to Christmas we will be inviting you to support individual, local Outreach partners with gifts in kind, starting this week with The Besom – see below. Thank you for your continued generosity in these difficult times. And please continue to support our [Outreach partners with your prayers](#). Thank you again.

The Besom in Sheffield is a small, Woodseats-based charity that has been making a **big** difference to people's lives for the past 15 years. It was formed out of a desire to see the church in Sheffield engage more actively with those living on the margins. This might be, for example, a single parent family escaping domestic violence, a homeless person living in a house for the first time in years or a family starting again after losing all they own in a house fire. These people may have absolutely nothing but The Besom gives people the chance to change that and transform their lives.

A core team made up of members of different churches meets weekly to plan activities. They have two van runs a week to collect and deliver furniture. They also organise decorating and gardening projects for members of local churches. The Besom can accept any **excellent quality** items that you need to start a home – from a spoon to a sofa! They believe that if God wants you to give it then they will find a home for it. Sofas and other soft furnishings must have a fire tag on them and all electrical items must be less than 10 years old. TVs must be digital compatible with a SCART socket (for digibox). Soft toys must have CE labels on. For more information about The Besom – and also details on donating your own Christmas hamper to someone who has very little – visit their website, thebesominsheffield.co.uk, email office@thebesominsheffield.co.uk, or phone them on 07875 950170 <https://thebesominsheffield.co.uk/> Alternatively, contact Maria Mahon if you need items collected. (Mob. 07904 499610).

NHS Voluntary Responders - Are you an NHS Approved Voluntary Responder? If so, perhaps you can help. Fr Stephen doesn't drive and with the current limitations no-one is allowed to offer him a lift. This will have a negative impact on him being able to carry out aspects of his ministry, like visiting the sick and taking Holy Communion. However, if you are a volunteer responder you can offer him a lift. If it is something you can help with, please contact Liz Mason at the presbytery Tuesday –Friday either by email or ringing. We know there are plenty of people who may be willing to offer a lift, but the diocesan guidelines are very strict on this, so please do not offer unless you are an NHS Responder.

Personal column - In this time of doom and gloom, and with our parish contact severely hampered, we always love to receive good news, so please keep us posted on anything you'd like announcing in the Personal Column and help maintain a link with other parishioners.

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Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.



ADVENT OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – may be a bit different from usual this year but the needs are still here in our local community and we know parishioners value this opportunity as part of the preparations for Christmas to focus on what helps to spread the real message of Good News.



So, here's the list of needs for over the 4 weeks, though there are more ways for you to deliver items because of restrictions. (Alternatively you can send financial donations via Outreach. Details on the parish website.)



1st Sunday of Advent - 29th November for Grace Food Bank (**needed by 7th**)

Festive Fare: Christmas biscuits – MEDIUM or small boxes, SMALL Christmas cakes or packs of Christmas chocolate mini rolls, etc Festive Chocolates/sweets (medium sized) Pringles, cheddars or similar crisps. (Full list on the backpage of the newsletter) Donations can be made at the Michael Church on Mondays 10.30am- 12noon.or at Sainsbury's Archer Rd, Morrison's Meadowhead or Co-op Derbyshire Lane. Or at OLST.*



2nd Sunday - 6th December for St Wilfrid's Centre (**needed by 11th**)

Men's

toiletries of shower gel, shampoo, roll on deodorant, shaving foam, toothpaste and toothbrushes, Men's medium underpants/boxers. Tubs and boxes of wrapped chocolates (Celebrations, Heroes etc), Christmas crackers. Donations can be made directly to St Wilfrid's or to OLST.*



3rd Sunday - 13th December for our parish SVP (**needed by 13th**)

Boxes of chocolates and biscuits.
Donations to OLST.*



4th Sunday - 20th December for Ben's Centre (**needed by 20th**)

Men's new medium underwear- pants & vests, hats & gloves (no scarves please) and new or second-hand CLEAN sleeping bags for outdoor use. Donations can be made directly to Ben's or to OLST.*

Donations can be left in the church porch on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, from 9.45 -11.30am., Meadowhead ONLY

PLEASE LABEL your gifts so we know who you want us to give it to. THANK YOU.

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Ezekiel's Rule Still Goes?

The prophet Ezekiel prescribes a social distancing, one-way system for the temple.
“When the people of the country come into the presence of Yahweh at the solemn festivals, those who have come in by the north gate to prostrate themselves must go out by the south gate, and those who have come in by the south gate must go out by the north gate; no one must turn back to leave through the gate by which he entered, but must go out on the opposite side.”

Ezekiel 46: 9

Thought for the Week

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you 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, 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Autumn - by H. P. Nichols

Here's the purple aster,
And the golden-rod,
And the blue fringed gentian,
By the meadow sod.

And the scarlet cardinal
Grows beside the brook,
And the yellow sunflower
In some sheltered nook.

Maple boughs are covered
With their foliage red,
And the withered elm leaves
On the ground lie dead.

And within the orchard,
Heavy-laden trees
Shower down the apples,
With each passing breeze.

So by these we know thee,
Lovely autumn time,
With thy deep blue heavens,
And thy snowy rime.

Prayer for the Week

With You In Paradise
Lord Jesus,
Lifted up on the cross,
You offered yourself for us all:
Your wounds for our healing,
Your sufferings for our faults,
Your agony for our peace,
Your forgiveness for our sins,
Your thirst for our comfort,
Your blood for our redemption,
Your death for our life.
Lifted up on the cross,
You promised the repentant thief
A place with you in paradise;
Lifted up as a sign in the desert
You promised to draw us all to yourself.
Lord, grant to my departed friends
The gift of life with you in paradise;
Draw them to yourself
In the kingdom of love and peace
Which never ends,
Where sorrows turn to joy,
And we are made whole again
In your eternal love. Amen

*Patrick Sayles SCC,
for The Prayer Trust*

This Week's Readings Thirty-Third Sunday (A)

First Reading: *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

Responsorial Psalm: 127

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

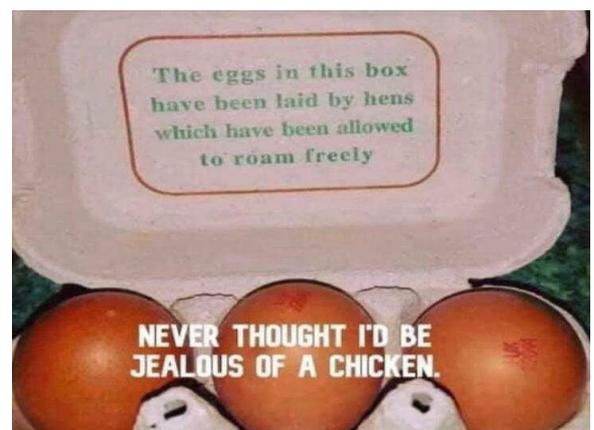
This Week's Readings Christ the King

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46*



Grace Food Bank - Collecting Christmas Food

We will be giving out Christmas food on December 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th. The food we give out is non-perishable and by giving it out in plenty of time for Christmas we hope that people won't end up going into debt trying to buy extra nice things. We also give food (particularly chocolates) to local community groups.



SO, that means that we would really like Christmas food to arrive at the foodbank by Monday 7th December. We have to weigh it, sort it and pack it and then buy items to fill any gaps in what we need. We will happily receive it earlier and will still be able to use things arriving the week after but we need at least half of it to arrive by 7th. I hope I have explained why but please do ask if you want any more information!

Some of the traditional Christmas foods that we might enjoy are less popular with our clients – they are not part of their own Christmas traditions. And while we might stock up on dried fruits and mincemeat for Christmas baking, many of our clients don't have the right equipment or experience to make use of those items.

We can't give out alcohol or liqueur chocolates so please don't send us those. If you have to be 18 to buy it then we can't give it out! We can't accept donations of chilled goods because we have to be able to prove that the cold chain has been maintained.

We will always try to pass on things that we can't use to a good home, but the earlier things arrive at the foodbank the more chance we have of being able to do this before Christmas.

Our Christmas Wishlist

Christmas biscuits – MEDIUM or small boxes (large tins are harder to fit into the bags. The picture here is a good size and most supermarkets seem to sell similar sized boxes.)

SMALL Christmas cakes or packs of Christmas chocolate mini rolls, etc

Chocolates/sweets (medium sized boxes) anything that looks festive!

Selection boxes/chocolate coins etc.

Pringles, cheddars or similar crisps In a cardboard tube (more robust for packing and transporting) (Aldi sell a cheap version)

Bottles of fizzy grape juice or similar

Tins of salmon

Tins of ham

Sachets of instant custard

SMALL boxes of crackers/biscuits for cheese

Boxes of mince pies –preferably without lots of brandy (last year we did get rather a lot of mince pies so if in doubt, perhaps buy something else!). Mince Pies do come with a shorter shelf life so please check before you buy!

All with a Use By date that's after 25th December and nothing that needs refrigerating.

Please remember that these items will all be packed into bags then transported to our collection sessions. So, for example, small bags of solid milk chocolate Santas are more useful than hollow and very fragile chocolate Santas!

Reverse Advent Calendars

Some of you will have seen this idea on Facebook. The suggestion is to get a cardboard box and put an item of food or basic toiletries in it every day in Advent. Then they suggest that you take the box to a foodbank on Christmas Eve. This is a really lovely idea and we were very grateful for all the reverse Advent calendars donated by schools and individuals last year! BUT – please don't phone up on Christmas Eve and say that you want to drop off one or several reverse Advent Calendars at the foodbank. There won't be anyone there. Lots of our volunteers are from churches and Christmas is rather a busy time at churches, even when church is virtual.... If you would like to adopt the idea of a reverse advent calendar then we would suggest that you start it early and deliver it to us the week commencing 7th December. OR you could start on 1st December but don't add festive items like Christmas cakes, just put in basic foodstuffs or toiletries. Then you could give the box to us in the New Year.



Sorry if I sound like the world's biggest killjoy, but we need to be realistic about when our volunteers are available and how quickly we can get food out. One week last

December we had nearly 3 tonnes of food arrive in the foodbank. We really do have to be as organised as we can!

No Coats for Christmas this year

Because we are currently delivering all our food parcels we are not able to work with PreLoved Uniform to make coats or warm jumpers available to our clients this year. We're sad about this but, for 2020, please don't donate any coats to us.