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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

# NOVEMBER 2021: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B (I); Psalter: Week 1)

# **Mass Readings**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 15 (16): 5, 8-11 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-32

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 14 November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
-	(p. 948 – Year B)	* Remembrance Service *	10.30 am
		Holy Mass	11.00 am
	~ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY ~		
	RETIRING COLLECTION: POPPY APPEAL		
Monday 15 November	St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor	NO LITURGIES	-
Tuesday 16 November	Feast of St. Margaret of Scotland	Eucharistic Adoration	6.45 pm
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	7.30 pm
Wednesday 17 November	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	Eucharistic Adoration	8.45 am
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Thursday 18 November	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul	Eucharistic Adoration	6.45 pm
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	7.30 pm
Friday 19 November	Friday of Week 33 in Ordinary Time	Eucharistic Adoration	8.45 am
		Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
Saturday 20 November	Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Eucharistic Adoration	8.45 am
	Mass Intention: Marianne Gorman, RIP	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
	(Third Anniversary)	•	
Sunday 21 November	SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30 am
-	(p. 952 – Year B)	Holy Mass	11.00 am
	RETIRING COLLECTION: CATHOLIC EDUCATION	Ţ	

### Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year: Hope in Tribulation

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within, and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfilment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Second Reading envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever. (Scott Hahn)

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### Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 948)

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p. 948: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

November – Month of the Holy Souls: November is the month when we remember our dearly departed. If you would like to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November, please place their names in the brown envelopes in the foyer, and hand these in to the Sacristy. All names will be placed in front of the altar, and a selection will be read out at every Mass.

**TODAY: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:** there will be a short live-streamed Remembrance Service outside the front of the church, at our War Memorial, at 10.30 am on Sunday 14 November. This is to allow those who have attended the 9.30am to participate, as well as those arriving for the 11.00am Mass. You are all very welcome to attend. **Today's Retiring Collection is for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund.** 

Christmas Flowers: if you would like to assist us with purchasing flowers for our Christmas celebrations, please consider placing a contribution in an envelope, marked 'Christmas Flowers', and leaving it in the Sacristy. Thank you.

**ADVENT STUDY COURSE** – 'THE CHRISTMAS STORY': Fr. Domenico is planning a Scripture course on 'The Christmas Story', which will be streamed via Zoom, on **Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm** during December. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 1 December Preparation
Wednesday 8 December Annunciation(s)
Wednesday 15 December Realisation
Wednesday 22 December Adoration

If you are interested in this, please contact Fr. Domenico for the Zoom link.

**8 December: Day of Recollection at Stratherrick** (postcode IV2 6UL). The Day includes Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Angelus, Litany of the Mystic Rose. Lunch provided. Please arrive by no later than 10.30am; day concludes at 3.00pm. Donations will be most welcome to help defray costs. Please advise St. Mary's parish office if you would like to attend: tel. 01463 233519.

**Highland Deanery Youth Music Group** – the group is hoping to submit a video of 'Gaudete' for this year's online Diocesan Carol Concert (20 December, at 7.00pm onwards). The youth music group needs more singers to join us for this one project ,which will probably involve a few hours work over a month. Last year we submitted 'In Dulci Jubilo'; the video is still available to view on the Diocese web site. We worked mainly remotely; this year we have more freedom and may be able to meet for practice and pizza. If your secondary-school child is interested in joining us, please contact David Atkinson at datki01@outlook.com or 07570993713.

# **Christmas Masses:**

Vigil (24 December) 7.00pm: carols and readings 7.30pm: Holy Mass Christmas Day 10.30am: Holy Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass

90 Club: Next Draw on 28 November! — A few numbers are still available if you would like to join in; just ask Father Domenico. \*\* Please note that 2022 contributions will be collected in January from all those with a number(s). Thank you for your support of this important Parish fundraiser. \*\*

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

**RIP:** Gerald Cunningham

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Marshall, Jack Johnstone, Effie Kennedy, Anne Jasinski, Richard Green, Christina Johnstone, Patrick McGlade, Marianne Gorman