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Sunday 19th November 2023 Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



*'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'*

Remembrance Services

This week I have received letters of thanks from both the Mayor of Prescot and the Mayor of Knowsley thanking the parish for hosting the Remembrance Services last Sunday, a huge thank you to everyone who helped in the organisation.

Parish Christmas Party

Tickets will be on sale next Sunday for our first Christmas Party taking place at the Guild Hall on Friday 8th December from 7:30pm. The evening will include a Raffle, Bingo, Quiz and Hot Pot Buffet. Tickets are priced at £8 and are available from the Parish Kitchen.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you for the donations for our Christmas Raffle, tickets on sale next Sunday.

Solemnity of Christ the King/World Youth Day

As the Feast of Christ the King draws near, it is also time for World Youth Sunday and our own Youth FUNday! It will be a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in church. Everyone is invited to join in with World Youth FUNday on Friday, 24th November, a live interactive day of quizzes, prayer, input and activities for schools and families, all live streamed on the CYMFed YouTube channel and to participate in local activities using the WYD resources on Sunday 26th November 2022 WorldYouthSunday.com (social media @youthsundayew – Instagram. Youth Sunday E&W – Facebook. @CYMFed –twitter). There will be a retiring collection next Sunday to support the work of Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth Service.

Nugent's Light up a Life Services 2023

Light up a Life is an opportunity to sponsor a light on Nugent's Tree of Light in memory or in honour of a loved one. It is a chance to celebrate the life of someone special and make a difference to the lives of those Nugent are supporting this Christmas.

Light up a Life is traditionally the time where we gather for a service of remembrance, thinking about those we have loved and lost, sharing our grief with others; but also celebrating the very special place they had in our lives. We hope that you can join us this year. There are two remembrance services: Sunday 10th December 2023 at 3pm at St Teresa's Church, Up Holland led by Father Philip Kehoe, followed by refreshments Friday 15th December at 12:30pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral, Liverpool led by Bishop Tom Williams, followed by refreshments.

Forget Me Not

Forget me not is a group for people living with dementia and their carers to come together in a supportive and friendly environment to meet new people and chat over a cuppa. People are welcome to join in the activities or just sit back and relax. There is also lots of information and support available. Forget me not takes place on Thursday from 10-12pm at Bryer Road Community Centre, Bryer Road, Prescot, L35 5DW. £3.50 per person.

Feast Days

Tuesday 21st - Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by Ss Joachim and Anne in the Temple in Jerusalem. Jewish law required the ritual dedication of first-born sons to God in the Temple. It is probable that a similar custom, if not a law, called for Jewish girls to also be so dedicated. The prophet Samuel was similarly presented by his mother, Hannah. Both Hannah and her namesake, Anne, were long barren and were thus all the more grateful to see the fruit of their unexpected pregnancies.

Wednesday 22nd - Memorial of St Cecilia

The veneration of St Cecilia, who lived in the 3rd Century, and in whose honour a basilica was erected at Rome in the 5th Century, has extended far and wide because of the Passion of St Cecilia, which presented her as a perfect example of Christian womanhood who preserved her virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. She refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, converted her persecutors and was sentenced to suffocation. She is the patron saint of musicians.

Friday 24th - Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions

Canonised on 19th June 1988 by Pope John Paul II, numbering 117 martyred in Vietnam. 96 are Vietnamese, 11 are Spanish Dominicans and 10 are members of the Paris based Foreign Missionary Society. The Gospel was brought to Vietnam in the 16th Century and over the next three centuries many Christians were martyred, giving witness to the faith. Many were bishops, priests and religious men and women, along with laymen and women. Now the Universal Church honours them by a Decree of 1st June 1989.

Offertory Collection - Gift Aid £93 Loose £259. Thank you for your generosity.

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 18th	6.00 pm	Pious List
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Pious List
Monday 20th	12.00 pm	Sebastian King
Wednesday 22nd	10.00 am	<i>Funeral Service Chris Purcell</i>
	12.00 pm	Rita Carter
Friday 24th	12.00 pm	Eileen Duffy
Saturday 25th	11.00 am	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	11.30 am	<i>Rosary</i>
	12.00 pm	Mgr Dennick
	6.00 pm	Pious List
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Pious List

Please remember in your prayers the members of our parish who are sick and those who have asked for our prayers:

Thomas Owens, Derek McEgan, Clare Walsh, Monica Allen, Tony Duncan, Anne McCafrey, Karen Parry, Sandra Johnson, Geraldine Shacklock, Toni Shacklock, Gwen Bode, Joe & Family, Mary Sherwood, Vera Lynn, Jo Knight, Kathleen Kjervold

Lately Dead - Chris Purcell

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

