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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (15/11/2026)

Sat 14 Nov	6.30pm	Parishioners
Sun 15 Nov	10.00am	For the Diocesan Clergy
Mon 16 Nov		No Mass
Tue 17 Nov	9.30am	Vernon Brown
		Sts. Hilda, Ab, Hugh of Lincoln, B, Elizabeth of Hungary,R
	7.00pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Meeting
Wed 18 Nov	9.15am	Rosary, Novena, Holy Mass
		Chacko Pookumbel,
Thu 19 Nov	9.30 am	Tony Glennon
Fri 20 Nov	11.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00pm	Paul Hughes

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (22/11/2026)

Sat 21 Nov	6.30pm	Parishioners, **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Sun 22 Nov	10.00am	Day of Special Prayer for Young People

Sunday Offerings
Weekly collection: Loose: £291.43 Planned Giving Envelopes: £120.00 Total: £411.43
Thank you for your generosity.

Clergy Education and Training Fund
This weekend, 14th & 15th November, we will have the annual collection for the Clergy Education and Training Fund. The future of our diocese depends greatly on the training and formation of priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please donate online at Dona**.** Please donate generously.

Piety Stall
Have you started your Christmas shopping? If you are looking for Advent calendars and Christmas cards, come along to the Piety Stall (open after 10am Sunday Mass). There are also missals, 2027 diaries, books and religious items which would make good Christmas presents for both adults and children.

First Holy Communion 2027
At this time of the year, we begin preparation for the First Holy Communion classes for those 'baptized children' who are seven years or older, and whose parents would like them to make their First Holy Communion in our church on Saturday 19th June 2027 at 11am. Please would parents and carers of those children pass on their interest to Fr. Philip or Helen Jones in the next couple of weeks, and they will be provided with forms to complete.

Safeguarding Sunday
November 15th is national 'Safeguarding Sunday'. The theme this year is 'Love Protects', with the aim of encouraging parishes to understand that in its simplest terms, safeguarding is the protection of those in our care. The theme comes from 1 Corinthians 13, where we're told that love protects. We want parishes to further understand that safeguarding isn't an external pressure or just another 'thing to do', it's an act of love, and of course, love is central to our faith.
Our Safeguarding Officer is Julia Thomas. In coming weeks, she will be displaying information at the back of the church and on our website.

Life in The Spirit Prayer Meeting
The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November, from 7 to 8.30pm, at the back of the church. We will begin with prayer and praise, followed by Scripture readings, prophecy, teaching and a time of intercession. The prayer meeting provides an opportunity to discover and deepen the presence and the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. All are welcome.

Open Door teas and coffees
On Wednesday 18th November, we will have the next monthly get-together for parishioners to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a chat from 11am to 12.15pm at the back of the church. This is an opportunity for parishioners to spend some social time together. We sit at tables cafe style; do come to share time together.

Sick and Housebound
Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound: Susan McCartney, Margaret Bacon, Hilda Morgan, Aileen Antony, Linda Strohacker, Claire Smart, Eileen Iles, Rosemary Cawley and diocesan sick clergy and religious sisters.

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

The Introductory Rites

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Response: Amen

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. R: **Amen.**
P. Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy**.
P: Christ, have mercy. R. **Christ, have mercy**.
P: Lord, have mercy. R. **Lord, have mercy.**
P: Let us pray.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm:	**Blessed are all who fear the Lord.**
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Gospel Acclamation:	**Alleluia, alleluia.** **Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.** **Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.** **Alleluia.**
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 14-30

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.)* **and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.
R: **And with your spirit**.
P: Lift up your hearts.
R: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R: **It is right and just.**
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
P: The mystery of faith.
R: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.**

The Communion Rite

P: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

R: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**
P: Behold the Lamb of God....
R: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**