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## **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm – Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel – Mark 13:24-32

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, the Word of God reminds us of the final end to which we tend, and the cosmic events that will precede it. The day of the Lord is approaching when all the chosen ones will be gathered from across the whole world by the angels and brought to see the glory of God. Jesus will be seen clothed with great power and glory. Before His return, there will be a time of pain and suffering, a time of sorrow that will envelop all creation. In other words, the last wake-up call given by the Lord to help us get ready to ensure that everyone has a chance of repentance and put their affairs in order.

As you read or listen to that message this Sunday, you might have a number of different reactions. The most likely one – yes, I've heard it all before but I'm still here, there's still time, I'm not seriously ill, and things can always wait till later or the next day. After all, God is full of mercy and love. When something seemingly doesn't affect me, there is no need for urgency and so we procrastinate and coast through life. For many of us the same happens in our spiritual life. The Word of God on the other hand wishes to instil a sense of His immediate return so that we don't fall asleep and settle for mediocrity.

We need to take to heart what the Lord says: none of us know the time when our life may end or change drastically. Accidents, illness, natural disasters, war, civil unrest – all these things and many besides can simply turn up as if unannounced and impact us. Now is the time to put things in order, to ensure our hearts are set on the kingdom of God. Now is the time for forgiveness, for reconciling, for apologies, for showing mercy, for doing penance and following the Lord. Let us pray for one another as members of the same community of disciples that we may rediscover a sense of urgency in trying to live the Gospel to make the most of every single opportunity that God gives us every day in order to grow in holiness.

**November Dead List** – During the month of November we pray for our loved ones who have died. If you haven't done so already, you can write the names of your loved ones using the paper and envelopes available at the back of the church and we will add your list to the names we already have beneath the altar. We remember them daily at Mass. As you enter the church, on your left there is a chapel dedicated to Our Lady where you will see a collection of cards and pictures of those who have died. I would also like to use our parish website as a way to remember the ones we pray for – if you would like to have a picture of your loved one displayed on our website, please get in touch.

**Cleaning the church volunteers** – Thank you to all of you who volunteered for this important service for the whole community. We now have 2 weeks covered, which does mean we still need a lot more of you to help us fill a 4-week rota. Please consider giving up some of your time and energy to ensure that our place of worship is clean and worthy of what we are celebrating here. If you can volunteer once per month then do get in touch with your details.

**Church Hall Opening** – We are really grateful for our volunteers who turned up Saturday morning to ensure our parish hall is in best shape possible for our use. We do intend to have a coffee morning and a Christmas Cards sale after our Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent in two weeks' time. Do come to those if you can, it would be a great chance to meet one another.

**Advent Prayer Group** – Beginning on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, we will meet every Tuesday of Advent 7pm – 8.30pm in the church to pray and meditate on the message of the Word of God for us this Advent. The first theme will be God's promises to us: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given". The sessions will be led by Cláudia Azevedo, one of our parishioners - do join us if you can during this holy season.

**House Visits / Blessings** – An important part of my service to you as your parish priest is to come to know you, pray with you, and bless you. That is why I would like to invite myself into your homes! – not for a 3-course meal, not even a cup of tea required, but to meet you, chat, and pray. Don't be afraid – I won't turn up uninvited. If you'd like a visit, just get in touch in any way you can – speak to me after Mass in the sacristy, email, phone, fill out the form on the website, or fill in a card that should be available at the back of the church.

**Rosary Prayer Group Fridays 7.00p.m.** – We meet every week in church to ask Our Lady's protection over our parishioners and the whole world. Join us.

### **FIVE BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS**

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. As a result, you will experience Sunday Mass in a new way!

Five Wednesdays: 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time). Free of Charge | LIVE sessions on YouTube.

Info & Registration: <https://comeandsee.org/advent>

**Catholic Schools Inspectors Required** - The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors of Catholic primary and secondary schools. We are particularly keen to hear from former school leaders who seek to remain connected with Catholic Education. Email [b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk](mailto:b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk) for details.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Just a note to remind all parishioners that our church opens from 5.30 p.m. on Saturday evenings for a time of silent adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a perfect opportunity for some quiet prayer and reflection, which ends at 6.15 p.m. with benediction.

**1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2022** – If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, please get in touch in order to sign your child for the relevant course. All classes will begin from January, but the sooner you let us know the better. Please fill in the relevant form on the website or speak to me in person. You have until mid-December to ensure your child is signed up.

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Leonid Labosmin
9.00 a.m.	November Dead List
11.00 a.m.	Franciscan Missionaries of Mary & Benefactors
5.30 p.m.	Parishioners

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	November Dead List
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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	November Dead List
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***St. Edmund of Abingdon***

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	November Dead List
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***St. Elizabeth of Hungary***

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	November Dead List
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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	November Dead List
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**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m.	November Dead List
6.30 p.m.	Mary & Johnathon

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.