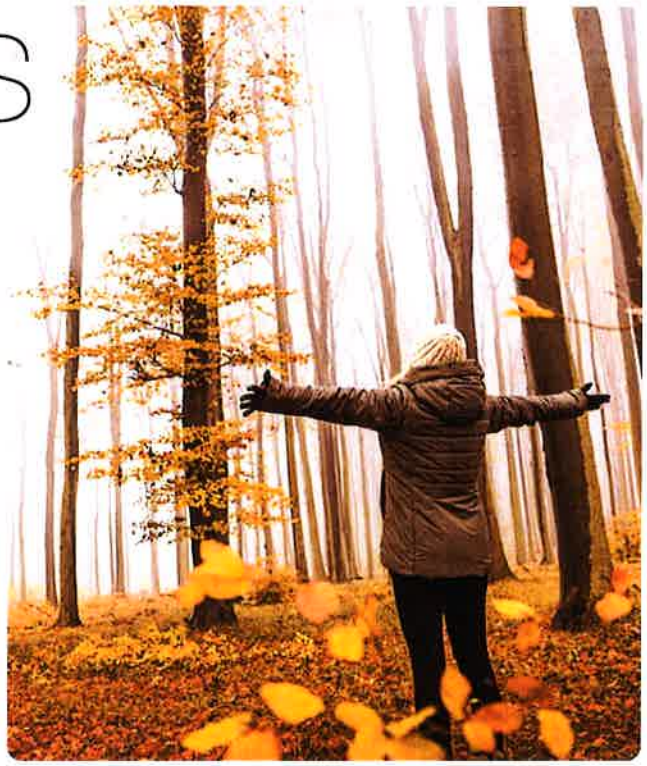
Authenticity counts!

SUNDAY Plus

15 NOVEMBER 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Divine Office Week I** Year A

New insights



All of us bring time to mind through our awareness of the present, our memory of the past and our hope in the future. We can also choose to ignore the present, forget the past and despair about the future. Although memory refers to the past and hope to the future, we remember and hope from where we are now. Depending on our present condition and mood, so we remember and so we hope…

Because of new insight and new experiences, the past can be reinterpreted and understood anew. So, too, can the way we look at the future.

The past is not dead; it waits patiently to be recollected and reinterpreted. Because we change, we review our past differently. We keep reinterpreting the past in the light of what is going on now in our lives. What appeared to be a mountain at the time turns out, later, to be a molehill; what appeared to be a chance encounter, way back then, becomes the most important meeting of our lives. Often the meaning of an experience is unclear at the time of the experience. We have to wait for meaning. Only then can we understand… sometimes it takes months or even years before we can truly appreciate the importance that some events have exercised in our life story. The past is not dead; it lingers on as a resource for meaning or it waits for new interpretation.

Experience means learning through direct personal contact with people and things, and new experiences or new information can challenge people to think again.

Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.,
Journeying Towards Jesus

Lord, you know that I often overlook my little steps towards you. Walk with me and pick me up when I stumble ✝ Amen.

We need each other

Once when a lion was asleep a little mouse began running up and down upon him. This soon awakened the lion, who placed his huge paw upon the mouse and opened his big jaws to swallow him.

"Pardon, O King," cried the mouse, "forgive me this time, I shall never forget it: and I may be able to do you a favour in the future." The lion was so taken at the idea of the mouse being able to help him, that he let him go.

Sometime after, the lion was caught in a trap, and the hunters tied him to a tree. Just then the little mouse happened to pass by, and seeing the sad plight of the lion, went up to him and soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?" said the mouse.

Aesop, *Fables*

One cannot love God without extending one's love to the poor. Love for our neighbour is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God.

Pope Leo XIV

Feast of the week
Monday 16 November

St Margaret of Scotland (1045-1093)

St Margaret of Scotland, the niece of St Edward the Confessor, shines as a beacon of faith lived through compassion and courage. As queen, she used her influence not for power, but for mercy – feeding poor people, freeing captives and reforming the Church with wisdom and grace. Her life was steeped in prayer and scripture yet never removed from the needs of her people. Margaret reminds us that holiness is not confined to cloisters: it flourishes in kitchens, councils and communities. She lived the Gospel with integrity, embodying Christ's call to serve "the least of these." In our own lives, we are invited to follow her example: to blend devotion with action, to seek justice with tenderness. As we honour her, may we be inspired to live generously, pray deeply and lead with love in whatever role God has entrusted to us.

READINGS

Today:
Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday:
Apocalypse 1:1-4; 2:1-5
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday:
Apocalypse 3:1-6. 14-22
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday:
Apocalypse 4:1-11
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday:
Apocalypse 5:1-10
Luke 19:41-44

Friday:
Apocalypse 10:8-11
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday:
Apocalypse 11:4-12
Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday:
Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Matthew 25:31-46

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"We preach not one coming only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the first. The first revealed the meaning of his patient endurance; the second brings with it the crown of the divine kingdom." St Cyril of Jerusalem

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Sat. 14th Nov. 6:30pm. **Teresa Elson (40 Day Mass RIP)**
Theresa Hynes (RIP)

Sun. 15th Nov. 9:30am. **Ian Tait (Recently Deceased RIP)**
11:00am. **Maria Gallagher (Special Birthday)**
Prayers Requested for Maria Elisa Deus (Anniversary RIP)

Mon. 16th Nov. NO MASS
Tues. 17th Nov. 10:00am. **JA and R (Special Intention)**
12.30pm FUNERAL MASS
John Bourke (RIP)

Wed. 18th Nov. 10:00am. **Mr Tual Bahadure (RIP)**
Mrs Pramila Tamang (RIP)

Thurs 19th Nov. 10:00am. **Thomas and Ann McHugh (RIP)**
Fri 20th Nov. 7:00pm. INTERNATIONAL EVENING
NO ADORATION OR MASS

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sat. 21st Nov. 6:30pm. **Siobhan Conway (RIP)**
Anton Mariampillai (RIP)

Sun. 22nd Nov. 9:30am. **Cecil Solomon (RIP)**
Luisa Gabitan (RIP)
11:00am. **Rita Desa (RIP)**
Joseph Hook (RIP)

Second Offertory next weekend is for the Catholic Youth Service.

Saints of the Week 16th St Edmund of Abingdon;
16th St Margaret of Scotland; St Gertrude;
17th St Hilda; St Hugh of Lincoln; St Elizabeth of Hungary;
18th The Dedication of the Basilica of SS Peter & Paul The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Upcoming Mass Intentions 24th Brian Aylward; 25th The Cowman Family; 26th Gribben & Heffernan Families;
27th Annie Stone; 28th John Bourke; 28th Noreen Reynolds.

"Arise soldiers of Christ, throw away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light." St Cecilia

Prayers for the Sick & Housebound Please pray for the wellbeing of: D.H. Adelaide Cotter; Paul Fairhall; E.K.U.; Marie Goti; Michael Christou; John Rosenow Michael Hoskins; Phyllis Sibley; Martha Gilbert, Mar Nassan, Joe Mendes; Baby Cian Dominic Carter, Pan Williams, Zonia Phethean and Stanley

PARISH LIFE

Rosary Prayers before Mass Fr Ben is looking for a team of volunteers willing to lead the Rosary Prayers before weekend Masses. Please speak to Father or send him an email.

International Evening Friday 20th November at 7p celebrating the feast of our patron saint. Raffle prize still needed.

Christmas Concert Rehearsals 22nd November at 5pm in the church.

Christmas Concert Sunday 6 December 5pm
Entertainers or helpers behind the scenes, we need as many helping hands as possible! Sign ups and posters for both the International Night or Concert are in the church. All are invited, bring friends & relatives.

Christmas Eve Nativity Mass **We are organising a Christmas Eve Nativity & would love for children i Y2 and above to take part. To help us prepare make sure your child can attend all of the rehearsals before signing up. Rehearsal dates are:**
Sun. 29th Nov. 3.30pm - 4.15pm;
Sun. 13th Dec. 3.30pm - 4.30pm;
Wed 23rd Dec. 3.30pm - 4.30pm.
With a possible additional rehearsal Mon. 21st Dec.. to be confirmed nearer the date .

The Nativity Family Mass is Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 6pm. Participating children should arrive at 5.30pm.

IT Worshop Saturday 12th November at 9am in the Canon Beausang Room.

Urgent Local Rental Accommodation Required for six Community Faith Members. Please speak to Fr Ben or contact the parish office, if you know of anywhere suitable.