✠ TWO WEEKS IN OUR PARISH ✠

Sunday 8th November 32nd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	**10:00am –** Bill Mc Guirck Recently died MD
Monday 9th November *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Tuesday 10th November *St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor*	**10:00am-** *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*
Wednesday 11th November *St Martin of Tours, Bishop*	**10:00am -** Requiem Mass for Malcolm Martin RIP
Thursday 12th November *St Josephat, Bishop, Martyrs*	**10:00am –** Sally Flynn
Friday 13th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**10:00am –** Joan Sidebottom
Saturday 14th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Sunday 15th November 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	**10:00am –** Mary Josephine Miller RIP
Monday 16th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Tuesday 17th November *St Hilda of Whitby*	**10:00am –** Addie Mc Kiernan
Wednesday 18th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**10:00am –** Deceased brothers of the Catenian Association
Thursday 19th November *Weekday in Ordinary Time*	**10:00am –** Malcolm Martin AL
Friday 20th November *St Edmund, King and Martyr*	**10:00am –** Birthday Mass - Monica Hastie
Saturday 21st November *The Presentation of the BVM*	**NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY**
Sunday 22nd November CHRIST THE KING	**10:00am –** Denis Mc Kiernan

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with us by 5pm on Wednesday 18th November

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POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR **NOVEMBER**

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8TH NOVEMBER 2026

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15TH NOVEMBER 2026

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✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

A WARM WELCOME TO YOU ALL & THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

YOUR CHARITABLE PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED…

for the repose of the soul of Malcolm Martin. May he rest in peace! We remember Pat and the family in our prayers at this time.

PARISH FINANCES AND CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

Many thanks for your generous response to our parish appeal last weekend for parish funds to help us repair and maintain the Church. So far, we have raised £477.00. I am most grateful for a private donation to cover the cost of the double glazing of the windows in the new day chapel. A letter from Fr Anthony outlining the parish's current financial position is now available to read on the **parish website (click here if you are viewing this online** stmatthews-ponteland.org.uk/finances-november-2026**)**, with printed copies also available at the back of church. The letter details the work carried out over the past year, the costs involved, and the further essential repairs and improvements still needed. Please take a moment to read it and consider how you might help support the ongoing upkeep and future of our church. **Thank you for your continued generosity and support.**

YOUTH SUNDAY

There will be an annual collection for the diocesan Youth Service at Mass on Sunday 22nd November. Could I ask our Young Parishioners to volunteer to bring the offertory gifts to the Altar. If anyone young person would like to read or help with the collection on youth Sunday; please just let me know!. Don't be shy…. or I may ask you anyway!! (There's no age limit of you wish to take part!)

OFFERTORY PROCESSION AT SUNDAY MASS

There is a list on the offertory table for anyone who wishes to bring the gifts to the altar at Mass. Please sign up if you wish to participate as a family or individual.

READERS AT MASS

I am most grateful to all our readers at Mass – Just a point of order for the smooth running of the Liturgy- Could I ask you all to approach the lectern during the *opening prayer of the Mass*- (your que is "*Let us pray*")-so you are ready to read as soon as we all sit down. Also, please note there is no need to adjust the height of the microphone as it has been set at an optimum height for all readers! For reading the bidding prayers please approach the lectern towards the end of the creed so that you are ready to read as soon as I say " The Lord be with you".

MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS OF THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

will be celebrated on Wednesday 18th November at 10am. We welcome our visitors!

THE ANNUAL EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND READINGS

will be on Sunday 20th December at 5pm in the hall. Free tickets are available from John McCormack, Steve Helm or any member of the SVP. Mince pies, wine and soft drinks will be provided. **Parishioners of all ages, individuals or groups, are invited and encouraged to participate.** If you can contribute a song, reading or instrumental piece on a Christmas theme, please speak to Bob Turner (01661 824299) by Sunday 29th November so that the programme can be finalised.

✠ 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR ✠

First reading *from the book of Wisdom*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

For you my soul is thirsting,
O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you; for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night. For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Second reading
1st Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him
those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia.

Gospel
according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

✠ THE 33RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR ✠

First reading *from the book of Proverbs*

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.

Indeed, thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!

Second reading

1st Letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand to greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel
according to Matthew

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." '

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.