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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16th November 2025

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The readings this weekend reminds us that God is always at work, even when times are hard. The readings speak of Judgment warning, and also hope. They call us to stay faithful and trust that God will care for those who honour Him. In the first reading prophet Malachi confronts the people for dishonouring God through poor worship and injustice. He speaks of a fierce day when the arrogant and wicked will be punished, but it will bring justice and healing for those who honour God. This ties in with the main message this weekend of turning to God with sincerity and trust in His mercy. In the second reading Paul writes to the Thessalonians in Greece and gives himself as an example, showing that Christian life requires responsibility and love for others. He emphasise the value of hard work and warns against idleness and encourages everyone to earn their keep. It stresses that faith must be active and the need for discipline in community life. Luke's Gospel is near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem. In the Temple Jesus says the workmanship in the Temple is superb, but its beauty is a shadow of the inner significance of God who lives with His people. It is God within us which really matters. He foretells the destruction of the Temple. (Temple is destroyed by the Roman army in 70BC). He warns that suffering and persecution is to come which needs wisdom, endurance, perseverance and trust in God in every trial. Malcolm.			

Mass times

Feast Days

6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 15th St Albert the Great Born in 1206 in Germany to a wealthy and powerful military family. Age 14 started his studies at Padua University. Then joined the Dominicans in Padua against his parent's wishes. Studied theology in Bologna. . Professor of theology at Paris University. Thomas Aquinas was one of his pupils. Became Dominican Principal for Germany in 1254. He and Thomas Aquinas were criticised at Paris University by conservative theologians. Albert went to Rome to defend his views and was made personal theologian to Pope Alexander IV. He appointed him Bishop of Regensburg, a diocese north of Munich, not far from is birth place. He visited his diocese by foot rather than on horseback to be close to the people. He resigned after 3 years and returned to lecturing and preaching in Cologne. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274 on his way to the Second Council of Lyons in which Albert took part. In 1277 Albert was in Paris defending the writings of Thomas against the Bishop of Paris and other theologians. He died on 15th November 1280.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 16th November St Edmund of Abingdon Thanksgiving Mass for Taniya Jomy's Birthday
NO MASS	Monday 17th St Hilda of Whitby Born in 614 daughter of King Hereric. As an infant her father was murdered and she was taken to the court of King Edwin who was a pagan. He then married the sister of King Eadbald of Kent, the Christian Æthelburg. She was accompanied by St Paulinus who became Bishop of York. Aged 13 Hilda was baptised a Christian together with King Edwin. Aged 33, Hilda went to East Anglia to a relative hoping to travel to France to learn about monastic life which she felt was her vocation. Recalled to the north by St Aidan, Bishop of Lidisfarne, to start a community of nuns. Abbess of double monastery at Hartlepool. Founded double monastery at Whitby as Abbess. Used the Celtic Rite and was known for her wisdom. Chosen as venue for <i>Synod of Whitby</i> due to prestige of the monastery. This was to decide which rite should be used all across England. The north used the Celtic Rite and the south used the Latin Rite. The Latin Rite won the day led by the arrogant St Wilfred and Abbess Hilda reluctantly changed to the Latin Rite. She was known as "Mother" due to her wonderful devotion and grace and her influence spread. Leading figures sought her advice including kings and clerics. Abbess Hilda died 17th November 680 aged 66 .
NO MASS	Tuesday 18th St Mawes His mother from Brittany sailed to Ireland just before he was born in the 6th century. As an adult he went to Cornwall and founded a village near the River Fal which bears his name. Lived as a hermit and attracted followers. He and his disciples left for France to evangelise in Brittany at the time of the Frankish King Childbert I. They landed on an island now called Ile Maudez. St Mawes set fire to the dried vegetation to clear away all the vermin. From there he and his followers were missionaries in mainland Brittany. The many churches in the region named after him (Maudez in French) testify to their influence and the missionary zeal of St Mawes.
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm NO MASS	Wednesday 19th St Nerses the Great Born beginning of the 4th century in Armenia into a family with connections to royalty , a saint and the founder of the Armenian Church. Educated in Caesarea, a student of St Basil. He married a princess and they had a son who became a bishop, St Isaac. When his wife died he was made sword bearer and an advisor to King Arshak II . With his family history he was then encouraged by the king to enter the Church and was eventually made Patriarch of Caesarea. He renovated old churches and built new ones. Up to then the Church was identified mainly with the royal family and the nobles but he involved more of the ordinary people Relationship with the king and the patriarch deteriorated due to his reforms. When the king destroyed the houses of nobles and had his wife murdered, he was strongly condemned by Nerses who was then sent into

	exile for 9 years. When King Papus came to the throne he reinstated Patriarch Nerses. They fell out when King Papus proved to be a dissolute and unworthy leader. Patriarch Nerses banned the king from entering a church but the king poisoned the food and St Nerses died a martyr in 373.
NO MASS	Thursday 20th St Edmund, King of East Anglia Young King of East Anglia born 840 in Saxony, Germany, a pious devout Christian. Model king who cared for those in his kingdom especially the poor. Developed military skills so he could lead an army to fight with King Alfred the Great, King of Wessex and King of England, against the Viking invasions. Lost in battle against the Danes. Captured and tortured to renounce his faith but refused. Martyred on 20 th November 869 aged just 29. Eventually buried in a town that was then named Bury St Edmunds. Was originally the patron saint of England until sadly King Edward III, in creating the "Order of the Garter" elevated St George as patron saint despite having no connection with England. Moves to reinstate Edmund
NO MASS	Friday 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, brought her aged 3 years old to the Temple to consecrate her to God. This was in thanksgiving for the gift of a daughter as they had been childless for so many years.
6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 22nd St Cecilia Born to a noble Christian family in Rome in about 210. Much of her story relies on legend. From very young Cecilia was determined to remain a virgin but her parents arranged a marriage to a rich pagan nobleman, Valerian. On her wedding night told her husband of her vow and that she had an angel to protect her. Valerian wanted to see the angel. Needed to convert to Christianity. He agreed and his brother Tiburtius converted. The young brothers, encouraged by Cecilia, gave support to Christians, did works of mercy and buried martyrs against Roman rules. Both arrested. Refused to offer sacrifice to imperial gods. Executed as martyrs. Cecilia was then arrested and also stayed true to her faith. Tried to kill by choking on toxic gases but kept singing Christian songs. Tried to behead her but she survived for 3 days. Patron saint of musicians.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Mrs Victoria O'Connor
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION	
Your prayers are needed for the following people	
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Fr Shaun Budden Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

No weekday Masses up to Friday 28th November as Fr Thomas is now having a well deserved break.

Next SVP Social this Wednesday 19th November – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

Christmas Collection of sweets for Southampton Sunday Lunch Project by Sunday 15th December

Collection of wrapped sweets such as Roses, Celebration and Quality Street needed. Please place your donations in box in the porch by Sunday 14th December. Many thanks in anticipation, Shelagh Moon. Tel: 023 8073 6275



Are you able to host the Posada, figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey, for the night?

Leading up to Christmas, Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people, dressed as Mary and Joseph, travel from house to house asking for a room for the night and tell the story about the imminent arrival of Jesus. On Christmas Eve they visit the local church and react the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in the crib.

The modern Posada uses nativity figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey who travel from place to place in the parish. This gives individual parishioners the chance to "host" the Posada and to create their own celebration of the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. Our Posada will be blessed at St Vincent de Paul on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December at the 9.30 am Mass.

Parishioners wishing to host the Posada should fill in the "*Posada Journey Rota*" in the church porch with your name and contact details. The person hosting the Posada on the day before you will deliver the Posada to you at an agreed time. You are then expected to make arrangements for the Posada to be delivered to the next host on the following day. For the evening that you host the Posada, you might like to invite family and friends to join in your celebration, or you might prefer a quiet evening of prayer and reflection. A sheet of suggested prayers is available. Hosting the Posada can be an opportunity to share our faith with family and friends but, above all, it is a chance to celebrate the period of Advent and think about our journey towards the great feast of Christmas.

Sponsors for Christmas bags of treats to be distributed at the Southampton Sunday Lunch Project

Can you sponsor a Christmas bag of treats containing a hat, gloves, socks, toiletries and treats to be distributed at the Southampton Sunday Lunch Project Christmas Meal Service in Woolston and Portswood on Sunday 21st December. This year Liz Challand is trying to provide 150 and each bag is £10 in value. If you would like to sponsor a bag or bags please speak to Liz or email lizchalland@btinternet.com by Monday 29th November

Parish collection for last weekend 8th and 9th November

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	
£92	£23	£193.26	£242.54	£51.98	£602.78				£602..78