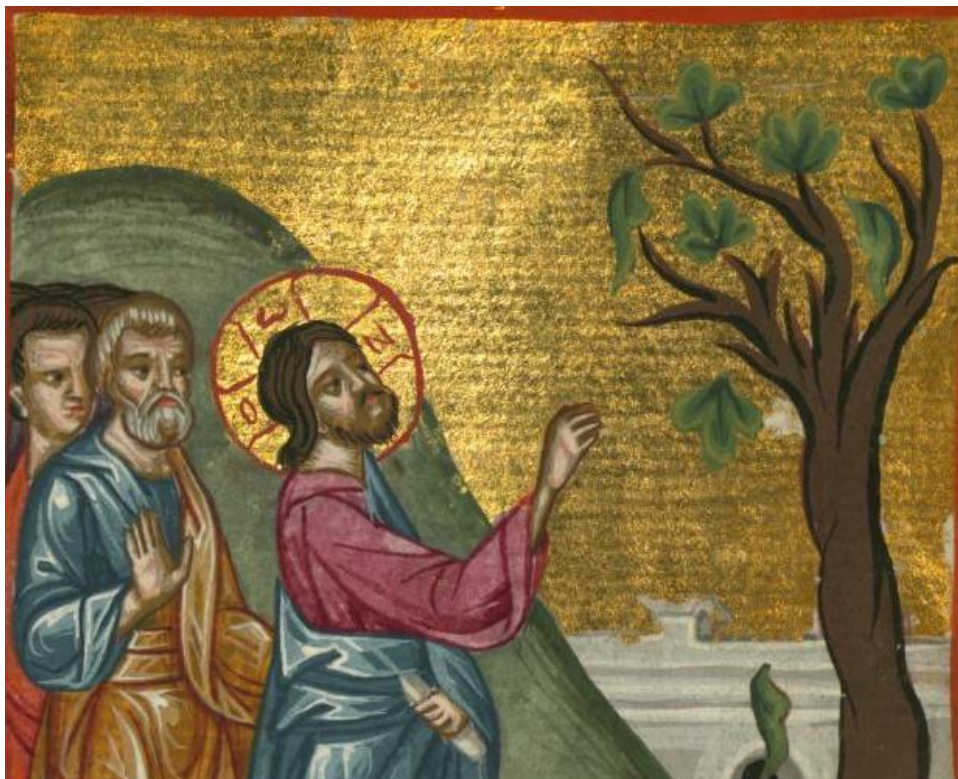


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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 November 2024

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Lol Hodges, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Martin Humphreys, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Tom Bryant. *If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it in. Thank you.*

For all who ordered **the new standard edition Missal**, (3 year liturgical cycle, hardback) retailing at £19.95, these **can now be collected** on payment. **The 2025 Sunday Missal** (single year, paperback) retailing at £9.95 is also **now available** to purchase..

November Memorial Dead List 2024 – 2025

Beginning in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the year. To enrol a loved one on the list so that they are included in these Masses, please write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked ‘Dead List.’ You can hand the envelope in at the sacristy, office or give it to Fr M by Sunday, 1 December.

St Joseph’s Cemetery Maintenance Fund: we kindly ask in November, the month of the Holy Souls, for those with family and friends in our cemetery, to make a contribution towards the cost of the upkeep. Particular thanks must go to those dedicated parishioners who give of their time and labour to care for our hallowed ground and we have received a number of positive comments recognising the good work that is being done by them. Thank you for your continuing support.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (beginning **7 December**) there will be **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from 9.30am to 10.30am, with Benediction at 10.25am.

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph’s Church

Tuesday, 24 December, Christmas Eve

3.30 - 3.55pm *Carols before Mass*

4.00pm Vigil Mass

6.30 - 6.55pm *Carols before Mass*

7.00pm Mass during the Night

Wednesday, 25 December, Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

There is a **Polish Commemoration Day** at the cathedral next Saturday, 23 November. From 1.00pm there will be displays of the Polish Community in the Houlden Hall and a solemn Mass of Christ the King (in English with Polish hymns) will be held at 3.00pm in the Cathedral, followed by tea, coffee and cake served by the Polish Girl Scouts. The Deputy Lieutenant and the Polish Consul General in Manchester will be

attending, as well as representatives of ex-servicemen's associations. This commemorative event is being organised by a group of second-generation Poles in Sheffield and all are welcome.

Letter re Sick & Retired Clergy Collection

Dear Parishioners

My name is Dave Goldson, and I am the Diocesan Welfare Officer for the retired clergy in our diocese. We currently have thirteen retired elderly priests dotted around the area, with various different individual care needs.

I am talking about the priests now in their 80's and 90's who have retired from active service to God because they are not able to say Mass anymore at the altar, they are not able to look after themselves regarding basic daily tasks, or they cannot remember what day it is or where they are because they have dementia.

Their care costs a lot to meet these needs and to try and keep them safe and looked after. It should not surprise you that priests do not really have a chance to save up much money, so they have no savings themselves. So, who pays for these costs?

The diocese pays them a grant to live on for their food and bills. Sometimes they live in church properties such as unoccupied presbyteries. These may be rent free but these buildings are often very large due to the needs of the parish at the time, for meetings to be held, and for spare bedrooms for visiting priests and lay speakers etc. Therefore, it is often difficult to heat such places.

If they need carers to tend to them at home, to assist in their daily tasks, are in sheltered accommodation or both, or in a care home, the local council will fund them up to a point, but this is still subject to a financial assessment by the council and the priests themselves will still be expected to make a contribution towards the costs. The total contracted rate, for example for Doncaster Council, is £26.92 per hour. So just half an hour every day is nearly £95 per week, every week. The council also has a contracted rate for care home placements, £778.49 per week, but care homes these days will charge a top up fee, over and above the council contracted rate which the diocese has to pay and this is often £200 - £400 more per week, every week. We have two retired priests in care homes now subject to top-ups.

Please help to cover these ever-rising costs by giving what you can. These priests have given their lives to serve God and to serve us. This appeal is our opportunity to serve them in God's name.

Dave Goldson

THE SACRED LITURGY

Sunday 17 November <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am David Fitzpatrick
Monday 18 November <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	9.00am Frank Brennan & Family
Tuesday 19 November <i>Ordinary Time feria</i>	10.00am Mary Hanley
Wednesday 20 November <i>St Edmund</i>	Margaret Churm
Thursday 21 November <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	9.00am Intentions of Madelaine Knight
Friday 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Ena Tierney
Saturday 23 November <i>Dedication of the Cathedral Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Intentions of Shirley & Jim Harmston
Sunday 24 November <i>Christ the King</i>	8.45am For the people 10.00am Cheryl Downey

Last week's collection was £776.14 (£373.01 in offertory envelopes, £403.13 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Please pray for Margaret Churm, Wilfred Gee, Mary Greville & Patricia Kelly RIP, for all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

The **Piety Stall** is usually open before and after Mass on Saturdays and after the Sunday 8.45am Mass until the 10.00am Mass. The Piety Stall also has **Christmas cards and other festive items for sale.**

The final diocesan **retiring collection** for the year is **this weekend, 16 & 17 November, for the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.**