



**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

**Response to the Psalm:** I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

**Second reading:** 2Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38



**Dear Parishioners**

Do Christians believe in life after death? It depends on what is meant by life. One of the consequences of the two world wars was the flood of deaths led to a rather banal idea of life after death. We can see this in the flourishing of spiritualism after the first war. The life of the dead was perceived in terms of the technology of the time. The dead could talk over the telephone, as it were, with the medium as the operator, connecting the calls. Yet the reality went with a certain lack of mystery. The imagined world was just our own world, but without the pain. "It's very nice here," the dead would say, as if phoning from a seaside resort, it almost made death seem unreal.

Death is real. We endure something terrible in our death, if only because the fact of death is terrible. Human beings long for a continuance of this life and cannot conceive of something different. Life is short and much of it taken up by the business of preparing for our successors, so much so that it seems we hardly have time to live for ourselves. The next life is described in strange terms in today's Gospel. It's a whole new age which we must be 'worthy to attain' without any guarantee that all will succeed. If we succeed, when that day comes, we will wake up in a life beyond death – a life more radically different from this life than the life of adults differs from the life of children. It will be a life for truly grown up people, people who have grown in Christ.

**God Bless  
Fr. Benedict OSB**

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Benedictine Monks of Douai Abbey

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Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths



**32<sup>nd</sup> Week of Year(C)**

**Week commencing Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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## Masses

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Deceased members of the Hall Family
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Zita & Harold Sollis and Family RIP
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov			
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov			
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)	People of Ukraine
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov		St. Leo the great (m)	Wellbeing of the EBC
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov		St. Martin of Tours (F)	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5.00pm	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (C)	Tim & Margaret Butler RIP
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.30am	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year (C)	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

### Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell,

### Those who have recently died: .

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McClravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt), Wyn Varley, Raimondo Gemeli, Anthony Woodhouse.

## Information

### Second Collection

The weekly second collection will normally be for help towards the payment of the diocesan levy and the upkeep of the house and church buildings. Both the church and the house are Grade II listed so any work done has to be to a high standard as set by the requisite authority. Here are a few of the expenses for the coming year:

- Diocesan Levy      £5,500 p.a.
- Building's upkeep    £36,000.00
- Insurance          £3,744.77 p.a.

At times the second collection will be for other charities and the details of these will be placed in the bulletin.

### Christmas Fayre – We Need Your Help!

We will be collecting bottles – preferably full and alcoholic – for the bottle stall at this year's Christmas Fayre which will be held at St. Mary's Catholic School on ***SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER***

Please leave donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you.  
**PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

### Blessing of Graves

At 3.00pm on this Sunday Deacon Peter will be blessing the graves in the church graveyard. Anyone who would like to attend would be very welcome.

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