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Holy Mass Year C. Psalter Week 1

Sat 30th 6:00pm ProPopulo

Sun 1st 9:15am Claire Preston RIP - Zacharia's Family Thanksgiving

Children's Liturgy begins in the Hall before Mass

Refreshments in the Hall after 9:15am Mass

Sun 1st 11:00am Waclaw Piatek RIP - Rosemary & CWA Ladies Ints

Weekdays Holy Rosary: 9:10am led by parishioners

Mon 2nd 9:30am Ayodile's Family Thanksgiving - Stan Banks RIP

Tue 3rd 9:30am Deceased Members of Nkouatcha Family - Mathew KH RIP (6th ann)

9:30am School Mass

6:00pm Goan Community Mass St Francis Xavier

Wed 4th 9:30am Dr PJ Philip RIP - Betty Flynn (98th bday ints)

Thu 5th 9:30am Peter Keane & Peggy Green RIP St Birinus

Fri 6th 9:30am Mass for Devlin & Biddle Families

Sat 7th 9:30am Pro Populo St Ambrose

Sat 10.00 Exposition of the blessed sacrament & confessions:

* Mass intentions envelopes and Mass cards at the Piety Shop.

Let us Pray to the Lord

For the sick:

Theresa Devaney, Marie Lewis, Mary Browner, David Marsh, Kirsty Kalnins, Codey Darlison, Cynthia Mallabone, David Reeves, Joan Hanlon, Margaret Berkmire, Liz Lloyd, Mary Furlong, Illeana Goodman, Jane Kalnins & Mufaro Kwambana.

For all those in hospital and parishioners who receive the Blessed Sacrament at home.

For the recently departed: Patrick Corcoran (17th Dec) & Toilly Ine (20th Dec)

Anniversaries week beginning 1st December 2024:

Waclaw Piatek, Barbara Perry, Rita Birth, Paul Mitchinson, Margaret Hunt, John Hardwick, Ivor Moore, Charles Bayliss, Margaret Horne, Michael Palladino, Rose Baldock, Martin Mylcahy, John Cotterell, Kathleen Woodcock, Henry Molloy, John Mason, Andrew Morrissey & Leslie Perry.

Clergy Anniversaries:

Archbishop Edward Ilsley, Rev Liam Macfarlane, Rev Horace Relph & Rev Michael Knight.

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"STRAIGHTEN UP AND RAISE YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR"

It is a natural instinct to hide or to take cover when we are threatened by something. I remember as a little boy, when bullets were fired at something we did not know; although my mother had no military training, once she heard the sound, she shouted out: "lie down, lie down". She knew that by her children keeping their heads on the ground, would give them some security. In military training, the soldiers care so much about the safety of their heads without neglecting other essential parts of their bodies, that is why they have elaborate body armour. However, as we have been listening to the Word of God in the previous week, and as Jesus tells us in today's gospel, he is telling us not to take cover, not to lie down but "when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." The reason why he does not expect us not to panic when we are threatened by anything is because he is watching over us.

Today we have began a New Liturgical year of the Church. Although it does not make headlines in the media, or incite market frenzy, concluding a liturgical year and starting a new one is significant indeed. Each liturgical Year is made up of liturgical seasons with different liturgical colours. We start with Advent a season when we anxiously reflect on the coming of Christ. This time the priests dress in purple, which is a colour of hope.

Christmastide follows Advent, it is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. At Christmas the world stands still, all work tends to stop and the joy of Christmas is experienced in hearts of believers and none. The priests dress in white vestments which is a colour of joy.

Lenten Season follows after Christmas, it is a time of forty days when we reflect on the sufferings of Jesus because of our sins in order to save us. The priests again dress in the purple of hope because through the shedding of his blood on the cross, Jesus gives us the hope for our individual and collective redemption.

Eastertide follows immediately after the agonising events of Good Friday and the silence of Holy Saturday, it announces and celebrates that moment when Jesus broke the bondage of death by his resurrection from the dead. The priests dress in white vestment as a sign of joy that fills the hearts of all believers.

The Ordinary time of the Church' Liturgical Year has 33 or 34 Sundays. This concentrates on the proclamation of Jesus and his teaching about the Kingdom of God. It is the summer season of the church, the priests dress in green colour. It is a time when we are expected to bear fruits of the Kingdom such as love, kindness, patience justice among others.

I congratulate you all on completing the previous year listening to the teaching of Jesus and putting it into practice. We have been fortified and armed with his word, we have been given a moral compass to guide our morality and we are strengthened in our hope. Therefore when trials come, keep steadfast and calm for Jesus has told us that "when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Fr. Jimmy Lutwama AJ Parish Priest.



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Contact the parish office for the Sacraments of Marriage and Baptism. Hall Bookings, Gift Aid and all general enquiries.

The Parish Team:

Parish Priest: Fr Jimmy Lutwama AJ. fr.jimmy.lutwama@rcaob.org.uk
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Presentation Sisters: Sr Therese, Sr Jacinta & Sr Helen 024 76350615
Parish Secretary: Ms Stephanie Taunton (Mon to Fri 9am to 1pm)

Schools: Our Lady and St Josephs School TEL: 024 76383807 St Thomas More Catholic Academy & Sixth Form College Tel: 024 76642400

SAFEGUARDING: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our parish Safeguarding Representative: Christine Scullion sg.oloangels.nuneaton@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively if you have any concerns please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team 0121 230 6240 email safe-guarding@rcaob.org.uk.

FINANCE: Second Collection: 8th Dec Poor Parishes

Parish Finances week beginning 24/11/24

COLLECTION: £790.33 of which Gift Aid £297.72

FABRIC FUND: £243.40 of which Gift Aid: £243.40 Many
NOV Tap & Go: £598.00 of which Gift Aid: £323.00 Thanks!

NOVEMBER STANDING ORDER: £2321.67

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE: £118.80 To DONATE

Sunday 23/24th November Mass attendance 640 Scan QR Code



Gift Aid it! - to add 25% to the value of your donation contact the parish office!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon - Dec 2/9th 7:30pm Christian Meditation—Resumes 2025

Mon - Dec 16th 7pm Penitential Service

Mon - Dec 16th 4:30-5:30pm Holy Communion class

Tue - Dec 3/17th Seniors after Mass

Wed - Dec 18th Coffee morning after Mass

Fri - Dec 6/13/20th 4-5pm Confirmation class

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE:

Thank you Card to Barbara Watson I wish to thank you all for your generous contribution for a collection for Barbara. A very generous £678.83 was collected and a cheque and card will be written and posted to her during the week. Thanks indeed for appreciating her work among us.

SVP Annual Advent Appeal The officers of the SVP wish to express our deep thanks to Father Jimmy and the parish finance team, for the generous donation to allow us to continue our mission throughout 2025. If any parishioner wishes to make a personal donation throughout Advent to the SVP, please place an envelope marked SVP into one of the parish collections, or make a card payment at the machine in the church.

Celebrating St. Francis Xavier the friends and devotees to the saint especially those from Goa India, will have a special Mass on 3rd December 2024 at 6:00pm here in the church. All are welcome. After Mass there will be some refreshments.

St Thomas More Catholic Academy will host its Advent Service on Thursday 12th December, 6pm in Church. The staff and students invite all parishioners and their families to join them to celebrate the coming of Christmas. The evening will be full of carols and readings led by students.

Christmas Foodbank appeal will be conducted by students of St. Thomas Moore on the weekend of 14/15th December. If you can support them, please bring whatever cash you are comfortable giving and they will be there to collect your donations at the end of Mass.

<u>Christmas Flowers</u> You are invited to buy a flower/flowers in memory of a loved one/ones for Christmas - £3 per flower. Please enclose your donation along with name/names in an envelope, marked **Christmas Flowers**, and post through the Presbytery letterbox. Any donations towards Christmas flowers are very welcome. Thank you.

There will be a big clean of the Church in time for Christmas, on Thu 5th Dec after Mass. The usual volunteers would really appreciate a few extra pairs of hands to help with this. No need to sign up, just turn up and get stuck in!

7th Dec Table Top Sale Tombola: Any donations such as bottles, biscuits, chocolates etc would be gratefully received. Donations can be left in the parish office, there will also be a box at the back of church and all proceeds from the tombola will go to church.

Masses Requested for Holy Souls the following names have been sent to missionary priests in mission lands together with the donations you offered for the Mass. I'm sure they will be pleased to offer the Holy Masses for your departed family members and friends:

Deceased of Njingo and Tamangwa families, deceased of Wileman, Galan Rodgers & Manghen families, deceased of Fahy, Curtis, Owen & Jones families. Bridget & Richard Doody, Bridget & Hugh Owens. Deceased Annie Lazar, Kochundevassy, Jose Kombani, Luigi, Mario and Irma. Iris Marie, Mary Marie. Deceased of Rosa, Romagnolo, Nickless and Benford families. Deceased of Kick Ham, Dorothy Lee Cynthia, Tony & Bernice Wuaha. Deceased Lucia Mendy, John, Kateann, Sarah, and Stephan McFeely. Deceased Papa Joseph Nyanchi, Teckla Nyanci, Manne Anna& Njike Isaac. Deceased of Goff family, Fr. Eddie Kichan, Jim & Millie Carr, Jane Goodyear, Eileen & Derick Smedley. Deceased of Kaniyarakathu & Kulengarathohyil families. Deceased of Batey, Akoachere families, Annie Anibaba, Josephine Nkongho. Deceased Olwen & John Hodges, Andrew, Frank& Marjorie Hayes, Massimo Venturi. Deceased Zeita Scullion, Zeita & Derek Kuzmiak, Olive & Arthur Scullion, Helen Cook & Mark Scullion, John Dunn, Maggie Cox Georgia Mai Pearman, Margret & Eric Ormond, Michael, Orphaned Souls.