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Away from 9th to 29th November Monday: 2.30 - 4.30pm Wednesday: 1.30 - 4.30pm Friday: 2.30 - 4.30pm

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Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Remembrance Sunday Sunday 12th November 2023

On Remembrance Sunday we remember the service and sacrifice of those, both military and civilian, that lost their lives or suffered defending our freedom and protected our way of life especially those who served in the armed forces of the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and other allies in the two World Wars and other theatres of conflict since.

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Wisdom 6: 12-16

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Matthew 25: 1-13

As the liturgical year A is winding towards its end the theme of the next 3 weeks is the end of life and the Second Coming of Jesus. The first reading is from the Book of Wisdom that was written in Greek about 100BC in the cosmopolitan city of Alexandria in Egypt. The author invited his fellow Jews to embrace wisdom and perceived this wisdom as a divine gift made available to whoever seeks it with a sincere heart. *"Watch for her (wisdom) and you will have no trouble"* finding her.

In the second reading from the letter of St Paul to his friends the Thessalonians in Greece, it seemed that the Second Coming and death were in everyday language among the Christians. Paul was not ignorant of the concepts of death in the pagan world and their influence on his friends. He emphasises that death is not an obstacle to meeting the Lord. *"We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another"*.

In Matthew's gospel the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids is told to illustrate the mystery of the coming of the Kingdom. The setting presupposes that the procession to the bridegroom's house takes place at night. The parable further presupposes a late arrival of the bridegroom eventually at midnight and this lateness leads to sleepiness of the waiting women. The lesson from the parable emphasises personal responsibility and readiness and how seriously we take the need to be prepared, not just in a religious context but also in life events, and what steps can be taken to be vigilant. It stresses the importance of being spiritually prepared, keeping the "lamp" of our faith stocked with "oil" through prayer, study of theology, acts of mercy and kindness so we develop a faith-filled life now to be ready for the future. *"So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour"* when you have a chance of a banquet in heaven. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Eve and Steve	Saturday 11th November St Martin of Tours Born in 316 in Hungary to pagan parents. Followed his father's profession. Served in the Roman Cavalry. He was drawn to Christianity. Gave half his cloak to a beggar. Saw Christ in a dream wearing it. Put in prison when he tried to leave the army. Released and became a disciple of St Hilary of Poitiers in France as a monk and hermit. Proclaimed Bishop of Tours by the people. He founded monastic communities, a seminary for training priests and travelled all over his diocese on a donkey. Became ill in a remote part of his diocese and died on 8 th November 297 aged 80. Buried in Tours on 11 th his feast day.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 12th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Jean Emmanuel	Monday 13th St Abbo of Fleury Born about 945 near Orleans, France and brought up in a Benedictine monastery, Fleury Abbey in Normandy. Studied in Paris and Rheims. Wrote a book of mathematics. Produced a simplification of calculating date of Easter. Academic of incredible ability over an amazing variety of subjects. Made abbot of an English monastery near Peterborough in Ramsey and headmaster of the Abbey school. He wrote a Latin grammar for his English students and account of the martyrdom of King Edmund of East Anglia. Returned to France. Abbot of Fleury Abbey. Versatile thinker and copious writer. Died trying to restore peace and discipline in a visit to a monastic community in Gascony. Killed in a fight between the monks and the refectory servers.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 14st St Laurence O'Toole Born in 1128 in Ireland. Son of a chieftain in County Kildare. Aged 10 he was taken hostage in dispute with a rival king. After 2 years released into the care of a local abbot. Laurence wanted to stay in the monastery rather than join his father. Aged 26 was made Abbot of Glendalough. Reformer who wanted Irish Church to have stronger ties with Rome. Elected Archbishop of Dublin aged 34 at Synod of Clane. First Irishman as predecessors were from the Continent. Welcomed by local leaders which made his diocesan reforms easier to achieve. He was tireless in his preaching and celebration of the liturgy and generous to the poor. In 1158 Pope Adrian IV, the only English pope, issued a Papal Bull giving England rule of Ireland. King Henry II's English army took Ireland in 1170 before the murder of Thomas Becket 1171. Archbishop Laurence was the mediator between King Henry and Irish rulers. Went to England and achieved <i>The Treaty of Windsor</i> . Organised Synod of Cashel to accept Papal Bull and clerical celibacy. Respected and trusted by the Irish, English, Vikings, Normans and Rome and all who met him.

SVP Social 1pm to 3pm 6.30 pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Taniya Jomy's 15th Birthday	Wednesday 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. Later moved to Cologne to teach in Dominican houses. Known as "Universal Doctor" due to his knowledge of theology, philosophy and natural sciences. Studied Aristotle and other ancient philosophers. Professor of theology at Paris University. Thomas Aquinas was one of his pupils. Dominican Principal for Germany in 1254.
10 am Mass	Thursday 16th St Margaret of Scotland Born in 1046 in Hungary to Prince Edward of England and Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her father, heir to the English throne, was in exile after the Danish Conquest. The family went to England in 1057 but her father died. Margaret, her mother, sister and brother entered the Anglo-Saxon court of her great uncle King Edward the Confessor. In 1066 her brother Edgar was heir to the throne but the powerful Harold Godwin was made King Harold II. Family fled to north to Northumbria at the Norman Conquest. Trying to return to the Continent a storm drove their ship to Scotland. They were given protection by King Malcolm III, a widower with two sons. Margaret eventually agreed to be his wife. Brought European and Anglo-Saxon culture to improve the Scottish royal court. Very happy pair who had 8 children. She softened Malcolm's fiery nature and helped him become a virtuous King of Scotland. Worked to aid the poor and with example encouraged people to live a devout life. She had churches built and Iona Abbey restored after Viking raids. Her skills in reading, writing, promotion of the arts and education, known as "Pearl of Scotland".
NO MASS 8 hours of Adoration from 9pm ending with Mass at 4am	Friday 17th St Hilda of Whitby Born in 614 daughter of King Hereric, nephew of King Edwin of Deira. 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 hoping to travel to France to learn about monastic life. Recalled to the north by St Aidan, Bishop of Lidisfarne, to start a community of nuns. Abbess of a 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, to decide which rite should be used all across England. The north used the Celtic Rite and the south used the Latin Rite. Latin Rite won the day and Abbess Hilda reluctantly changed to the Latin Rite. Known as "Mother" due to her devotion and grace and her influence spread. Leading figures sought her advice including kings and clerics. Abbess Hilda died aged 66 in November 680.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Theophilus Thomas RIP Irene Delves RIP	Saturday 18th Dedication of the two Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul Outside the Walls The feast combines the celebration of the dedication of churches on the sites of St Peter's Basilica and the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, both built by the Roman Emperor Constantine I, the first Christian Roman Emperor, during the 4 th century and celebrated on this day since the 12 th century. The two basilicas replaced older buildings over the tombs of St Peter and St Paul. Other papal basilicas in Rome are St John Lateran Archbasilica and St Mary Major Basilica
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 19th November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wedding Anniversary of Sihy Mathew

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Shelagh Moon		
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Appeal for readers, welcomers, Eucharistic ministers, children's Liturgists, altar servers and choir members
The parish needs volunteers for the above important roles. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

Christmas Collection of sweets for Southampton Sunday Lunch Project by Sunday 10th December
Collection of wrapped sweets such as Roses, Celebration and Quality Street needed. Please place your donations in box in the porch by Sunday 10th December. Many thanks in anticipation, Shelagh Moon. Tel: 023 8073 6275

St Vincent de Paul Children's Disco and Party on Sunday 3rd December at the parish
We are delighted to announce that the St Vincent de Paul Children's (3-16) Christmas disco will be held at on Sunday 3rd December 12 noon to 2pm. Tickets are £5 per child and include festive food, disco and party bag. Tickets available after the 9:30am Mass from Liz Challand. Volunteers welcomed to set up and help at the event.

Message from Renee: Next SVP Social is this Wednesday 15th November – 1pm to 3 pm
All welcome" to meet for refreshments and a chat. Bring a friend. Stay for 2 hours or 10 minutes whatever suits.

This coming Friday 17th November: 8 hours of adoration from 9 pm to 5 am
As usual on the third Friday of the month we are having 8 hours of adoration from 9 pm to 5 am in the church.

Parish collection for last weekend 4th and 5th November

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Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£58	£14.50	£116.50	£242.54	£51.98	£483.52	---	£140 (£35)	£82.65	£741.17