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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING



Saturday November 19th 2011

At Christ the King, Gordon Square

Concelebrated Mass at 12 noon followed by procession of the Blessed Sacrament
Principal Celebrant: Bishop Robert Ladd
Preacher: Fr Philip Corbett,
Chaplain, Pusey House

Priest members of FiF / SSC / EFFA wishing to concelebrate should notify Fr Gray by Monday November 14th (frcmg.stanmore@btinternet.com)

Welcome to our Church today, after the Parish Mass refreshments will be served at the back of Church. Please join us and make yourself known to one of the clergy.

This ancient church has been a place of Christian worship of Almighty God for well over 1,000 years; as we enter the third millennium of our salvation it is salutary to remember that Christians have gather here on this spot since the first millennium.

If you would like to pray, the Lady Chapel is set aside as a place of quiet, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or you might like to light a candle at one of the many shrines around church.

THE PARISH AND ANCIENT CHURCH OF SAINT NICHOLAS, PLUMSTEAD

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION TODAY



Induction loop fitted Sound reinforcement



Ramp available for access

A Forward in Faith parish under the Episcopal Care of the Bishop of Fulham, during the vacancy in See The Right Reverend Peter Wheatley, we are a Eucharistic community who is worshipping in the present, upon the Apostolic Truths of the past, in the hope of finding our future salvation in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

The Mass is offered daily

Sunday	8:00am
	11:00am
Monday	8:00pm
Tuesday	7:30pm
Wednesday	9:30am
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	12:00pm
Saturday	10:00am



Exposition of the **BLESSED SACRAMENT** or **ADORATION** half an hour before Mass every day except Sunday.

The **ROSARY** of the Blessed Virgin Mary is said after Mass on Friday and Saturday

Confessions:
Monday 7:30-8:00pm. Tuesday 7:00-7:30pm,
Thursday 6:30-7:00pm, or by appointment.

Please turn off  *all mobile 'phones*

PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

now read on . . .

Matthew 25. 14-30

This parable ends with a hard saying, apparently unjust and even in part self-contradictory – how can nothing be diminished? But much of Christ's teaching is a strong statement of reality. This is another of the stories intended to shock the hearers into knowing something more about the different values of the Kingdom, but it is also true for life in this world. It is not a lesson in investment policy, though stewardship of money may be part of our duty to God. The foolish servant knew that his master would have high demands but he did not know that playing safe would not be enough. So it is with many who think that keeping out of trouble is all that God requires of them. Life that is narrow, self-centred, suspicious, withers away like some frail thing buried away from air and light, and loses what it seeks to protect. Life that is open, outward-looking, hopeful grows richer and more enjoyable and has something in abundance to give to the world. There is no limit to God's mercy except what people may choose to put upon it. Those who do not make their lives ready for his coming are liable to his judgement for failing to honour the good things that he has given. We must pray that God will break through the shell of our self-love and make us free.

Saint Albert the Great 15th November

Saint Albert the Great lived from about 1206-1280. He was a Dominican friar and bishop and is one of the most famous theologians of the Medieval period, counting Thomas Aquinas among his many students. He studied and taught all over Europe, in Italy, France and Germany.

Albert was not just interested in dusty theology, though. He also proved himself a very able administrator, both serving for a time as the Provincial in charge of the Dominican Order, but also as Bishop of Regensburg in Germany. Indeed, he was renowned for his humility, and whilst he was Bishop of Regensburg, refused to travel round his diocese on horseback, but preferred walking like ordinary people. This earned him the nickname, "Boots the Bishop."

One of Albert's most significant contributions to theology is his defence of the idea that theology and science are not opposite disciplines, but rather are complementary to each other; both are a crucial part of the human desire and quest for truth. However, he also wrote on a wide number of subjects, including botany, astronomy, geology and minerals, and even penned a very accomplished work on birds, including advice on how to cure wounded falcons. So wide were his academic interests that, amongst the scholastic theologians, he is frequently referred to as the "universal doctor."

Today is a very good day to hold in our prayers all theologians and philosophers, along with those studying sacred theology, especially in preparation for ordination; the Dominican Order; and the Church in Germany, especially the Diocese of Regensburg.

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Forward!

Welcome to our celebration today

13th November 2010

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Bride of Christ

Jesus described himself as the 'bridegroom' – the one whose presence is a cause of celebrating and rejoicing. The 'bridegroom' rejoices over the bride whose is both his present joy and his future hope. The Church is the bride of Christ and this is the 'mystical union' which St Paul teaches is the pattern for the marriage of a man and a woman. It is a union that is built upon love without



time and conditions, and is expressed in mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice. If we are the bride of Christ then ought we not to take care over our preparation for the wedding feast.

The church in its fullness of life should be 'as a bride beautifully adorned for her husband.' Every time we meet for worship the bride awaits the presence of the bridegroom. Are you suitably prepared? Are you there on good time? Are you anticipating the meeting that will change your life for ever? These are the urgent questions we must ask both of ourselves and our whole church community. The consequences of the bridegroom passing us by or casting us away are too terrible to contemplate.

In general, we may say that Christians are in the world what the soul is in the body. The soul is dispersed throughout the parts of the body, Christians throughout the cities of the world. The soul inhabits the body, but does not belong to the body; Christians inhabit the world 'but do not belong to the world'.

Epistle to Diognetus vii

S. NICHOLAS CHURCH**FLOODLIGHT: LIGHT THE CHURCH**

We all realise how important it is to support our Church, more so in these days of rising costs; well here is a good way of supporting it and enjoying it personally.

Floodlight the building by day £2.25 or by the week £14.50, for that personal event: a birth, Baptism, Birthday, an Anniversary, Wedding or Years Mind of a loved one, in doing this you will remember and at the same time help pay the electricity bill. The price is reasonable and shows this building in all its glory after sunset, it does enhance this fine building. Reg holds the diary, to be sure there are no double bookings, it is yours for the day or week.

Sancte Nicolae, Ora pro nobis

All-powerful God,
you made
Saint Nicholas
a bishop and leader
of the Church
to inspire your people
with his teaching
and example.
May we give fitting
honour to his memory
and always have the
assistance of his prayers
We ask this
through our
Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns
with you and
the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen

Christus, Heri, Hodie, Semper

If you are celebrating
a BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY
and would like to share it with your Church Family
A £15 DONATION
covers the cost of Sherry
(You may if you wish provide wine of your own choice)
to be enjoyed at the back of church after Mass
Please see Gwen or Christina Agin!

Sancte Nicolae, Ora pro nobis

**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

The Angelus will be sung at the
High Altar

HYMNS

Introit:	NEH	Sheet
Gradual:	NEH	Sheet
Offertory:	NEH	Sheet
Communion:	NEH	Sheet
Post Communion:	NEH	Sheet

PALM CROSSES:

Jessica Roberts in thanksgiving

THE PASCHAL CANDLE:

Flavia Kisambira in thanksgiving for Theo & Otto

THE SEVEN DAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER**THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

Jessica Roberts: In thanksgiving

THE SANCTUARY:

Leo McCartney: In memory of Carol and Family

OUR LADY BY THE LADY CHAPEL:

Joy & Stephen Jahans: In thanksgiving

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:

Joy & Stephen Jahans: for Brian Marshall

OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

*Murray Smallbone: For the repose
of the soul of John Beck 30-7-1937 - 8-10-2008*

S. NICHOLAS:

*Steve Chwalyk: For the repose
of the soul of Helen Chwalyk 17-8-1926 - 23-2-2011*

THE SUNDAY SHRINE LIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER**OUR LADY BY THE TOWER:**

Gwen Pearce

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY:

Henry Aguh

OUR LADY OF SOPRROWS:

Fr Andrew

S. JOSEPH:

Paul Pangrace

S. FRANCIS:

Teresa Agin

S. MARTIN:

Reg & Doreen Martin

FLOODLIGHTING

13th Gwen Pearce: Anniversary of Bill's Funeral

16th Fr Charles: Alfred's birthday

Reg & Doreen: John's birthday

Sancte Nicolae, Ora pro nobis

INTRODUCTION

God has generously given us the great gift of life, and many other gifts. Do we respond with a similar generosity in the way we share our gifts with the rest of God’s creation?

Today’s Readings

First Reading Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

The good wife praised here uses all her gifts for the benefit of her family.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

St Paul tells us not to worry about the date of Christ’s second coming but to live as though he could come at any moment.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus calls us to respond to God with the same generosity with which God gave us all our gifts, and not to react with a fear that paralyses us.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

With trust in God’s mercy, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

For the Church: that her members may not bury the great gifts God has given us but use them to produce the fruit of justice in a divided world. Lord, hear us.

For those who are paralysed by an image of a harsh God: that they may take the risk of allowing Jesus’ Gospel of abundant love and mercy to free them to use their gifts. Lord, hear us.

For those who are working for the many victims of oppression, hunger and disease: that they may be given strength and hope through God’s presence. Lord, hear us.

For those who are sick in body or mind: that they may receive healing and comfort from God and those who care for them. Lord, hear us.

Loving Father, hear all these our prayers, and what we ask in faith may you grant through Christ our Lord.



PRAYER FOR HEALING

- Olivia Grace Kintu Barbara Brunt Jack Brunt
Murray Smallbone
Fr Gerald Lane Sarah Catherine Namutebi
Fr Charles Ada Smith Ernie Maty Amina Chaudhury
Joe Moss Chucks Owilbo Colin Jones Daphne Langford
Bhupendra Pattini Anita Johnson Lisa Bowden
Geoff McCarthy Mary Cook Sue Yurik Wayne Yurik
Josephine Bampton Alison Mules Christina Agin
Victor Boyce Madeleine Barrelo Heath (10 month old baby)
Marjorie Unwin Meghan Belcher Phylis Knight
Lesley Loftus Ruby Arthurs Diane
Brian Goulding Issa Olarewaju Lawal
Doreen Cleaver Mandy McWhinnie
Carol Bohurjak Tommy Bohurjak Jim Webb
Pam Webb John David Cook Fr Timmothy Raphael
Tom Bohurjak Susan Jahans Sarah Burton
Beverley Goering Paul Rice Stanley Lewis
Ebere Collins Ofojebe Pat Wenham Liz O’Sullivan
Bill Russell Kay Nelson Connie Guntrip Diane Fulbrook
Colin Cresswell Rodney Warrenner Ian Mackie
Robert McEwan Kay Etherington Joan Gosling
Stephen Jahans Diane Kot Danny Bell Vic Clark
Jill Pearson Howard Weston-Smart Roy Richards Juliet Skinner
Nicky Thomas Stephen May Dorothy Crook Dorian Joseph
Joan Cosgrove Colin Bendall Pete Gray
Keiran (18 month old baby) Murial Taylor Callie
Fr David Dunn Hazel Clark Olive Verrall Grace Beasley
Brian Vickery Brian Marshall Margaret Rusynyk

IN THANKSGIVING

- Val Marshall Mike Okeze Marie Borland
Teresa Agin Meghan Belcher

NOVEMBER	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Intercessions
Sunday 6 th †	Y. Stevens	D. Stevens	A. Davies
Sunday 13 th	B. Scott	E. Buhl	R. Martin
Sunday 20 th	J. Jahans	R. Barzey	B. Scott
Sunday 27 nd	P. Alexander	S. Obubo	J. Jahans
DECEMBER			
Sunday 4 th	D. Stevens	Y. Stevens	S. Jahans
Saturday 10 th St Nicholas Day	B. Stroud	T. Agin	G. Agin
Sunday 11 th	P. Channer	S. Jahans	A. Davies
Sunday 18 th	B. Scott	E. Crawley	T. Agin
Saturday 24 th Midnight Mass	G. Agin	P. Alexander	B. Scott
Sunday 25 th Christmas Day	D. Martin	R. Martin	Fr. Andrew
JANUARY			
Sunday 1 st	Y. Stevens	D. Stevens	R. Martin
Sunday 8 th	G. Agin	E. Buhl	J. Jahans

**FOR YOUR DAILY INTERCESSION
NOVEMBER General Intention:**

For the eastern Churches, that their venerable tradition may be known and appreciated as a spiritual treasure for the entire Church.

Missionary Intention:

That the African continent may find in Christ the strength to fulfill the path of reconciliation and justice, indicated in the second Synod of Bishops for Africa.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY

Doreen Alexander
at the Shrines of S. Nicholas and S. Francis

RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

THE DEPARTED

Douglas Charles Boyce
Thomas Hislop Mary Macey
Doreen Alexander
Henry Alfred [Harry] Longbottom

YEARS MIND

8th Christian Mbaikpa
11th Frederick Thomas Cassie
11th Wallace Obee

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED:

Sunday 9th October 2011:
Tia-Amber Gardener

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

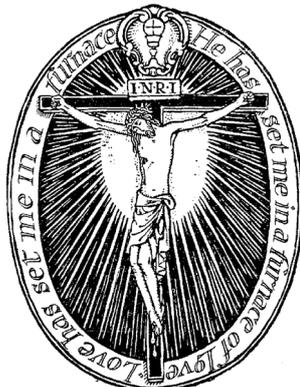
THOSE NEWLY MARRIED

Saturday 14th August 2010 at 3:00pm
Ian Clive John Brooks & Tessa Amelia Hawkins

THOSE PREPARING FOR HOLY MATRIMONY

BIRTHDAY

6th Winnie Jackson
11th Tracy May
11th Akeem Adeboye



Sunday Readings: Year A
Weekday Readings: Year 1
Psalter Week 1

NOVEMBER 2011

		THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
			<i>(CWCL: 2nd Sunday before Advent)</i>
*	13 Su G	DO1(1)	MP:50(220) EP:51(246)
		Mass pr, Gl, LI 725 <i>(ad lib: shorter Gospel)</i> , Cr, Sunday Pref	
		R1: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Psalm 127:1-5	
		R2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30	
		or	
		Matthew 25:14-15, 19-20	
		<i>Remembrance Sunday: One Requiem Mass 'for the Dead of two World Wars' is permitted. Mass for the Dead 3C or 14, LIII 849ff. Cr, Pref pr. P</i>	
	14 M (G)	FERIA OF 33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
		DO5(1)	MP:52(221) EP:58(247)
		Mass of feria, LII 425	
		or:	
		Wales:	
	(W)	S Dyfrig B, Mem	
		DO4(1)	MP:188(324) EP:188(324)
		Mass from Com of Pastors, LII 425	
	15 T (G)	FERIA OF 33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
		DO5(1)	MP:53(222) EP:59(248)
		Mass of feria, LII 427	
		or:	
	(W)	S Albert the Great BDr, Mem	
		DO4(1)	MP:189(325) EP:188(325)
		Mass from Com of Pastors: for Bishops or Com of Doctors of the Church, LII 427	
	16 W	England:	
	(G)	FERIA OF 33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
		DO5(1)	MP:54(223) EP:60(249)
		Mass of feria, LII 430	
	17 Th	or:	
	(W)	S Hugh of Lincoln B, Mem	
		DO4(1)	MP:189(324) EP:188(324)
		Mass from Com of Pastors: for Bishops or Com of Holy Men and Women: for Religious, LII 433	
	18 F (G)	FERIA OF 33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
		DO5(1)	MP:56(225) EP:62(251)
		Mass of feria, LII 435	
	19 S (G)	FERIA OF 33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME	
		DO5(1)	MP:57(226)
		Mass of feria, LII 437	
		or:	
	(W)	OUR LADY ON SATURDAY	
		DO4(1)	MP:215(309)
		Mass from Com of BVM, LII 437, Pref BVM I 'as we honour' or II	
	W	EPI of foll DO2	EP:380(187)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

COLLECT

Father of all that is good,
keep us faithful in serving you,
for to serve you is our lasting joy.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 127

RESPONSE: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers,
about "times and seasons", since you know well that the Day of
the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people
are saying, "How quiet and peaceful it is" that the worst suddenly
happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman;
and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day
to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons
of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we
should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide
awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven
is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and
entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to
another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then
he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly
went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had
received two made two more in the same way. But the man who
had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid
his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those
servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The
man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five
more. 'Sir,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; here are five
more that I have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good
and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small
things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's
happiness.' Next the man with two talents came forward. 'Sir,' he
said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I
have made.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful
servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will
trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness.'
Last came forward the man who had the one talent. 'Sir,' said he,
'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not
sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid,
and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was
yours, you have it back.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked
and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown
and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have
deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent
from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to
everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than
enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be
taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into
the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord God,
may the gifts we offer
increase our love for you
and bring us to eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

It is good for me to be with the Lord and to put my hope in him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father,
may we grow in love
by the eucharist we have celebrated
in memory of the Lord Jesus,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen.



FAITH IN FOCUS: SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT?

We can always find reasons to worry, even when there's nothing to worry about. Some people love to be frightened into thinking that every flood, hurricane, war or earthquake is somehow a sign that the end of the world is about to hit us. They love to have something to worry about.

In today's gospel Jesus tells us to be worried about three things. But they're not the ones we expect to hear.

First, he tells us to worry about being deceived. Make sure you're not taken in by claims about the end of the world.

If you believe that the predictions of Nostradamus or the prophecies of Malachy are true then it's time to give in. You should worry, says Jesus, if you're enticed by these claims to know about the future, by rumours, apparitions of gloom, or plagues and revolutions as forerunners of the end of the world. Yes, worry. Because if you put your trust in these predictions (which are always explained away when they fail to deliver) then you're far away from trusting in God's promises. You've already been tricked.

Secondly, worry about letting people disturb you. The fact that terrorists exist doesn't mean that one lives next door to you. The fact that people get shot and knifed doesn't mean that it's going to happen to you or your family. The fact that new strains of diseases come into being does not mean that half the world is about to be wiped out. Start to worry, says Jesus, when you begin to fear that natural disasters have a sinister meaning. All sorts of fearful things take place in this world, but your endurance will win you your lives.

Thirdly, Jesus implicitly tells us to worry if we find that we've become distracted. Today's gospel is a plea to get things into perspective. Where are our priorities? Are we living our lives eating and drinking, so caught up in the ordinariness of daily existence, planning how to spend our lottery win, how to improve our garden and how to get the latest i-sound that we have lost the plot? If you want something to worry about, then worry about how you are preparing for the Second Coming of Jesus. Or maybe that's not as interesting as worrying about nothing or worrying about something that will never happen?

WORD OF GOD

Take care not to be deceived because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them.

(Luke 21: 8)



WORD FOR TODAY

There's no shortage of doom merchants. People are always predicting disaster and the end of the world. Jesus' advice to those who want to follow him is to remain steadfast in faith. Ignore them, he says, and your endurance in faith will win you your lives.



WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Let us pray for those countries that have been caught up in natural disasters of flood, earthquake, hurricane and famine (especially for the people of...NN), that world governments and agencies may be speedy in their response and relief.

Lord, may your kingdom come: May your will be done.

Let us pray for those who are searching for meaning in their lives that they may not be distracted and disturbed by false claims, predictions of disaster and gloom-mongering but may come to know the all pervasive care of a loving God.

Lord, may your kingdom...

Let us pray for those who have died recently and for all the departed members of our families that they may enjoy the light, happiness and peace that is God's promise to those who endure in faith.

Lord, may your kingdom...

Let us pray for those who have lost their jobs, for those young people seeking employment for the first time and for those who are finding it hard to make ends meet as they provide for their families.

Lord, may your kingdom...



THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Gone but not forgotten

November is traditionally a month for remembering the dead. In fact, it's hard for us to forget them. No matter how much we think we are prepared for the death of a loved one, even when terminal illness has been on the cards for months, we are never ready. Death always catches us out.

And of course we grieve. Never believe those people who are supposed to have put on a brave face, kept a stiff upper lip in the face of death. If that's so, then they are less than human. For it's natural to grieve at the loss of someone we love, even if that loss is not total and for ever. Jesus cried when his friend Lazarus died. By so doing he gave permission for all of us to do the same.

But for Christians, death is not the end. It's a continuation on a different level of the life which God gave us at our birth. St Paul says that no one can describe this new level of life, this glorified body that we inherit, but we can be as sure as God is God that it awaits us.

So sure were the early Christians of this that one of the crosses they used as a symbol was in the shape of an anchor, the anchor of sure hope. And on the tombs of their loved ones they inscribed two dates: the first was the physical birthday and the second (the date of death) was called the Dies Natalis, the day of being born to eternal life. For a thousand years the Church has used a prayer at the funeral of our brothers and sisters who have died. In this prayer (the Preface) it says that at death our life is not ended or taken away but is transformed into a new and glorious existence.

We need not worry about our family and friends who have died. We trust God to take care of them. But since the bonds of love do not get any weaker as the years pass, we cannot stop thinking about them, cannot stop wishing that they now are enjoying all that they hoped for in Christ. To bring our dead before God is a holy and wholesome thing; it's simply the communion of saints in action. Here are some prayers and thoughts that might help us to do this during November.

At the beginning of Mass the Sacred Ministers, Servers and flag bearers enter in silence.

At 11:00am the TWO MINUTES Silence will be observed, followed by:

**GOD save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save The Queen!**

**Nor on this land alone,
But be God's mercies known
From shore to shore:
Lord, make the nations see
That men should brothers be,
And form one family
The wide world o'er.**

Priest They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

All We will remember them.

The Introit Hymn:

**I vow so thee, my country
—all earthly things above—
Entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
The love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.**

And there's another country,
 I've heard of long ago,
 Most dear to them that love her,
 most great to them that know;
 We may not count her armies,
 we may not see her King;
 Her fortress is a faithful heart,
 her pride is suffering;
 And soul by soul and silently
 her shining bounds increase,
 And her ways are ways of gentleness
 and all her paths are peace.

After the Angelus has been sung the Sacred Ministers, followed by distinguished guests and the congregation make their way to the War Memorial; the wreaths and crosses (and if you wish your poppies) are placed on the Altar. After this the Altar is censed, then the prayers and Blessing are said.

The gradual Hymn:

My soul there is a country
 Far beyond the stars,
 Where stands a winged sentry
 All skilful in the wars:

There above the noise, and danger,
 Sweet peace sits crowned with smiles,
 And One born in a manger
 Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend,
 And O my soul, awake!
 Did in pure love descend,
 To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,
 There grows the flower of peace,
 The Rose that cannot wither,
 Thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
 For none can thee secure
 But one who never changes,
 thy God, thy life, thy cure.



The Post-Communion Hymn:

NOW thank we all our God,
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom his world rejoices;
 Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us;
 And keep us in his grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
 The One eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore. Amen.



The Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and God of might,
Heaven and earth,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
your pow'r and might.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
 in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
 in the highest heav'ns.

Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
Blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
 in the highest heav'ns.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
 in the highest heav'ns.

The Communion Hymn:

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture
In the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly Food

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high.

The Offertory Hymn:

JESU, Son of Mary,
Fount of life alone,
Here we hail thee present
On thine altar-throne.
Humbly we adore thee,
Lord of endless might,
In the mystic symbols
Veiled from earthly sight.

Think, O Lord, in mercy
On the souls of those
Who, in faith gone from us,
Now in death repose.
Here 'mid stress and conflict
Toils can never cease;
There, the warfare ended,
Bid them rest in peace.

Often were they wounded
In the deadly strife;
Heal them, Good Physician,
With the balm of life.
Every taint of evil,
Frailty and decay,
Good and gracious Saviour,
Cleanse and purge away.

Rest eternal grant them,
After weary fight;
Shed on them the radiance
Of thy heavenly light.
Lead them onward, upward,
To the holy place,
Where thy saints made perfect
Gaze upon thy face.

