



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 12th November 2023
23rd Sunday after Trinity (Remembrance Sunday)



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Collect of the Day

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



Collect for Remembrance Sunday

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe: grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins; that as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
¹³ She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
¹⁴ He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for he will find her sitting at his gates.
¹⁵ To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
¹⁶ because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Second reading *1Thessalonians 4:13-18*

We would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we

believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; ¹⁷ then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable:
"The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Saint of the Week

St. Margaret of Scotland

16th November



Sometimes known as "The Pearl of Scotland," Saint Margaret is one of the most revered figures in Scottish history.

Margaret was born in Hungary around 1045. Her father was Edward

the Exile, an English prince who, together with his father, King Edmund, was banished from England by King Cnut.

In 1057, Edward was named as an heir to the English throne. He left Hungary with his wife Agatha, son Edgar and daughters Margaret and Christina. He died very shortly after arriving in England, and his family was left residing in the royal court.

The Norman Conquest of 1066 forced the family to flee to Northumbria. From there, Agatha planned to return with her children to the continent. Legend has it that a storm forced their ship to re-route to the Kingdom of Scotland. The spot in Fife where it landed is today known as St Margaret's Hope.

Having landed in Scotland in 1069, Margaret's family sought protection from King Malcolm III. Although it has been suggested that Margaret wished to enter a religious life rather than a royal marriage, by 1070 her wedding to Malcolm had taken place in Dunfermline.

The 23-year marriage produced six sons and two daughters. Three (Edmund, Alexander and David) went on to be Kings of Scotland. Margaret's eldest daughter, Matilda (also known as Edith or Mold), was crowned Queen of England at Westminster Abbey when she married Henry I in November 1100. Like her mother, Matilda was engaged in considerable works of charity. This led to the epithet "Mold the Good Queen."

Margaret was an incredibly pious Catholic. One of her most significant achievements was to establish a crossing point on the Firth of Forth for pilgrims on their way to St Andrew's Cathedral. Boats worked the "Queen's Ferry" from the 11th century all the way through to 1964, when the Forth Road Bridge was opened. The villages at each side of the crossing,

North Queensferry and South Queensferry, take their names from Margaret.

Margaret was herself a frequent user of the Queensferry crossing, travelling between Edinburgh and Dunfermline. She helped to establish the town as one of Scotland's most important religious centres when she converted Holy Trinity church into a priory. At her encouragement, a small community of monks from Canterbury laid the foundations of the first Benedictine house in Scotland. Margaret's son David I raised the status of her priory to abbey in 1128. This grand building has provided a final resting place for several of Scotland's great kings and queens, including Robert the Bruce and, fittingly, Margaret herself. In 1199, King William the Lion was supposedly dissuaded from invading England after he saw a vision while praying at her tomb.



St. Margaret's shrine as it appears today

An unassuming stone building in a 1960s car park in central Dunfermline marks the entrance to St Margaret's Cave. It is said that Margaret would often pray at a shrine in this small cave, located in the side of a steep, open valley. After Margaret's death and subsequent canonisation in 1250, the cave became a popular place of pilgrimage.

O God, who didst call thy servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance thy heavenly kingdom, and didst endue her with zeal for thy Church and charity towards thy people: mercifully grant that we who ask her prayers and commemorate her example may be faithful in good works, and attain to the glorious fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.



St. Margaret depicted in stained glass at Edinburgh castle

Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land

We lift our prayer to you, Lord, hear us. Lord, we raise all people in the Holy Land to you, and pray for those suffering. We ask that you provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted.

Fr Mamdouh AbuSada, Director of the School of Joy, Bethlehem

Lord Jesus Christ, who walked the land you made holy and blessed those who made peace; look with compassion on the people of your land today, Christian, Jew and Muslim, Israeli and Palestinian. May peace come for all, with justice; may war cease and all live in harmony, and be the children of the one God whom you have made known, and who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, word without end. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of those

who seek you. Hear your people who today cry out for peace in the land your footprints made holy. Take away the people's fears and still their troubled hearts, heal the wounded and comfort the bereaved, gather into your arms the souls of the dead. You once calmed the storm to take away your disciples' fears; calm now the storm of violence that rages across your Holy Land that brings fear and terror into innocent hearts so that all people may seek the ways of true justice, love and peace together. Amen

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, who gather today, in a world of incredible violence and pain. We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who suffer from injuries and illness... God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world; peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront terrible events in our society. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XVI

Almighty Father, Faithful God, bless our brothers and sisters in the land of the Holy One. Grant peace in that land, peace in their homes and peace in their hearts. Inspire all men and women to build on your foundations of justice, mercy and peace. Keep the cries of this land in our hearts. This we pray in the power of the Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and

peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, who show a father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O God of peace, who are peace itself and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

Notices and news

Recently departed

Terry Hutchinson
Mary Marcer
Pamela Read
Fr John Morley-Bunker
Mgr David Silk
Peter Lowden

Anniversaries of death

16th Di Waughman

O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Christmas Meal

John Ingram has booked a table for a Christmas Dinner at the Greyhound Pub at Sutton Stop on **Tuesday 19th December** at 6.30pm. Please let John know as soon as possible if you would like to attend, with your food choices. The website doesn't seem reachable, so here is a photo of the Christmas menu.

2 courses £20.95

3 courses £24.95



Open meeting of parishioners

Regrettably the open meeting of parishioners in September, intended to be an opportunity to reflect on the deanery and parish visitation reports by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, was a less than edifying experience and rather painful for those members of the Ordinariate community present, who, as one person put it at the meeting, felt very 'got at'.


There is clearly a great deal of ignorance about what the Ordinariate is, as well as what the Catholic Church's aspirations for ecumenism (unity) are. I thank you for all the conversations you have had with parishioners over the last 4 years, and the friendships that you have formed, in a spirit of reconciliation and unity, and I urge you to keep on having them. I also encourage you to attend the next open meeting of parishioners on **Wednesday 29th November** at 7pm in the parish room.

Ann Wilson's Reception & Confirmation

Following a period of preparation over the past year or so, Ann Wilson will be received and confirmed during the **7.30pm Mass on Thursday 30th November, St. Andrew's Day**. In that way she will begin a new Church year in the full communion of the Church. Please try your very best to be here to show your support for Ann and pray for her.

Solemn Evensong and Benediction

Please make sure you're here for the next Solemn Evensong and Benediction a week on Wednesday, **22nd November**. Thank you for your support for this initiative. Please invite someone personally, and please bring some food along for afterwards.



**SOLEMN EVENSONG
& BENEDICTION**

Monthly at 7pm

Wednesday 27th September
Wednesday 18th October
Wednesday 22nd November
Wednesday 13th December

Followed by refreshments

Thank you again to everyone who came to Solemn Evensong and Benediction last Wednesday evening in spite of the awful weather. It was another superb occasion, and especially lovely that Fr Edward, the Vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's was with us and read the second Lesson. The feedback has been really positive. Let's spread the word and build on an excellent beginning. Thank you.

Our next celebration of Solemn Evensong and Benediction is **on 22nd November at 7pm**, the Feast of Saint Cecilia.

Livestreamed Evensong Sunday to Thursday

As you know, Evening Prayer is prayed publicly in church **Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm**, using Divine Worship Daily Office. Sometimes it is just me; on other occasions I'm joined by one or two people. I've recently started livestreaming it, so again there is the potential that others will join in remotely, as I know they have been doing. I'd love you to join me, either remotely or in person if you're able. I'm more and more convinced that the ordinariate Office Book is a very powerful tool in our hands – in gathering us around a very authentically Anglican liturgy and in reaching out to others and sharing a new expression of prayer. Evensong lasts about 30 minutes.

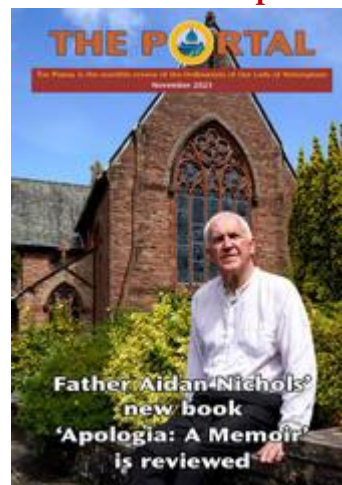
Thursday evening Mass

Please do attend Thursday evening Mass if you are able, which is celebrated according to Divine Worship.

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Make sure you read the Portal this month – it contains news of Molly and Teddy’s Baptism and Solemn Evensong and Benediction.

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Praying the Daily Office this week

Evening Prayer is recited publicly in church Sunday to Thursday at 5.30pm and is livestreamed (see the parish website). **Please join in.**

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in *Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO)*, unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 12th 23rd SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	523	1805	201	104	525	1808	201	104	The Office is of the 23 rd Sunday after Trinity, not of the Dead.
Monday 13 th Feria	528	1810	202	104	530	1812	202	104	
Tuesday 14 th Feria	533	1813	202	104	536	1814	203	104	
Wednesday 15 th Feria (St. Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor)	539	1816	203	104	542	1817	204	104	
Thursday 16 th Feria (St. Margaret of Scotland)	546	1818	204	104	549	1820	204	104	
Friday 17 th Feria (St. Hilda, Abbess)	553	1821	204	104	555	1822	205	104	
Saturday 18 th St. Mary on Saturday	558	1824	205	104	561	1825	201	104	EPI of 24 th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 19th 24th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	563	1826	201	104	565	1828	201	104	

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.