



The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Coventry Group

Sunday 19th November 2023
24th Sunday after Trinity



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Collect of the Day

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences: that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bonds of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed; 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 *Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10*

Who can find a good wife?

She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

Second reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

As to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*

At that time:

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.'

And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed?

Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Feast of the Week
The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
21st November



Taken from Franciscan Media:

Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honour of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

Reflection

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvellous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the

same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They—we—too are temples of God and sanctified in order that we might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary to be a dwelling-place for thy Son: grant that we who rejoice in her Presentation may at her tender intercession be kept unspotted, and made a pure temple for his dwelling; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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

19th Kenneth Rodney Green
23rd Rose Mary Treacy

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.

Advent Prayer Vigil

On **Saturday 2nd December**, 8pm til midnight there is going to be a parish Prayer Vigil in preparation for the season of Advent, a sort of 'seeing in' the new Church year. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration, and the whole of St. Mark's gospel will be read aloud in the course of the night (this Advent the Church begins its journey through St. Mark's gospel).

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 THIS WEDNESDAY 22nd November, the Feast of Saint Cecilia, Patron Saint of church musicians. 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

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.

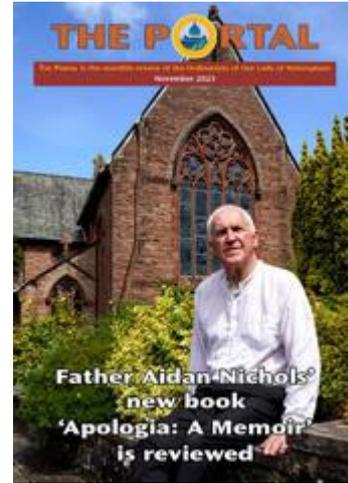
Thursday evening Mass

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

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The Portal for November and podcast



Visit <https://www.ordinariate.org.uk/news/portal.php> to read the monthly online review and to listen to the weekly podcast.

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.

In the week preceding Christ the King the First lesson at MP and EP is always taken from Ecclesiastes using the readings appointed for the First lesson during the 26th week after Trinity. The Second Lesson for MP and EP are the readings appointed for the 24th week after Trinity.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 19th 24th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	563	1826	201	104	565	1828	201	104	
Monday 20 th Feria	568	1867 1831	202	104	571	1868 1832	202	104	
Tuesday 21 st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	573	1870 1833	202	174	575	1871 1834	203	174	
Wednesday 22 nd St. Cecilia, Virgin Martyr	578	1872 1836	203	174	581	1873 1836	204	174	
Thursday 23 rd Feria	584	1875 1838	204	104	586	1876 1839	204	104	
Friday 24 th St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	588	1877 1840	204	175	590	1879 1841	205	175	
Saturday 25 th St. Mary on Saturday	592	1880 1842	205	104	595	1881 1844	251	105	EPI of Christ the King
Sunday 26th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE <i>(Sunday before Advent)</i>	Pss 145 146	1882	252	105	Pss 147 148 149 150	1884	251	105	

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.



**A VIGIL OF PRAYER
ON THE EVE OF ADVENT**

Saturday 2nd December

8pm-midnight

**Adore the Blessed Sacrament
Hear Saint Mark's Gospel from beginning to end
Pray for the coming of God's kingdom**

