

# *The Little Flower Messenger*

Year C THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

*Welcome to our Parish Community of St Theresa of Lisieux*

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## **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

*Your endurance will win you your lives.*

**Mass book (P. 164)**

**1st Reading:**

*Malachi : 3:19-20*

**Psalm 97:**

*The Lord comes to rule the peoples- with fairness.*

**2nd Reading:**

*2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.*

*Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:**

*To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord..*

**(P. 166)**

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## **This Week's Good News**

Dear Friends

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the focus is on the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. In the first reading, the prophet Malachi says that for the evildoers, the Day of the Lord will be a day of Judgement; but for the upright it will be a day of salvation. This stark message acts as a warning to sinners and encouragement to the just.

In the second reading St. Paul also relates to the Second Coming. Some of the Thessalonians, believing that the Second Coming or 'Parousia' was imminent, saw no need to continue to work. Presenting himself as an example, Paul tells them to go on living and working as normal, and not to be content to just live off the community.

In the Gospel, Luke talks about the Parousia in close association with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. This had been predicted by Jesus and at the time that the Gospel would have been written by Luke, would have already occurred. Many interpreted this as a sign that the end of the world had begun. However, Luke reminds them of the words of Jesus, in which he warned his disciples not to be deceived by rumours and apparent signs that the end was near.

The Gospel also describes the situation of followers of Christ in a time of persecution. This persecution will be an opportunity to bear witness to the Gospel. We need not worry about what we will say when we face this trial. The Spirit of the Lord, living in us, will give us all the eloquence we need.

Let us today remember in our prayers those Christians around the world who face persecution on a daily basis, that they may remain steadfast in their faith and knowledge that the Lord himself will see to it that good will triumph over evil in the end.

Deacon Des

## Prayer & Liturgy

### Intercessory Prayer Group.

Third Friday of each month. A time to bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. If you would like prayers said but cannot make it, feel free to email Deacon Des with your prayer requests.

### Christian Meditation.

Every Wednesday evening in St John's Church, 7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

## Sacramental Preparation

**Sacrament of Baptism:** The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place in Church this **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.** Do please let Deacon Des or Fr Lee know if you would like to attend this course. This course will run monthly, the date for the December course is **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December again at 7.30 p.m.**

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Catholics must approach the Parish Priest / Deacon, at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

## Social News and Events

**Christmas Boxes** - Thank you so much to everyone who was so generous in support of the Teams4U Christmas Boxes. The Wednesday Club have filled 148 boxes with your gifts and the knitted hats, scarves and teddies knitted with the wool that you so kindly provided. These have now been forwarded to the Organisers to pass on to the needy children. They will be so happy when they receive them. The Quiz which was held to pay for the delivery of these and the village boxes raised £525. Thank you for your wonderful support of this event.

**The British Red Cross annual Gift Fair** will be held this **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** at the Manor of Groves Golf and Country Club at High Wych, Sawbridgeworth, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The entrance fee of £5 includes coffee. In supporting this event you will be helping the Red Cross in their work with those in crisis both here and around the world.

**Christmas cards** are now available to buy in the Repository along with other cards and gifts.

### Talks series: How to defend your faith without raising your voice

This series of exciting talks begins this Wednesday. (20<sup>th</sup> November).

Most of us have been challenged at some point to speak about or defend our faith. This could have been whilst in the pub, in a chat with our friends or even with other people who go to church. At times it can be difficult to find the correct words or courage to speak out. To help with this we will be hosting a series of talks. At the heart of the talks is a method called Reframe, which aims at avoiding the defensiveness and self-defeating responses which many of us instinctively deploy in the face of hostility.

The talks will take place on **Wednesday evenings:**

- 1) How to defend our faith without raising your voice - **20<sup>th</sup> November**
  - 2) Amoris Laetitia: A Vision for Marriage and the Family – **27<sup>th</sup> November**
  - 3) Mercy and the Migrant Crisis - **4<sup>th</sup> December**
  - 4) What's wrong with Assisted Suicide? - **11<sup>th</sup> December**
  - 5) Top ten principles for civil communication when defending the faith – **18<sup>th</sup> December**
- Arrivals and light refreshments at 7:00 p.m. talk starts at 7:30 p.m. - Cost: Free (*Donations Welcomed*)

Register at: <https://www.sttheresasaststed.org/events>

## **Forty Hours Devotion**

We are rapidly approaching the end of the Liturgical Year and looking forward to the Start of the New Liturgical Year that begins with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (1<sup>st</sup> December 2019). We will mark the start of this Liturgical New Year here at St. Theresa's with a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament called the Forty Hours Devotion. We will divide the Forty Hours over a period of four days **from 9:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.**

Here at St. Theresa's, the Forty Hours Devotion will begin each day with a Solemn Mass of Exposition at 9:00.a.m. which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle following benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Undertaking the Forty Hours devotion will bring many blessings to our Parish, and to each of us as individuals, and I urge everyone to consider coming along for a period of prayer. Would you please consider giving up one hour of your busy week to come and pray, or one hour every day during that week? For security I would like a minimum of two people to be in Church for each of the Forty Hours Devotion.

I have placed a sign up sheet with each of the Forty Hours over the Four days at the back of Church, do please sign up if you intend to come and pray.

## **Holy Souls**

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. In previous weeks these articles has spoken about Indulgences.

How to Gain an Indulgence - The following norms are taken from the Apostolic Constitution of Pope St. Paul VI, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 1967, the fourth edition of the *Enchiridion of Indulgences*, 1968, 1999, the Jubilee Apostolic Penitentiary, *The Gift of the Indulgence*, 2000 and the Norm of Confession for Gaining a Plenary Indulgence Apostolic Penitentiary, 2005. An indulgence is "the remission before God of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven as far as their guilt is concerned, which the follower of Christ with the proper dispositions and under certain determined conditions acquires through the intervention of the Church which, as minister of the Redemption, authoritatively dispenses and applies the treasury of the satisfaction won by Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary accordingly as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin" (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, n.1-2). To obtain this remission there are proper dispositions and certain conditions predetermined by the Church that must be met. Firstly, one must have the intention to gain the indulgence, and perform the works at the time and in the manner prescribed. To gain a Plenary Indulgence (only one per day), the faithful must be in the state of grace and the following conditions must accompany the prescribed act: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; receive the sacrament of confession; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); and recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary is suggested as a minimum, but any other additional prayers may be added).

All attachment to sin, even venial sin, must be absent. If one's disposition is less than perfect or if some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.

More details about the timing of these requirements: It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites

and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

## Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: 5:15 – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m.	<b>Maria Mastrandea RIP</b> (T. Mastrandea)
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m.	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m.	<b>Anthony &amp; Mary Barrett RIP</b> (J.E. Barrett)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m.	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 a.m. Rosary Group: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Club: 2:00 p.m. Talk Series: 7:30 p.m.	<b>Fry &amp; Bambridge Family</b> (J. Bambridge)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November <i>Presenteation of the BVM</i>	Confessions: 7:00 p.m. Mass: 7:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 8:00 p.m.	<b>Holy Souls</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m.	<b>Margaret Aldridge Snr RIP</b> (A&T. Aldridge)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Confessions: 5:15 – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m.	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING Year C</b>		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Psalm: 121 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel: Luke 23:35-43	Confessions: 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m.	<b>Margaret Barrett RIP</b> (J.E. Barrett)

