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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 15(16):5, 8-11

R: *Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 13/11/21	12:30 CTK† 18:00 OLAM	33rd Sunday in OT	Kathleen McClintock (Anni.)
Sun 14/11/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM		Veronica Finnerty (RIP)
			Frank King (Anni.)
			Mr & Mrs Connelly (RIP)
Mon 15/11/21	08:00 Con 09:00 CTK 09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 33	Joseph Van Tho & Maria Thi Tam (RIP)
			Funeral Service - William Patrick Atkinson
Tue 16/11/21	09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 33	Mary Finn (RIP)
			Veronica Finnerty (RIP)
Wed 17/11/21	08:00 Con 09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 33	Thomas Mary Kelly (RIP)
			Sandra Majka (RIP)
Thu 18/11/21	09:30 Mon 10:30 OLAM 12:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 33	Michael King (Anni.)
			Mary O'Sullivan (RIP)
Fri 19/11/21	09:00 CTK 10:15 Mon 11:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 33	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			Funeral Service - Kenneth Southern
Sat 20/11/21	10:00 Mon 12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM	Feria in OT – Wk 33	Maureen Keena & Rose Curtin (RIP)
			Joseph Van The & Maria Thi Ly (RIP)
Sun 21/11/21	10:00 CTK† 11:30 OLAM	Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe	Requiem Mass - Marie Anne McCartan
			Trevor (RIP)
			Thanksgiving (C Etta)
			John Roche (RIP)
			Beck & Mary Harrison (RIP)
			Jim Lynch (RIP)

RIP: Please pray for Kenneth Joseph Griffiths, Irene Gloster, Marie Anne McCartan, Merline Speid, and Phelim Rowland. May they rest in peace.

Happy Birthday: A blessed and splendid birthday to Kath Rice on Wednesday 17th November.

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Rosary Group: meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Vanda Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul, Teresa Webb.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

When we hear the words "At that time," or "In those days" we prepare ourselves for a story about the past. This is how the first and third readings of today's Mass begin. But in fact both readings are about the *future*. 'Apocalyptic' is the word used to describe the kind of writing we see in today's readings. It is practically impossible for us to understand the serious meaning of this today, because (apart from science-fiction) the only apocalyptic we hear is from the lips of biblical fundamentalists, who appear to be gloating in advance over the destruction of the world and everyone in it except themselves.

Biblical apocalypse was written in times of persecution, to encourage the persecuted by telling them that their sufferings were foreseen by God, and that they would prevail in the end. Courage, not fear, was being promoted. One aspect of it we can relate to fairly readily in our day: transience. Everything is passing, everything that is living will die. In an age of immense and rapid change we cannot fail to see that everything is passing. In some part of our minds we would like to hold this reality away from us because it is too painful to think about. But the Scriptures tell us to think about these things. "Like a weaver you (God) have rolled up my life, you cut me off from the loom" (Is 38:12). Our religion asks us to embrace death and transience, for if there is no death there is no resurrection. "If [Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith](#). (1 Cor 15:14). Let's take whatever assurance we can get from the apocalyptic message of today's gospel.

There is something else that apocalyptic writing can show us about ourselves: our bondage to calendars and clocks. A gentle Indian nun who had lived for a year in the West had finally got courage to say how she perceived us. "Western people," she said, "are always asking, 'Why?' and 'How much?' and 'What time is it?'" We want to know *when* something is going to happen, as if this were the heart of the matter. It is the fact that everything is coming to an end that is central, not when it will happen. There is even a sense in which it is happening every moment. Every moment my personal world, with its dream of permanence, is coming to an end. Every moment, because my world is coming to an end, I see that I cannot find security in the past but must throw myself on God's mercy, every moment.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 186.00
Loose	£ 434.71
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 827.40

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 399.27
Loose	£ 59.55
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 492.28

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Why has Pope Francis asked for a Synod and how can I get involved?

All are invited to two evening Zoom meetings to discover why the Holy Father has asked for the Synodal Pathway and how to become involved: Mon 15th Nov at 7:30pm with Dr Mary McCaughey. Please email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk to book your free place.

Altar Servers who started serving before the pandemic and would like to serve again please contact Andrew Leadbetter on ctliturg@outlook.com

Blessing of Graves: Oscott: 13th Nov 15:00, Handsworth: 14th Nov 14:00, Sutton Coldfield (Rectory Road): 14th Nov 14:30, and Witton: 28th Nov 14:30.

Dates for your diary: Parish Visit to Oscott College: on Sunday 13th February afternoon, from 3:00pm – 7:15pm.

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available in Piety Stall of both churches. Please do take a look.

Monthly Community Meal (Funded by Aylesbury Surgery) in St John's Centre on Sunday 28th Nov 21. Please book in with Sandra on 07985607091.

Free Community Christmas Eve Meal in place of Christmas Day Meal, offered by New Heights to Kingstanding residents. Spaces are limited and meals must be booked in advance. All bookings must be made by Fri 10th Dec 2021 by phoning 07555 496 614 or emailing enquiries@new-heights.org.uk

Certificate of Catholic Practice: required by oversubscribed Catholic Secondary Schools can only be signed by Fr The-Quang for those children who have been attending mass with their families in the parish church at weekends and on holydays of obligation over the five years prior to the application to the school. If you intend to ask Fr The-Quang to sign one please make sure that your child sign the attendance book from year 1.