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<b>13<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	<i>Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year</i> <b>Remembrance Sunday – Day of Prayer for Victims of War</b>	
<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Malachi 3:19-20</b> <i>For you the sun of righteousness will shine out.</i>	
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	<b>The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.</b>	
<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>2 Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12</b> <i>Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work.</i>	
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<b>Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!</b>	
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 21:5-19</b> <i>The destruction of the Temple foretold.</i>	
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November +</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (John Abbott RIP)</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Feria</i>		<b>No Parish Mass today</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>St Albert the Great - Religious &amp; Doctor</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Bridget Cookham &amp; family Int.)</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>St Margaret of Scotland – op memoria</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass – (Margaret Allman-Dunne RIP)</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>St Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious op mem.</b>	<b>6.15pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Mass – (Robert Harris &amp; family Int.)</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Dedication of the Basilicas of Peter &amp; Paul</b>	<b>9.15am</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Mass – (Peter Needham RIP)</b>
<b>Saturday – 19<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30am-</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Found. Mass Renee family)</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> <b>Confession</b>
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING</b>		
<b>Saturday – 19<sup>th</sup> November +</b>	<b>5.45pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Confession</b> <b>Vigil Mass – (For the Parish)</b>
<b>Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> November +</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass – (Joan Ayles RIP)</b>

**Second Collection this weekend – Sick & Retired Clergy**



When you get home,  
tell them of us and say,  
for your tomorrow, we gave our today



### Reverse Advent Campaign

The MK Foodbank are once again organising the Reverse Advent Campaign. With the ongoing cost of living crisis this coming Christmas is going to be so much more difficult for struggling families. For many years our parish have been very generous supporters of the MK Foodbank and we are very keen to again offer our support for this year's Reverse Advent Campaign. The organisers are requesting us to consider the following items:

- **Tinned Meat – Fish – Pulses – Fruit – Tomatoes – Pasta – Vegetables – Rice Pudding – Custard.**
- **Long Life Milk – Fruit Juice or Squash**
- **Jams – Peanut Butter**
- **Dried Rice – Cereal – Biscuits – Loo Roll**
- **Small Chocolates – Sweets – Christmassy Snacks – Mini Christmas Cakes – Nuts & Crisps**

If you can help in any way, please bring your donations to the church in the usual way. The closing date for donations is **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** to enable delivery to the Foodbank in time for them to distribute. Further information is available on the MK Foodbank website: <http://mkfoodbank.org.uk/>



### Parish Forum

We have not been able to hold a Parish Forum meeting since before the beginning of the pandemic back in March 2020.

Fr David is very keen to hold a Parish Forum meeting next month on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.**

The Parish Forum provides a useful platform for parish groups and parishioners to share ideas and communicate views for the benefit of the whole

parish. Everyone is encouraged to attend this informal gathering to have their say and to look on the Forum as a way of becoming better informed about what is going on in the Parish, the Deanery and the Diocese and to plan for the future.



## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – after Mass

Your Parish CAFOD Group invites you to share coffee and mince pies after Mass on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November** in the Parish Hall to thank you for your tremendous support for our projects around the world including **Afghanistan, Yemen, Pakistan, East Africa & Somalia**. We look forward to seeing you. Parish CAFOD Group

## Making the most of the Mass (webinar) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm

Do you sometimes wish you knew more about the Mass, or could help others go deeper in faith? Whether you are a reader, Eucharistic minister, music minister, children's liturgy leader, or someone who would love to know more, this is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the Mass with renowned liturgist and speaker Fr Paul Turner.

Register here: [https://making\\_the\\_most\\_of\\_mass.eventbrite.co.uk](https://making_the_most_of_mass.eventbrite.co.uk)

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## Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul

From the twelfth century the dedications of the Vatican Basilica of St Peter and the Basilica of St Paul on the Via Ostiense have been celebrated on this day as the anniversary of their dedication by Pope St Silvester and Pope St Siricius in the fourth

century. In more recent times this feast has been extended to the whole Roman Rite. As the anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (5<sup>th</sup> August) honours the motherhood of Our Lady, so this feast honours the memory of the two Princes of the Apostles.

## Requiescat in Pace

Fr David's father, Brian Barrett, passed away on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October. His funeral will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The coffin will be received into the church of St Joseph, Gardenia Avenue, Luton (LU3 2NS) on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the same church on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11.30am followed by burial at Dunstable Cemetery (West Street, Dunstable LU6 1QD). Afterwards there will be refreshments at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Gardenia Avenue, Luton. If any parishioners would like to attend the funeral, Fr David says they would be most welcome. If you would like to attend, please let Fr David know. We keep him and especially his mother Eileen and all the family in our prayers and pray that Brian will rest in peace and rise in glory.

## Homily of Pope St John Paul II on All Souls Day 1986



On this day the Church directs our thoughts and prayers, in a special way, towards "eternal life". After the Solemnity of All Saints, today, the day dedicated to the memory of the dead, we wish first of all to remember those among our loved ones who have left this life. In remembering them, we are called to reflect that human existence is not entirely resolved within the earthly horizon. We are invited to consider life in

the light of the ultimate end, of the destiny that awaits us after death, with our gaze fixed on our eternal vocation.

In the light of the liturgy, which celebrates Christ's sacrifice, we are led to reflect today on the meaning of death. On the one hand, we find a realistic reflection on the precariousness of earthly life, doomed to defeat; on the other hand, the Eucharistic mystery proclaims that Christ's death was resolved in the resurrection, a decisive event for the life of every human being.

Faced with the memory of our deceased we are sad because we are forced to recognize with pain that this body of ours passes: the projects that we build every day trusting in health, strength, the qualities we have, are temporary, they are destined to be extinguished. But, if we accept the message that flows from the word of God, we learn that dying does not mean falling into nothingness, into the dark shadow of the total end. Rather, it means moving to a new state of life which is eternal glory and bliss. Faith illuminates the mystery of death with comforting certainties.

Our gaze on eternity is again comforted by the light of the mystery of the communion of saints. We have inherited from the most ancient Christian communities the certainty that there is an intense participation of life between us and our brothers and sisters who are in heavenly glory or who are still purifying themselves after death. We form one supernatural reality, one body with those who have gone before us in eternal life—the mystical body of Jesus Christ. We are therefore united, through Jesus, with those who have entered into the vision of God. But they have not left us. With them we form a community which is perfected in prayer and which the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice realizes in an eminent way. The love that we continue to nourish for our dead is expressed in prayer and in a unique sharing of grace, as we are moved by piety to ask for their intercession, recalling their examples of Christian life. In the common prayer of the Church, which we address to God united to our departed, we can foretaste that liturgy of eternal glory, towards which we all journey sustained by hope. By virtue of communion with Christ, death does not eliminate fraternal communion, but exalts it and realizes it in a new dimension.

We turn to you, Immaculate Blessed Virgin. In you begins the mystery of the Redemption that frees us from death, because the inheritance of sin has not reached you. You are full of grace, and in you opens for us the kingdom of God, the new future of man. We invoke you, guide us on our way, Blessed Virgin, so that by working the truth we may come to the light of your Son, seek the grace of his word, faithfully walk the way that leads to the mountain of God, to the gentle port where our loved ones have arrived and where, with Jesus, you await us. Amen.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Sorrows, St Lawrence, St Joseph, St John Henry Newman, St Rita, St Albert the Great, St Margaret of Scotland, St Elizabeth of Hungary, pray for us all.

*With our love and prayers – Fr David & Deacon Peter*