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3rd November 2024 – 31st Sunday, Ordinary Time, Yr B

<u>Day and Time</u>	<u>Mass or Service</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS</u>
Sat. 6pm	31 st Sunday	People of the Parish	<p>Saturdays 10.00-10.30am 5.15-5.45pm</p> <p>ADORATION Thursday 9.00-10.00am</p> <p>LECTIO DIVINA Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm (in the presbytery)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Scan this QR code with your mobile device to donate online. If you pay tax and would like to Gift Aid, please contact Franco Napoletano 07903 221263</p> <p>Chris Thorpe Parish Safeguarding Representative: psrenghishmartyrs@rcdmidd.org.uk, 07711 569880.</p> </div>
Sun. 10.30am	31 st Sunday	Stephen Burton	
Mon.	Family Funeral in Middlesbrough		
Tue.	Mass at York Minster	Peter Johnson	
Wed.	Cathedral Chapter Mass – No Mass Today		
Thurs. 10am	St. Willibrord	November Dead List	
Fri. 10am		November Dead List	
Fri. 12pm	Bar Convent	November Dead List	
Sat. 6pm	32 nd Sunday	November Dead List	
Sun. 10.30am	32 nd Sunday	People of the Parish	

NEXT WEEK, 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr B

LATELY DEAD, Carmel Jayasuriya,

100 CLUB, 20th October: 60 Beryl Findlay, 27th October: 72 Anita Nicklin, **COLLECTION**, £740.65

SUMMER VINNIE CAMP, Following a successful pilot this summer, SVP plan another Vinnie Camp in 2025, this time for children from York. Can you help, as part of a team of 6 adults, to provide pastoral care for 10 – 11 year old children? You don't have to be a current member of the SVP as you will receive training from the SVP national team specific to the volunteer role.

The camp is planned for Monday 25th August until Friday 29th August at Peat Rigg Outdoor Activity centre. Food, accommodation and transport will be free to all helpers and children. If you are interested or would like to know more, please email Patricia Nobbs, Middlesbrough diocesan SVP President on PresidentC13@svp.org.uk

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS, Thank you for all your Mass offerings for our November Dead List. The names of all your loved ones will be placed up on the Altar. They will be remembered in a special way in each celebration of the Mass. The Church encourages us to pray for the Faithful departed. Details of how to receive a plenary indulgences is pinned up at the back of church.

REV. DAVID CHATWICK CONG, ORAT, Will be ordained priest at St. Wilfrid's next Saturday at 12pm. If you have never been to an ordination, here's your chance! Please pray for him and vocations.

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, There is an excellent report in this month's Catholic Voice about Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs (Page 5) – it is a glowing report about our parish school.

Bishop Terry will be celebrating Mass for All Saint's School at York Minster on 5th November at 9.30am – always a great occasion.

ST. GEORGE'S REUNION, This year's reunion will be held on Friday 29th of November from 19:00 onwards. The reunion will be held at the York NHS Sports and Social Club situated at the bottom of Whitecross Road (off Haxby Road) there will be the usual raffle (prizes welcome) and a buffet provided. Hopefully this will be as successful as previous years, all old boys are welcome

SUNDAY PLUS

Love matters

No greater commandment

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM



A group of Jewish prisoners in Auschwitz knew they were about to die and asked if God had rejected his Covenant with his Chosen People and left them to the Nazis. Unable to reach a clear verdict, the prisoners decided to charge God with abandonment and put him on trial. One man, a former judge, presided, whilst others acted as God's prosecutor, defence and the jury. The trial lasted throughout the night.

God was found guilty as charged. Just as the trial concluded, prison guards forced open the door and herded the men towards the gas chamber. Although they had just declared God guilty of abandonment, each realised that he had nowhere else to turn. Unprompted, they covered their bare heads with a hand and started to pray aloud the great Jewish prayer, the *Shema*. Thus, they died.

Many years later, the screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce retold their story in his magnificent television drama, *God on Trial*.

In today's Gospel, Jesus repeats the *Shema*. We can imagine his listeners standing in prayerful silence, perhaps pulling their shawls over their heads, rocking backwards and forwards in God's presence even in the marketplace. "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love

the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." Certainly, this was – and is – the greatest commandment. As Jesus recited the second most important, there was also unanimity. "Love your neighbour as yourself"

Jesus added, "There is no commandment greater than these."

Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.

Each one of us can become a living, different and original "translation", not a repetition but a living, different and original "translation" of the one Word of love that God gives us.

Pope Francis



Feast of the week
Wednesday 6 November

St Leonard

(d. AD 559)

How many visitors to St Leonards-on-Sea – or residents, for that matter – realise that the town was originally dedicated to the patron saint of prisoners (including political prisoners and prisoners of war), women in labour, farmers and horses?

According to tradition, St Leonard, a former courtier of King Clovis I, King of the Franks, was converted to Christianity and became a monk. In return for Leonard's prayers and

the safe birth of a son, Clovis promised that he would pardon every prisoner whom the monk visited – giving rise to the legend that shackles fell from prisoners as soon as he appeared on the scene and to his patronage of women in labour.

St Leonard, although he was certainly known in England during Saxon times, became increasingly popular following the Norman Conquest, especially during Medieval times. As a result, several sites around the country were dedicated to him and, centuries later, still bear his name today.

Love in the here and now

By Paul Higginson


How do we go about loving God with all our heart and soul? The Church Fathers tell us to start with God's Creation. Pick up a pebble perhaps, or gaze at a flower or tree, and admire its shape, colour and beauty. Contemplate a bird outside or perhaps a pet and understand with gratitude what it is adding to your world. Then move to other people, with all

their faults and failings, yes – but brothers and sisters, all with the Christ light within. We love God by loving what's there in the here and now: where else would God be found? We can see God in certain holy places or "easy to love" people, or we can see him everywhere and in everyone. At first you might just catch small glimpses of God but keep looking and listening: try loving what's right in front of you today and see where this takes you.

Paul Higginson is a retired teacher and author of Doing Christianity: how religion is about what you do, not what you believe. Columba Books, Dublin, 2023.

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Lord of my
life, be the
Lord of my
love. 
Amen.

Today:
Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34

Monday:
Philippians 2:1-4
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday:
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday:
Philippians 2:12-18
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday:
Philippians 3:3-8
Luke 15:1-10

Friday:
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Next Sunday:
1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44