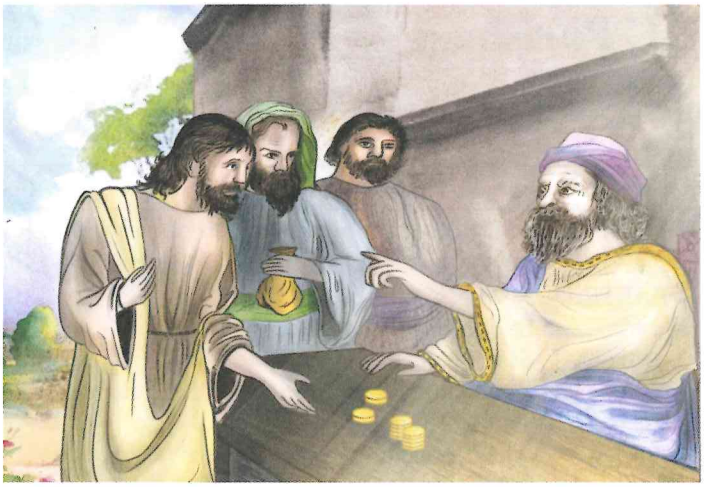


ANTIPHON AT THE ENTRY

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you,
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.
'She works with willing hands.' *31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*
An excellent wife who can find? 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.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 128(127)

Blessed are all who fear the LORD.
Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the LORD.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
'Do not let the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief.' *5:1-6*
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the LORD.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your Spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.
(Shorter form ends at the asterisk)
'You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master.' *25:14-30*

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who 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 scattered no seed, 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 sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 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 everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that what we offer in the sight of your majesty
may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you
and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery,
humbly imploring, O Lord,
that what your Son commanded us to do
in memory of him
may bring us growth in charity.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 14th	4.00 pm	Marie O'Mahoney RIP
Sun 15th	10.30 am	Anne & Frank Mulrennan RIP
Mon 16h		NO MASS
Tues 17th	10.30 am	Anne Corcoran RIP
Wed 18th	9.30 am	Connor McCann with St. Bernadette's School
Thurs 19th	10.30 am	Philomena Dwyer RIP
Fri 20th	10.30 am	Peter Conway RIP
Sat 21st	4.00 pm	Marion McAndrew RIP
Sun 22nd	10.30 am	Anne Joyce (5th Anniversary)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £406.50
SECOND COLLECTION: £349.89 (Holy Family Sisters, London)

15th November 2026: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Safeguarding Sunday)

FEASTS:

Monday	St Edmund of Abington
Tuesday	St Hilda
Wednesday	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul in Rome.
Saturday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday	**Christ the King (Solemnity)**

Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday (9.30 am – 10.20 am)
Altar Lamp – Anne & Frank Mulrennan RIP
Our Lady's Lamp – People of the Parish

RECENTLY DEAD: Peter Conway RIP. Funeral on Friday 20th November at 11.00 am – St Thomas More's.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edna Gray, Thomas Gaffney, Patrick Dooley, Marjorie Sharpe, Martin Handley, Christina Richardson, Marion Schumann, Timothy Kelly, Stephen O'Brien, Nathan Gleeson, Teresa Walsh, Mary Harrison, James Kavanagh, Anne Joyce, Alfred Davies, Patrick Hanrahan, William Houhton, Bernadette McGuire, Trevor Harrington, Oliver Hardiman, William Douglas, Margaret Burke, Joan McDermott, Willie Farrelly, Allan Cronin, Brian Ollis.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, John Leo Daly, Fr Michael White, Everly Arnold, Eileen Carter, Dennis Moloney, Josephine Mary Doyle, Eddie Dunne.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER: For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that, not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.
SECOND COLLECTION: Church Maintenance. **NEXT WEEKEND:** Catholic Youth Service.
HOLY SOULS: Please find slips at the back of the Church where you may write the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered in Masses during the month of November. Please return the slips to the basket provided. Thank you.
RCIA PROGRAMME: If you are enquiring about the Catholic faith or know someone interested in this programme, please see Father Fretch. Thank you.
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Our annual Bazaar will take place on Saturday 5th December 2026 in Holy Family School Hall. Bottles, New/Nearly New gifts are greatly appreciated. There will also be a Raffle – tickets will be available later.
KNITTED CRAFT SALE: Sister Maura will be selling knitted crafts on the weekend of 14/15th November. Proceeds to the Sanctuary.
BLESSING OF GRAVES: Sunday 15th New Hall (Sutton Coldfield) at 2pm; Witton at 2pm; Erdington Abbey at 3pm; Sunday 22nd Robin Hood at 2pm.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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