

From Sunday's Gospel



"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory. . . All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." Matthew 25:31-32,

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes at the end of time, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he

will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me; for whatever good you did for others in need you did for me.'"



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, "How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each one of us could say: 'Today I have performed an act of charity towards others'!". Today's word is

Kindness. This Sunday's gospel reminds us that Jesus is present in all people especially in the sick, indeed in anyone in need, and also he is present in you and me. What we do for others, we do for Jesus, even small everyday acts of kindness are most valuable in God's eyes. We say that a little kindness goes a long way. To be kind is to be considerate and helpful, to have concern for others. In this coming week we might want to ask ourselves how can we show kindness to each other or to those who are really in need and who need help? We might be more helpful around the house, share or donate to a local food-bank; buy a copy of The Big Issue, send a card to someone who is lonely or make a telephone call or send a text. Little things can make a big difference.



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**Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe
November 22nd 2020 (Matthew's Gospel)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS
THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC WORSHIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: People of the Parish
Monday: Nora Crowley
Tuesday: Yorkshire Brethren
Wednesday: November Dead List
Thursday: Edward & Ita Galvin
Friday: Wedding Anniversary (D&T)
Saturday: Tara Dyson
Sunday: People of the Parish
There will be only ONE Mass each day
Confessions by appointment.

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Celebrating Christmas in our Church

The current lockdown is due to end on December 2nd though at the time of writing the Government has not disclosed what will happen after that date. Presuming that our churches will be open for public worship at Christmas it is almost certain that there will still be restrictions in place. If they are the same or similar to the current ones then not everyone who would want to celebrate Mass in church on Christmas Eve/Day will be able to do so.



Given this reality Bishop Marcus has proposed that we remind ourselves of the Octave of Christmas. He writes: "Like Easter, the Nativity of the Lord is one of two solemnities...which has its own Octave. The Church regards each day in the Octave as if it were the solemnity itself...Despite having days within the Octave that are feasts...each of these days is as the Roman Missal states, a 'day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.' This means that, liturgically, each of the days from the 25th December to the 1st January is 'Christmas Day'."

This means that we can celebrate the mystery of Christmas **at any of the Masses during the octave days**. This may well seem strange at first sight and we will need a little time to assimilate it, but we are in strange times! Any arrangements that we as a parish want to make for the Octave will be determined by **the availability and willingness of stewards to assist with supervising and sanitising the church after each Mass**. Any suggestions for how we might best celebrate Christmas in Church will be gratefully received. Watch this space.

Sustainable Global Gardens



To raise funds to support orphan projects through the above charity Mary is going to prepare vegetable soup and cake OR apple crumble and custard. Suggested donation: £5. This can be collected from her doorstep or can be dropped off at yours **ON: WEDNESDAY 2nd DEC and THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER**. Please e mail or ring to put in an order. Please indicate your preferences by Monday 30th November. Contact: **01457810189** mickandmaryframer@btinternet.com You can donate via me by cash or cheque (sustainable Global Gardens) or via the website https://www.sustainableglobalgardens.org.uk/get_involved Many thanks, Mary

Christmas Gifts from The One World Fair

It was not possible to hold The One World Christmas Fair this year but it is possible to buy good on line from the different stalls. To do this go to Uppermill Methodist Church Website and click on One World Christmas Fair which is on the strap line of the Home Page. This will bring up the different stalls. One of the stalls is run by our good friend Bernie Slater and she writes:

Launch of the Out of Africa Facebook Page and Fundraiser for the Disasters Emergency Committee's Coronavirus Appeal



For the past 13 years I've been running a small, charitable jewellery business - Out Of Africa Jewellery - supporting a group of 12 small scale Kenyan producers by selling their handmade products. For the past few weeks I've been working hard to create an online shop via my Out Of Africa Facebook page which is finally ready to be launched. Showcasing all of the jewellery I stock from these producers, it will allow you to purchase from the safety of your own home, whilst also helping to support these vital causes. 10% from every purchase **before** this Christmas will be donated to the 'Disasters Emergency Committee's Coronavirus Appeal' (of which Christian Aid is a member), helping vulnerable people in the world's most fragile places. The UK Government will match fund all donations pound-for-pound up to £10 million to this appeal, meaning your support will go even further.

It would be great if you would take a peek - you can find us by clicking on this link - www.facebook.com/outofafricajewellery , and if you like it, please do share it with family and friends. You might find some nice Christmas present ideas there! If you have any difficulties purchasing items through Facebook or have any queries please contact me at bernie-slater@live.co.uk



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"Reflect upon the providence and wisdom of God in all created things and praise Him in them all."

St Teresa of Avila