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Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

Sun. 15 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass- Streamed	Dec'd of Morey & Savage Family
	12.0 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-Streamed	
Mon. 16 Nov.	<u>No Mass Today</u>	
Tues. 17 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass – Streamed	Private intention
Wed. 18 Nov.	10.0 am Requiem Mass - Streamed	Joan O'Sullivan
Thurs 19 Nov.	<u>No Mass Today</u>	
Fri. 20 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass - Streamed	Catherine McCarthy
Sat. 21 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass –Streamed	Marina Duff
Sun. 22 Nov.	10.0 am. Mass- Streamed	Kathleen Sullivan

Diocesan Prayer Link –Alexander House/Diocesan Departments/St. Ambrose.

Scripture Readings This Week:

Mon. Apoc.1: 1-4,2: 1-5.Lk.18: 35-43.**Tues.** Apoc.3: 1-6,14-22.Lk.19: 1-10.**Wed.** Apoc.4: 1-11.Lk.19: 11-28.

Thur. Apoc.5: 1-10. Lk.19: 41-44. **Fri.** Apoc.10: 8-11. Lk.19: 45-48. **Sat.** Apoc.11: 4-12. Lk.20: 27-40.

Feast Days & Memorials This Week

Mon. St. Edmund of Abingdon **Tues.** St. Hugh of Lincoln

Wed. Memorial of the Dedication of Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul **Sat.** Presentation of the B.V.M.

Sick & Housebound – Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, in particular, those recently sick – Stephen Hooper, Tom Lewis, Lena Buck, Harry Jenkins, Kathleen Farrell, John Shoemake, Simon Jenkins, William Hewitt, Malachi Moran, Wayne Parrock, Mary Sheehan, Miriam King, Carmel Jenkins, James Barr, Aileen Milkins, Sophie Dewland, Lorna Sandland, Kate Smith, Peter Cooke, Mary Mulcahy. **Please also remember in your prayers all whose anniversaries occur at this time-** Nascenta Caola, Fr. Gilbert Connock, George Yates, Ovidio Dimascio, Tom Bentley, David O'Malley, Gwen Corrigan, Jack Baker, Hedley Sampson, Jane Frayling, Ellen Kearney, Catherine Nagle, Peg McGrath, May Coombes, Agatha Sims, Mary Riching, Maria Verrecchia.

Sunday 15 November - 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

A story is told that on one warm summer's morning a hiker was walking along a road when he came upon a sparrow lying on its back in the middle of the road. Slightly concerned he bent down to the little creature and asked: "Why are you lying down like that?" "I heard that the sky is going to fall today," the little bird replied. The hiker began to laugh. "I suppose you think your spindly little legs are going to hold up the big sky?" The determined little sparrow replied simply, "One does what one can." 'One does what one can' is the message that Jesus wants us to learn from today's parable. All of us have talents and it is for us to decide how we will use them. Talents are often associated with successful people. When we hear someone referred to as being 'so talented' it is unlikely that we are referring to someone who spends every night, awake, caring for a sick child or parent. It is unlikely that we are referring to the young person who works in a soup kitchen or talks to the homeless. Yet what these people do stems from a desire to use what God has given them; the capacity for compassion, for gentleness, for concern, for generosity of heart, for their commitment to over-coming injustice and oppression in the lives of others, for not giving into the pain of personal disability. It takes skill to bring healing and hope to others and this can be just as rewarding as the adulation that comes from being a successful superstar performing to the best of their ability.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During the month of November we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We also remember those dear to us who have died, family, friends and the deceased of our parish. Remember, that Purgatory is on the threshold or the gateway of heaven, it is where we encounter the healing fire of God's boundless love and mercy. It prepares us for the fullness of life with God. It is a long-standing tradition to write out the names of those who have died and place these lists of names, known as the November Dead List in a basket below the altar during the month of November. **Please send lists to the presbytery or Email to Fr. George**, these will then be put in the basket under the altar. All those named will be remembered at all Masses throughout the month. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Liz Morey A Requiem Mass will be celebrated for Liz on Friday 27th November at 10.45am. The Mass will be live streamed only, no public attendance is possible at this time. Please continue to remember Liz in your prayers, and her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Advent Trail

The Methodist Church in Knowle and Totterdown is planning an Advent Trail in the area and would love it if people from other Churches would like to join in. All through Advent there will be 24 pictures of characters from the Christmas story to spot in people's windows around the area. If you live in Knowle or Totterdown, have a window overlooking the street and would like to take part please contact Rachel Spencer (racheljspencer@gmail.com). You would have a choice between being given a picture to put up or, if you're feeling creative and have the time, you could do your own artwork on the given character.

Christmas Main Draw

Due to current lockdown restriction we need to postpone our Draw Date. The draw will take place live via web cam hopefully prior to Christmas but not on the 6th December as originally planned. Sorry!!! The date will be announced in due course. In the meantime if you would like to enter/buy more tickets for the Draw you can pop your entry envelope through Brendan's letterbox at 4 Stoneleigh Crescent, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2RQ. Please remember to include your name, telephone number & amount of raffle ticket money on the front of the envelope & write Main Draw at the top. Many Thanks in anticipation for your continued support. It is very much appreciated. Any queries regarding the draw please telephone Brendan on 0117 9092534 or Marsha 07954585347

Red Boxes (Missions)

Good news that the item in previous newsletter asking for new box holders has borne fruit. We still have more boxes waiting to be taken up and used for collecting your loose change (or any other cash) to be used to support the Missions. If you would like to support missionary work in this way please contact Adrian 9775683 or email adriananglin@ukgateway.net

Maurice and Rina Kerby

The family of Maurice and Rina would like to thank Father George and all the members of St Gerard's Parish for the love, kindness, care and support you have given to Maurice and Rina over the years for which we are truly grateful. St Gerard's is a special church but it is you, Father George and the people of the parish that make it. Keep caring for and supporting each other especially during these challenging times. I pray that St Gerard's parish continues to grow from strength to strength.

Catherine (daughter of Rina and Maurice)