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Sunday 26th November 2023 The Thirty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory.'

Matthew 25:31

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands **Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon** Rv 5:12; 1:6 All: How worthy is the Lamb who is slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever. GREETING Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: Amen Grace to you and peace from God our Father and Priest: the Lord Jesus Christ. All: And with your spirit. PENITENTIAL ACT Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, Priest: and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. Priest: Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Priest: Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: Priest: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: Amen **GLORIA** All: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

> Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

> For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest: Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

34:11-12.15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

All:	The word of the Lord Thanks be to God
RES	PONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R v.1
(R)	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
1.	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R)
2.	Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (R)
3.	You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)
4.	Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R)
SECO	OND READING
A readi	ng from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to

be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

> The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

All:

Mk 11:10

Alleluia, alleluia! All: Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest [.]	The Lord be with you.	
All:	And with your spirit.	
	A reading from the holy	
	Gospel according to Matthew	25:31-46
All:	Glory to you, O Lord.	

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the

Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar. The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever. All:

The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

> The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

- Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.
- Priest: Lift up your hearts.
- All: We lift them up to the Lord.
- Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

> For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of justice and peace.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created

rightly gives you praise,

for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

> Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

> May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

> May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

- Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
- All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

- Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
- All: Amen.
- Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: And with your spirit.
- Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.
- All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Congregation kneels The celebrant says quietly:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your Death gave life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood, from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

- Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
- Priest: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.
- Priest: May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

All: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest: Let us pray. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

- Priest:
All:The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
- Priest: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
- All: Amen
- Priest: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. All: Amen
 - Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the

people, says:

Priest: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

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THE LITURGICAL YEAR ENDS TODAY WITH THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Monday 27 November: St. Fergal Thursday 30 November: St Andrew



We remember our beloved dead:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Patrick O'Hare: Bishop Tony Farquhar: Elizabeth Burns: Rosemary Marr. **ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan & John O'Kane: Maryann & John Jordan: Samuel & Arthur Lundy: Marcia Donnelly: Paddy Murray: Francis Gorman: Louis Bradley: Mary Peter: Sheila Stewart: John O'Reilly: Bel Moran: Joe Laverty; Mary Brennan.

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th -10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie

FILIPINO MASS in St. Patrick's Church Saturday 2nd December, 3.30-4.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Manuelito Milo.

SACRED HEART MESSENGER

Subscription of £22 for 2024 is now due. Please place in enveloped provided and return to Parish Office. Thank you.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Mass will be celebrated each day during November for those whose names are on the November Dead Lists. God our Father, Your power brings us to birth,

Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in your presence, their lives change but do not end.

I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.

In company with Christ, Who died and now lives,

may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing your praise forever and ever.

THE CLARE CHORALE

Christmas Concert in Christ Church, Hillsborough Road, Lisburn on Saturday, 2nd December at 7.30pm. Tickets: Suggested donation £10 available from Christ Church Parish Office by emailing christchurchparishoflisburn@gmail.co.uk or telephone Valerie Christy on 07748677223. Proceeds in aid of Christ Church Development Fund.

RE - COMMISSIONING AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD WILL BE HELD THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES -THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING.



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ST ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT: Are you applying for a Nursery place in September 2024? Come and experience our wonderful nursery on Monday 11th Dec. 2.15pm – 3.30pm Or Tuesday 12th Dec. 2.15pm – 3.30pm Principal's address @ 2.15pm Please ring to book a slot or use the google form link https://forms.gle/qb3b53zZHBwbyEKK8 Principal: Mrs Catherine Milne, 7 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TB. (028) 9266 2293. cmilne224@c2kni.net

> ST ALOYSIUS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT: Are you applying for a Primary 1 place in September 2024? Come and experience our wonderful school on Thursday 14th December. OPEN DAY 4.30pm – 6.30pm Principal's address @ 4.30pm Principal: Mrs Catherine Milne, 7 Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TB. (028) 9266 2293. cmilne224@c2kni.net

ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

The Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious who have in this past year (1st November 2022 - 31st October 2023) will take place on Tuesday 28th November 2023 in St Peter's Cathedral at 7:30 pm. The Mass will also be broadcast online at: http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral Parishioners, Clergy and Religious from throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with our Bishop.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In excess of 1,000 people have registered or have already attended one of the Pathways to the Future conversations that are being held across the Diocese during November. The conversations have been animated, rich, and fruitful, with those present sharing their hopes and dreams for their parishes and Families of parishes, their cares and concerns, as well as ideas and suggestions on how we build the Kingdom of God in Down and Connor. The Holy Spirit is moving through our parishes and our people, and there is a very real sense of excitement and optimism, and a willingness among our faithful to answer's Christ's call to renew and rebuild His Church for now and for the future.

On this Feast of Christ the King, as this church year draws to a close and we move into a time of waiting, expectation and preparation for the birth of Christ, our Saviour and King, let us pray for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we plan for our future. Let us pray to be guided by the Spirit in the discernment of our own personal gifts and the role that God wants us to play in sharing the Good News of the Gospel and the love of God with all we meet and journey within our lives.

"I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view." Ezekiel 34:11

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE PRAYER

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.



CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE

2nd Sunday of Advent – 10th December at 3pm in St. Patrick's Church. Further details later.

When I loved myself enough I became my own authority by listening to the wisdom of the heart, This is how God speaks to me. This is intuition.



Pope Francis Tweets: Let us continue to pray for tormented Ukraine, and for the populations of Palestine and Israel. Peace is possible. Let us not resign ourselves to war! And let us not forget that war is always, always, always a defeat: the only ones to gain are arms manufacturers.

