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WEEK COMMENCING 15 NOVEMBER - YEAR A
DIVINE OFFICE: *Week 4*

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Sunday: World Day of Prayer for the Poor

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor"



Stretch forth your hand to the poor (Book of Sirach 7:32)

World Day for the Poor is a day set aside each year when communities can reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel. This Day was established by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, issued on 20 November 2016, to celebrate the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, and from 2017 has been celebrated on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Pope calls on people to keep their gaze fixed upon the poor, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, and warns against succumbing to a "whirlwind of indifference" (paragraph 5).

The theme this year is taken from the Old Testament book of Sirach (see heading), in which we find the words of a sage who lived some 200 hundred years before Christ. He sought out wisdom in times of suffering, grief and poverty due to the domination of foreign powers.

Drawing from the text from the Book of Sirach, Pope Francis observes that "its author presents his advice concerning many concrete situations in life, one of which is poverty. He insists that even amid hardship we must continue to trust in God." He points out, from this text, that, "prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable." However, he also notes that "time devoted to prayer can never become an alibi for neglecting our neighbour in need."

"Generosity that supports the weak, consoles the afflicted, relieves suffering and restores dignity to those stripped of it, is a condition for a fully human life," Pope Francis tells us, "The power of God's grace cannot be restrained by the selfish tendency to put ourselves always first." While acknowledging that "keeping our gaze fixed on the poor is difficult", he emphasises it is "more necessary than ever if we are to give proper direction to our personal life and the life of society."

"The Christian community is called to be involved," Pope Francis tells us. "We cannot feel 'alright' when any member of the human family is left behind and in the shadows,". He laments the frenetic pace of life which, he observes leads people into a "whirlwind of indifference". Often, it is only when a crisis happens in our own lives that our eyes become capable of seeing the goodness of the saints "next door", he notes.

A significant part of the Pope's message is devoted to the Covid-19 pandemic. He draws attention to the many "outstretched hands" in the form of doctors and nurses caring for patients in these difficult times, and commends also the outstretched hands of administrators, pharmacists, priests, volunteers and many others who have given of themselves "without fanfare". The pandemic, he says "has made us all the more aware of the presence of the poor in our midst and their need for help". It has "challenged many of our assumptions. We feel poorer and less self-sufficient because we have come to sense our limitations and the restriction of our freedom. The loss of employment, and of opportunities to be close to our loved ones and our regular acquaintances, suddenly opened our eyes to horizons that we had long since taken for granted." But, Pope Francis stresses, "now is a good time to recover 'the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world.' ... Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue."

Pope Francis' message is short and well worth reading. Go to the Vatican's website: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/papa-francesco_20200613_messaggio-iv-giornatamondiale-poveri-2020.html Paper copies can be provided by request, for those without internet access.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those shielding at home and joining us on livestream)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 15 NOVEMBER 2020 **33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY VIGIL	14	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass Intentions see printed copy
SUNDAY	15	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	16	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Margaret of Scotland / St Edmund</i>	
Tuesday	17	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>St Hilda</i>	
Wednesday	18	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>Dedication Basilicas St Peter & Paul</i>	
Thursday	19	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Friday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Saturday	21	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) <i>Presentation of Our Lady</i>	

SYRO MALABAR MASS There will be **no Mass during the month of November**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) – cancelled until further notice

During Coronavirus lock-down, it is not possible for the faithful to receive the Sacrament of Confession in person from the Priest. The Pope and Bishops advise that we should make a personal Confession and Perfect Act of Contrition direct to the Lord, together with a promise to the Lord to go to Confession as soon as you are able.

ACT OF CONTRITION: *My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Saviour Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.*

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE: <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>
SIGNED MASS for the Deaf: 10.30am Sundays from Cardiff www.sphilpevans.co.uk/f.k/signed-mass and **6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Potters Bar: churchservices.tv/pottersbar

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: QR Links are available on our website & in church porches

POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INT: ... *that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind*

OUR LADY'S SHRINE at St Peter's church is **open every day - gate closed but unlocked** (down steps at side of car park)

† **ANNIVS:** John Blurton, Frank Atkin, Jeff Moat, Peter Murray, Kevin Hughes, Mary Harman, Pat Francis, Janette Taylor Handyside

† **RECENTLY DEAD:** Mary Langen, V K Chacko (in India - father of Fr Anthony, Priest for the Indian Mass)

MASSES RECEIVED FROM: see printed copy

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope or Standing Order giving*, contact the Parish office.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF HOLY SOULS A Mass will be offered each day during November, when possible, for the Holy Souls, except when an anniversary Mass takes precedence. **November Dead Envelopes & Lists** available in boxes outside the churches, or use your own - write **names on sheet**, put in envelope with your donation, & return via St Peter's letter box.

PUBLIC MASSES & SACRAMENTS suspended during lockdown. Funerals permitted (max 30 people). All Masses **live streamed** from St Peter's Church only - go to the parish website and click on the Live Stream button to the right of the screen.

PRIVATE PRAYER & ADORATION St Peter's: **12.30-2.30pm on Sundays & Wednesdays;** Also **11.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday 21 November;** St Joseph's: **10.30-11.30am Wednesdays.** Volunteers needed - speak to Fr Gubbins (St Peter's) or Sue Gregory/Heather Tymon (St Joseph's)

NEWSLETTER available outside all our churches in a waterproof box. Take a copy to those who are isolated. Email us to receive by email.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales have called on Catholics across the Nation to join in a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm, and to observe the **Vigil of Christ the King (21 November)** as a special **day of prayer** for an end to the pandemic. St Peter's Church will be open for Adoration and Private Prayer from **11.30am to 1.30pm** on this day.

ADVENT EXTRA & WALK WITH ME publications - **free copies** in newsletter boxes outside our churches. Spiritual reflections for a fruitful Advent. Advent Extra is a great resource of articles and reflections. Walk with me follows the Advent daily readings.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY MASSES It will be necessary to pre-book (assuming churches are open again) with relevant government group restrictions. Times/venues have not yet been finalised, so please *do not book until they have*. Update to follow soon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale at **St Joseph's Holy Shop** - at **St Peter's**, put money in black box on wall in porch. When sending cards, why not reach out to society's vulnerable, eg. those who are alone, or in care homes unable to have visitors, and many others. You could write in it "*My name is I attend Church and I would just like to say we are thinking about you this Christmas.*"

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS please keep in touch with your assigned housebound during lockdown.

MASS INTENTIONS will continue to be offered at Masses each week during lockdown (Live Streamed). If you would like a Mass said for someone, write the intention on an envelope and place your donation inside and put through St Peter's Rectory door.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE is being updated. If you would like to add the name of a deceased loved one, send full name, date of birth and death and your own name and contact number. Please write clearly. Donation £10. Cheques payable to St Peter's Church.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS STAMPS 2020 Images are of stained-glass windows in churches across the nation. **Don't forget to ask for yours** - buy them at Post Offices or online at the Royal Mail website at <https://shop.royalmail.com/special-stamp-issues/christmas-2020>

RAINBOW CENTRE Donations of **non-perishable food** needed (long 'use by' date please) and other essential items. Drop off at the Rainbow Centre or St Peter's Rectory.

SUNDAY SMILE: *Sign seen on a garden wall: "Trespassers will be composted".*