

# THE MESSENGER

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**Thought for the week**

Today's readings are in stark contrast to the joy of the holiday season that is fast approaching, warning us instead of dark times ahead and our inevitable judgment day.

The first reading from the prophet Daniel describes a time "unsurpassed in distress since nations began" and warns that "many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, and others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." The second reading, from Hebrews, speaks of Christ who "waits until his enemies are made his footstool."

However, when we firmly establish for ourselves as individuals — as a family and as a parish that we will give to God the first and best portion of our Time, Talent, and Treasure — the warnings we read in the Scriptures today should be no cause for alarm. In fact, we can view these words as encouragement — "Keep Calm and Steward On," no matter what comes our way.

One of the blessings of a stewardship way of life is that in challenging times, whether in our homes or workplaces or even our beloved Church itself, we can take great comfort in knowing we have a concrete plan to keep our priorities in right order. And, when we put God first in all aspects of our lives, we will experience the peace that He gives that surpasses all understanding.

Taken from the Catholic Steward.com

**Weekday Masses are celebrated in Maryfield Convent Chapel**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 18 November**

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*He will gather his chosen from the four winds.*

**Sat 17 6:00 pm Bob Medway RIP**

**Sun 18 10:00 am People of the Parish**

Mon 19 *Feria*  
10:00 am **Jean Mansfield RIP**

Tues 20 *Feria*  
10:00 am **Maria Sauleek RIP**

Wed 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
10:00 am **Dec. Members of the Murphy Family**

Thur 22 *St Cecilia*  
10:00 am Mass

Fri 23 *Feria*  
10:00 am Mass

Sat 24 St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions  
10:00 am Mass

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - 25 November**

**Sat 24 6:00 pm People of the Parish**

**Sun 25 10:00 am Sr. Doris RIP**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR PARISH

Lord, have all those who are unable to be with us at Mass in Your safekeeping as we remember:

Mary O'Driscoll, Sean Dillow, Helena Allen, Tony Hoggood,  
Jean Williams, Yvonne Beaumont, Debbie Cavedon,  
June Walsh, Margaret Sauce & Charles Paice

### THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

During the month of November, a box for the request of prayers for the souls of loved ones will be placed in front of the altar. If you would like prayers for a deceased loved one, please write their name on one of the slips of paper and place it in the box.

### RCIA—JOURNEY IN FAITH

The next meeting is on **Thursday 22nd November** at 7:30pm in the Hall. The title of this session is "**Marriage & Holy Orders**". All are welcome. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

### ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Children's Liturgy Group are planning to hold an Advent Workshop on Sunday 9th December. This will take place in the Parish Hall from 11:15 am – 2:00 pm. Please make a note in your diaries. We would welcome any helpers who would like to come along.

### THE ADVENT WREATH

We're now only a few weeks away from Advent and Bishop Philip wanted to suggest you make for your home an Advent wreath. The origins of the Advent wreath are German and Lutheran but in recent times Catholics, too, have adopted them as a way of marking the progression of Advent to the Nativity. The wreath is formed of ever-greens (yew or fir or laurel) and is either suspended from the ceiling or placed on a table. Fastened to it are four candles standing upright, at equal distances, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, at a set time, the family gathers for a prayer and each Sunday of Advent one more candle is lit, until all four candles shed their cheerful light to announce the forthcoming birthday of the Lord. The symbolism is a reminder of the Old Testament, when humanity was "sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 2:79); when the prophets, illumined by God, announced the Redeemer; and when the hearts of all burned with desire for the Messiah. It is common to use three violet candles and one rose, symbolizing the respective liturgical colours of the four Sundays of Advent, though in Germany, red candles are used.

### CAR PARKING

With our numbers increasing on a Sunday morning, parking is becoming difficult. The sisters from Maryfield Convent have always been very kind and allowed their car park to be used as an overflow. Please be respectful and remember that the convents guests and staff also use this car park.

Please make sure that you are not blocking in any cars and there is always access for emergency vehicles.

**Please be extra vigilant whilst the building work takes place.**



### PRAYER AFTERNOON

There is an up-coming afternoon of prayer that is taking place in our parish on Saturday, 24th November from 2-5pm. It will be led by my friends from the Verbum Dei community. The focus will be on praying with the bible (hence the Latin Verbum Dei). The afternoon will involve some scripture reflections, some tips on how to pray with the bible, some faith sharing and some food. Folk are encouraged to bring a plate of food to share. Children are also welcome and there will be a 'creche'.

While this is open to everybody, in particular I would like to invite all the members of the Journey in Faith group, the enquirers and team members and also the parents of the 1st Holy Communion children. I see this as a wonderful opportunity for folk to learn about the treasure of scripture and to be refreshed, or to learn for the first time, in how to pray with the bible.

### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection for Melfort Old Peoples Home (Melfort Glen) in Zimbabwe after Mass this weekend.

### CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

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The true spirit of Christmas Giving !

### KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA 'Lucky Me Winner'

Congratulations to Josie Rae of Basingstoke who won November's draw.

### TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

May we suggest! Relax?

God put the wiggle in children,

Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.

All are welcome.

Sit towards the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what is happening on the Altar. They tire of seeing the backs of people heads.



### THE SACRISTY

Is a place of prayer and contemplation and should be an oasis of calm, before and after Mass. The Priest and Servers need time and space in order to prepare themselves for The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Please respect this and refrain from visiting the Sacristy in the last 15 mins before Mass.