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**Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**19<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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**Normal Mass Times**

**Saturday**  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sunday**  
8.00am Mass  
10.00am Family Mass  
12.00pm Mass

**Weekday Masses**  
See back of the newsletter  
or church noticeboard

**Holydays of Obligation**  
7.00pm Vigil Mass  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Mass

**Confessions**  
Saturday 10.30 to 11.00am  
and 5.00 to 5.30pm  
or by appointment

**Baptisms**  
**Weddings** (6 months notice)  
Contact the Parish Priest

**1st Reading**

**Proverbs 31:10-13; 19-20; 30-31**

The book of Proverbs is a collection of wise sayings and wise religious precepts to govern the daily lives of lovers of wisdom and of God. The book was attributed to Solomon because he was looked on as the patron and inspirer of wisdom in Israel. The verses chosen for today's reading are taken from the last half of the last chapter of the book and are a hymn of praise of the ideal wife. This is somewhat unusual in the Old Testament where women played a rather minor role in public, civic or religious life. But the anonymous author of this section rightly saw it that the part that a wise, prudent and industrious wife plays in a man's life, and hence in the life of the nation, deserved to be stressed and admired.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

**Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Paul continues his discussion of the parousia, the second coming of Christ as judge of mankind. See last Sunday's second reading. Today he tells his Thessalonian converts that they know as much as he does about the time of the second coming...

... He had already told them in his preaching what our Lord himself had said about it: that it would be unexpected, it would come "like a thief in the night." However, this need not frighten them, they would be prepared because they were living their Christian faith every day.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

This is another of the parables or stories which Jesus told to illustrate and emphasise the teaching on the kingdom of heaven that he gave to his disciples. The point of the story here (as in LK. 19:12-27, very likely the same parable in slightly different words), is that we shall be judged by God according to the use we make of the gifts he gave us.

**Gloria Page 9 in the Mass Books.**  
**Entrance Antiphon Page 155**  
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**The Creed Page 11**

**NOTICES**

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**COLLECTION DETAILS**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Planned £741  
Loose £773.80

**Thank you for your generosity and to all who pay by bankers order which is £799.88 weekly.**

**Holy Souls**

The two red sanctuary lamps in the sanctuary are permanently lit for the Holy Souls.

**November List**

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Please take a November List envelope, in which you put the names of your loved ones departed and an offering. The names are then placed by the altar to be offered at every Mass throughout November. Envelopes can be placed in the box on the altar.

**Missio Supporters**

Please collect your magazine and calendar from the porch,

**ELECTRONIC LINKS**

The parish e-Newsletter is available by email each week.  
**To subscribe, please email [subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:subscribe@stbridgets.org.uk)**  
**Follow us on Twitter too: [twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7](https://twitter.com/rcstbridgetstw7)**  
**Visit the Parish Website [www.stbridgets.org.uk](http://www.stbridgets.org.uk)**  
See the **Quick Links** on the front page and click:  
**Volunteer Online** to go to a volunteer form if you would like to help the parish in any way.  
**Guide to the Church** for a Tour  
**Guide of St Bridget's**  
**New Parishioners** information can be found at the back of the church.

**PLANNED GIVING**

We are particularly grateful to parishioners who join the **Planned Giving** scheme and who pay by bankers order – details are now in the porch.

**Leaving Collection for Father Stewart**

**This weekend 18-19<sup>th</sup> November**

Most readers of this newsletter will have been surprised and dismayed at Father Stewart's leaving us at the end of July together with his family and with no opportunity to say goodbye. His period of ill health has only increased our sense of loss and uncertainty. He is still not able to come and join us but here in this collection is an opportunity for us all to express something to him of our great gratitude for his continuing love and care of his flock at St. Bridget's. We all wish and pray for him and his family and that his sabbatical will lead him on to excellent health and to continue his ministry wherever the Lord leads him.

**Signing the Certificate of Catholic Practice For Schools**

The Archdiocese requires that families attend regularly (this means attending Mass every Sunday or Saturday evening) for at least **TWO Years** before a priest is able to sign the Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you are new to the parish – you will need a letter from your previous Parish Priest

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARD - STICKERS FOR ALL CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOL YEARS & UP TO CONFIRMATION AGE**

The attendance cards are now available and stickers will be issued from this weekend.  
•Stickers are issued at the start of the Mass and will not be given at the end.  
•All parents are reminded that a sticker will only be issued if the child is present with a parent for the Mass.  
•Stickers will not be given if the card is not presented  
•Any issues please speak to Fr. Nico.  
•Parents please remember to have the picture of your child and their name on the card. (One card per child)

**From The Womb To The Tomb Life Is Sacred**

**Starting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

Holy Hour for the Protection of the Unborn Child. **First Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, private prayer, Benediction...  
Fasting (optional) for the remainder of the evening.

**Sick & Retired Priests' Fund of the Diocese of Westminster**

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Sick and Retired Priests' collection last weekend. The response of love and concern was heart-warming. If you forgot to make your donation, there is still time and the envelopes are still at the back of the church. You can even donate online through the Diocese's website. The care of the priests in their old age, especially the sick and chronically ill ones, is a priority of the Diocese, and is a way to say 'Thank you' to the priests who have been there for us. May God bless you greatly for your generosity. Details next week.

**Fr David Writes –**

Royal Mail keeps its promise to include religious postage stamps for pre-Christmas posting, newly arrived on 7<sup>th</sup> November. This year's (new) First Class design shows Jesus being read to by his mother. In the Second Class stamp he is playing with her red coral necklace. Both designs are self-seal. This is a chance to show witness to our friends that we choose to put **CHRIST** into "CHRISTMAS"!

**Christ The King**

Next Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's year.

## NOTICES

### Bible Sharing Group & Young Adult Prayer Group

Fr Nico is considering starting a Young Adult prayer group. Ages from 18 – 30's & a Bible Sharing Group (over 18's). If anyone is interested in joining please contact him via his email address [nloboratu@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:nloboratu@rcdow.org.uk) or drop a note through the presbytery door.

### First Holy Communion Registration

Our First Holy Communion Classes commence in January 2018 and registration forms are now available in the porch. Please note you must be residents of St Bridget's parish and regularly attend our Masses.

### R.C.I.A

Do you know anyone who might want to know more about the Catholic Faith or is thinking about becoming a Catholic? Or, are you perhaps one of these people? The R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course runs from October for those who wish to be received into the Church at Easter. Many people made enquiries about the R.C.I.A after speaking to a parishioner. If you are interested in finding out more, speak to Fr Nico or Fr Kieran or simply put a note through the presbytery door.

## St Bridget's Christmas Fayre –

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 – 11:30am to 4.00pm

**Urgent Final Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 8.00pm in the presbytery**

**1. We now need volunteers** on the day to manage the crowds on the door etc.

**2. The set-up is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> from 3.15pm – 9.00pm.**

(Marie Mcalroy, 07712865815 [mariemcalroy@hotmail.com](mailto:mariemcalroy@hotmail.com) will be in charge of the stalls), but would also like to hear from anyone who runs their own small business and would like to sell gifts for Christmas e.g. jewellery, cards, hand-made toys etc in return for a small stallholders fee.

**3. As always, we can't run the Fayre without lots of donations** of new & nearly new books, unwanted gifts, toys in as new condition, unused cosmetics & toiletries and of course your wonderful cakes & biscuits. We have started collecting donations in the Church Porch and the presbytery. **The sorting dates are Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 4pm - 9pm, Sunday from 12:00 Noon - 6pmish.** To help please come along. Questions **please call or email** [events@st.bridgets.org.uk](mailto:events@st.bridgets.org.uk)

### 4. Food donations needed.

We are looking for all types of international dishes to be donated to help us celebrate our community's wonderful multiculturalism through food at this year's Christmas Fayre. We would be grateful to receive all food donations from 11am onwards on the day of the Fayre

All proceeds will go to raise funds for more events for the community

For further information on how you can help please call, text or email Maria on 07412 480084 or [mdpona@googlemail.com](mailto:mdpona@googlemail.com)

**5. Christmas Raffle Tickets** for you to sell or buy. Please take a white envelope from the table in the porch then return cash, stubs and unsold tickets.

### New Sixth Form At St Richard Reynolds Opens In September 2018

From the Principal, Mr Burke: We look forward to providing an outstanding Catholic education to Post 16 students from both St Richard Reynolds and from other schools. Parents and students currently in Year 11 are warmly invited to find out more about our Sixth at an open evening between 6:00 - 8:00pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017

### Cafod World Gift catalogues now available

World Gifts are alternative Christmas gifts that make a difference to someone living in poverty. You can help a child learn to read, give the gift of a goat, cow, or camel, or even help a community build a water supply, and in return CAFOD send you a certificate to give in lieu of a present which illustrates the gift that has been given. Catalogues are available at the back of the church, and you can also buy these online at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk).

### Remembrance Sunday

The British Legion would like to thank everybody from St. Bridget's who helped with such a moving procession and service. With special thanks to those who helped with or contributed to Tea in the Hall which raised £90 towards the Poppy Appeal.

### Regular Groups & Events

**All cancelled this week due to preparations of the Christmas Fayre**

#### MONDAY

### Club for Older People

Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November

### Legion of Mary

Every Monday at 7.30pm

#### TUESDAY

### Tuesday Club for Youth/ Adults with Special Needs

7.00 – 9.00pm (Term time)

#### WEDNESDAY

### Little Angels Toddler Group

9.00am – 11.00am term time. £2 per adult, 50p tea/coffee. Please bring a healthy snack to share  
Contact details, Mary 07729 059729, Maria 07412 480084

### Partially Sighted Meeting Place

**Every other Wednesday 1.30pm - 3pm** next meet 29<sup>th</sup> November

### Mini Mary's Music Mayhem

**every other Weds next meet 6<sup>th</sup> Dec** £2.00 child, £3.50 max(tea/coffee 50p) 2.00-3.00pm

**THURSDAY**

**Church Cleaning** after 9.00am

Mass (Approx 9.25am)

### Gentle Seated Exercises for Older People

Run by an AGE CONCERN physiotherapist. Every Thursday

from 2.00 – 4.00pm

#### FRIDAY

### Mental Health Drop-In

next meets 1<sup>st</sup> December

12noon to 4.00pm

#### SUNDAY

### Refreshments

**Sunday Breakfast** Next week

after 8.00am Mass



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CATHOLIC CHURCH ISLEWORTH

Open after all weekend Masses

(t) 020 8560 1431

(e) [shop@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:shop@stbridgets.org.uk)

## FEAST DAYS, MASS INTENTIONS & TIMES OF MASSES

Date	Feast Day	Mass	Intention
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	6.00pm	For The Repose Of The Souls Of Miscarried Babies, Holy Souls
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	8.00am	Frank Hood R.I.P Holy Souls
		10.00am	Irene Fisher (Sick) Holy Souls
		12.00 noon	Eilymay O'Regan R.I.P (51 <sup>st</sup> Anniv From Skibbereen) Holy Souls
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	7.00pm	Legion Of Mary Holy Souls
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	The Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am	Madge Maloney R.D Holy Souls
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr	9.00am	Philomena Scanlon R.I.P (1st Anniv) Holy Souls
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Feria	9.00am	Sr Mary Shea R.I.P, Holy Souls
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest and Companions	7.00pm	Sarah Gleeson R.D, Holy Souls
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Feria	10.00am	Helen Reilly R.D, Holy Souls
	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe</b>	6.00pm	Madge Maloney R.D

**Sick** Fr Stewart, Fr David, Abel Rebello, Adebisi Mafe, Adrian Hope, Agnes Chong, Agnes Molloy, Alistair Love, Amaro Rebello, Ann, Angela Convery, Angie Wilson, Archie Douglas, Arthur Almeida, Baby Eva Ziregbre, Baby Niamh Murphy Leighton, Bertie Duguid, Bela Dias, Bob Stainton, Bob Young, Bradán Peacock, Brian and Heather McMillan, Catherine Regan, Chick Colquhoun, Christinana Ziregbe, Christopher O'Regan, Conchita Gregg, Debra Cabral, Debbie Brinkley, Diana Renton, Dinah Cabral, Dickie Bell, Elizabeth Russell, Ellen Bradley, Ellis Addison (Baby), Ellise Gould, Else Hansen, Emma Hennessey, Evelyn Scopen, Flora Ziregbe, Gary Hales, Gerald Howard, Gerald Kausar, Helen Nation, Irene Fischer, Jack Brady, Jean, Jean Mc Cann, Jim Convery, Jim Hughes, Jim Mc Cusker, João Ramizio, John Amooty, John Okonjo, Joseph Fernandez, Josie Higgins, Joyce Clarke, Juliana Egoh, Julie Smith, Justin Douglas, Kiana Gooding, Lea Almeida, Lee Brinkley, Leonilda Almeida, Loretta De'Silva, Lynn Casey, Mabel D'Cruz, Many A Smith, Manney Rowthorn, Margaret Howard, Margaret McCarthy, Maria Zehetner, Marie Aiyadorai, Marie Seymour, Martin Russell, Martyn Lee, Mary Chong, Mary Nathan, Mary Sweeny, Mary Sullivan, Mary Walsh, May Connolly, Maureen Pierce, Mena Higgings, Michael Gavin, Mishael Nathan, Miriam Gutteridge, Mr Boyle, Nathan Williams, Mr Naresh T Paryani, Naval Mair, Nora Higgins, Odette Barnes, Olga Fernandes, Paddy Williams, Pam Khoo, Pamela Fernando, Pat & Roy Edwards, Patrick Cusack, Patients at Lakeside, Patsy Saukur, Pawla Dennison, Peggy Convery, Peter King, Philip Casey, Phillip Goodwin, Richard Atterwill, Ronald Peacock, Ronnie Lillywhite, Ronnie Snell, Rosemary McEachard, Ruby Mc Guinness, Rupert Phillips, Seamus Mc Cusker, Shao Xian, Sheila Dodd, Shirley Jackson, Simon Allad, Soirse and Maj Cunningham, Sr Agathina SSPS, Sr Anne Marie, Stephen Regan, Stewart Forlano, Ted Reilly, Theresa Gilbert, Tessa Poiret, Thomas Gahaghan, Winny.

**Recently Deceased:** Clarina Dias, Tony Continho

**Anniversaries :** Frank Hood, Edward Francis White, Molly White, Ronald Davis, Irene Davis, Carmen Samson, Ramon Samson, Beronica Binuing

**May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace**

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