

**Thirty-third Sunday of the Year
Year A Psalms Wk 1**

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm: O blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mne in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 19th BENEDICTION at 3 p.m.

Tuesday 21st	The Way of Silence	<i>donation</i>	Chris Hurley
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DECEMBER

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd	Advent Retreat: an opportunity to prepare for Christmas through prayer and reflection	<i>£145</i>	Sr Frances Moore
Wednesday 6th	Mindfulness follow-up session 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	<i>donation</i>	Dr Mark Chambers & Jennie Thornton
Friday 8th - Sunday 10th	God has spoken to us through his Son (Hebrews 1: 1-6)	<i>£145</i>	Fr Kieran O'Mahony
Sunday 10th	Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass at 8 and 10		

Clare Community Carols

Please make sure that you have the date in your diary. The Clare Community Carols are on **Monday 11th December**. By then we will have heard our group's new Christmas carol, seasonally and specially composed by Chris Gent. But at the Baptist Church for the Community Carols, it will be the very first public hearing of the lovely carol. Save the date!

Christian Meditation Group
Meeting every Wednesday from 7.00 until 8.00pm
Please join us

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The cost of talent

I have not the fine audacity of men
Who have mastered the pen
Or the purse.
The complexes of many slaves are in my verse.
When I straighten my shoulders to look at the world boldly
I see talent coldly
Damning me to stooped attrition.
Mine was a beggar's mission
To dreams of beauty I should have been born blind.
I should have been content to walk behind
Watching the reflection of God's delight:
A second-hand teller of the story
A second-hand glory
It was not right
That my mind should have echoed life's overtones
That I should have been a flower
Petalled in mighty power.

From The Complete Poems of Patrick Kavanagh

THOUGHTS FROM AUGUSTINE

Final Goal

Diligently, our Lord manifested in his promises and prophecies the way in which we would arrive at our final goal. He promised human beings divinity, mortals immortality, sinners justification, and the poor a rising in glory. Whatever he promised, he promised to those who were unworthy. Thus, it was not a case of a reward being promised to workers but of grace being given as a gift as its name indicates.

Commentary on Psalm 110,10

Prayer: Lord, my God, who great you are, and yet you make your home in the humble of heart! It is you who lift up the downtrodden, and You are their grandeur.

Confessions 11,31

The **FAIRTRADE STALL** is here **TODAY** after both Masses

Tuesday 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This memorial day honours the generous fidelity of Our Lady from her childhood and throughout her life

Wednesday 22nd St Cecilia, Virgin and martyr. 3rd century. Strong in faith, she brought her husband and his brother to the faith. They were put to death for giving fitting burial to martyred Christians. When Cecilia buried her husband and his brother, she too was arrested and martyred. The account of her life and martyrdom states that, when she was martyred, she was 'singing in her heart a hymn of love for Jesus', hence her patronage of music and musicians.

Friday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, Vietnamese martyrs 17th-19th centuries. In all, about 130,000 were martyred. Pope John Paul II canonised more than a hundred in 1988.

Saturday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria, early 4th century. Catherine was converted to Christianity and in debate she converted many pagan philosophers who were promptly martyred. The emperor Maximinus ordered her to be broken on the wheel (a Catherine wheel), but Catherine touched it and the wheel was destroyed. Beheaded, her body (tradition says) was carried away by angels to Mt Sinai (where the famous St Catherine Monastery still exists). Her wisdom and learning and persuasiveness have led to her being claimed as patron by lawyers, librarians, teachers, among many others.

Alive in Faith Newsletter

The first Alive in Faith Newsletter of the autumn has arrived. There is a copy for every family.

Note for Readers' Ministry (third week, abridged)

1. First and Second Readings end with '**The word of the Lord.**'
2. **Alleluia Verse** Please check that you are reading the verse that is printed in the parish newsletter.
3. **Bidding Prayers**, please read through them in preparation before Mass begins.
4. **Microphone** carries your voice further but does not make it louder. Some parishioners don't catch what has been read. Please deliver your reading in loud, clear and measured tone.

Headteacher wanted

There is a Vacancy for a Headteacher at St Alban's High School, Ipswich. For details of this vacancy and for other information, please see Diocesan Website for more details: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

First Holy Communion 2018

Sunday morning classes for candidates for First Holy Communion begin in January 2018. In order to have a clear idea of numbers for January, may I ask parents of our parish who have children of the appropriate age to phone Rosie Kerr on 01787 282548 or contact her by e-mail on kerrs1566@gmail.com.



YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED.

YouTube sometimes anticipates what might interest you. This is how I came across Barbara Brown Taylor. She wrote [Learning to Walk in the Dark](#), an excellent guide to finding our bearings in times of difficulty.

When it comes to matters of faith and spirituality, she says, *"I think every person has to come up with the answer for him or herself. Why would you want mine when your own is out there waiting for you? You already have in yourself everything you need for the journey into your deeper self."*

"In these last years" she continues, *"I have begun really asking myself questions about what I believe to be true. Don't get me wrong. I'm still willing to believe things that don't make rational sense. When I look back at my life, it is clear that what I most needed to know was hidden in the places where I least wanted to go. "Darkness" is my name for those places. I'm not saying it's safe to go into them. I'm just saying it's necessary."*

"I think that the reason so many people cling blindly to ready-made answers in religion is a deep-rooted fear of change."

Religious institutions are essentially conservative. Their job is to conserve the wisdom of the ages and make sure it is delivered from generation to generation without too much sand leaking out of the bag!

All the living religions in the world today are still alive because they met the challenge of change. The ones that didn't, or couldn't, are gone.

We need to welcome daily all opportunities to explore, amend, and extend our spiritual life. And if you were to ask me for one piece of advice. I would reply. Be still, be silent. Listen to the voice within. You already have everything you need."

(Listen to Barbara Brown Taylor on YouTube. "Sacred Downtime".

If you are familiar with BBC iPlayer may I suggest that you watch "Hotel for Refugees." A documentary on BBC1 that reports of a town's finding faith in friendship with migrants. It had a very good review in "The Tablet.")

Fr. Ben

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Pat Moroney, Donna (Pat's daughter), Brian Lenehan, Auriol Lamb-Cubitt, Brian Young (Lorna Quick's brother), Richard Lucking (Kate Davy's father), Sarah Booth, Kath Bullen, Shirley Kennedy, Jane Brown, Sheila Green, Jack, Lali and Orlando Cardozo, Patricia McBride, Mark Lunn, Maura Kingston, Donna Wilson (Maria's daughter-in-law), Michael Farndon, Don Fitzgerald, Mary-Rose Henderson (Jean's sister), Abby Joyce, Pauline Wilkinson, Vivienne Hay's son Matthew, Peggy Rodgers, Jack Britton, Luke Twentyman, Ivan Smithet, Fred Taylor, Pat Dowson, Debbie Baloki, Brian David Hye (friend of Lucy Woodhouse), Karen Minns, Geoff & Joan Perry, Gill Pardoe, Celia Poels, Karen Lane, Gloria Tatum and her son Alan, Annie Bareham, Joan Lally (Irene's sister), Anthony Stammers (relation of Sue Negus), Tony Ranzetta Jr., David Sowerby (husband of Teresa Vitoria-Sowerby), Michael Kingston, Kathleen Taplin, Michael Cronin.

If you know of anyone who is ill or housebound, and would like a visit, please let Fr. David know.

Your prayers are requested

Please remember in your prayers Fr Ian's mother, Jessie Wilson, who died on Tuesday 14th November. We also keep Fr Ian, his father and his brother in our prayers.

Funeral service for Alan Worsfold

Alan's funeral service will be held at the West Suffolk Crematorium on **Thursday 30th November at 12.45 p.m.**

Collection

12th November - £720.00

Thank you for your continuing generous collections

S and P

At the end of Mass on Wednesday I enquired whether anyone felt called to do some brass polishing. I gladly accepted the offer of the one volunteer, a visitor on retreat for a few days, who thought that a period of silent spit and polish was just what she needed. And a fine job she made of the Paschal Candle. Thank you. Just in time for Florence Hough's Requiem Mass.

Fr David

Posada: Lists of host families and addresses

This weekend (Sunday 19th) and next weekend (Sunday 26th) we will be making up our lists for the **Posada** journey around the parish. The journey will start on the 3rd of December, the first Sunday of Advent. If you would like to be host for a night, please fill in your name on the clipboard at the back of the church. We shall attempt to make an orderly itinerary from the names submitted. The Posada has provided an opportunity in Advent to deepen our sense of the coming of Jesus and an opportunity for families to share a moment of hospitality and prayer. If you can, please put your name on the list. You may know that Sunday Mass is celebrated at HMP Highpoint every Saturday. That means that we shall celebrate the First Sunday of Advent Mass at HMP Highpoint on Saturday 2nd December. The first port of call of the Holy Family will be 'inside'!



Based on an old Mexican tradition, modern day Posada uses nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each 'host' family, on our behalf, the chance to create their own celebration in their home, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives. If you can, please put your name on the list.

The Way of Silence - Tuesday 21st November

This is the final Way of Silence for 2017. This session is titled 'Paying Attention' Led by Chris Hurley, it will be a day of stillness, simple movement, and meditation. The day will include sitting, standing and lying on the floor. Please bring a mat if you have one and bring your packed lunch. There is no charge; donations instead, but please do book with Kathy so that we know how many are coming. From 10.30 until 3 p.m.

Octogenarians' Christmas Lunch Thursday 14th December

We have sent out 40 invitations. If you have not received your invitation, please let us know.

World Gifts

Please pick up a CAFOD World Gifts brochure as you go home after Mass.

Fr David