

**33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 17th 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

**Psalm: 15(16):5,8-11**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18**

**Gospel: Mark 13:24-32**

Jesus said to his disciples: **“In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”**

**Mark 13:24-32**

The **“tribulation”** of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

Before Christ’s second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the **“mystery of iniquity”** in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this **“final trial”** happening today?

Though it is impossible to apply Jesus’ prophecy and the Catechism’s teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and **“mystery of iniquity”** does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus’ words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must **“know that he is near, at the gates.”** In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus’ glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ’s sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus’ prophecy that **“the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.”** As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every **“darkening of the sun”** or any way that you feel **“shaken”** are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

**Most glorious Judge, You will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead.**

**Before that day, You have revealed that Your Church will endure much suffering.**

**Please give me hope during those moments in my life so that I can offer to You every suffering I endure as a sacrifice of love, offered in union with Your own perfect sacrifice.**

**Jesus, I trust in You.**

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**Ministries**

**Bible Studies** - Dr. Neill Taylor & Paul Padley & Team  
**Family & Youth Catechesis (Confirmation)** - Mrs.

Helena & Emmanuel Boakye & Team

**Children Catechesis (Children’s Liturgy & FHC)** -

Mrs. Kathleen Thomas & Team

**Evangelization Catechesis (Adult Evening Studies)** -

Dr JP Crilly & Team

**Administrator & Maintenance** - Andrew Chell

**Office Secretary** - Nerisa Gomez

**Finance** - Lorraine Brabin,

**PPC & Youth & Children** - Kathleen Thomas,

**Safeguarding** - Mary Hughes

**PRAYING THE READINGS AT HOME**

**1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3**

**Psalm: 15(16):5,8-11**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14,18**

**Gospel: Mark 13:24-32**

**Mass Setting: Mass in Honour of Pope Paul VI – With Celtic Alleluia.**

**The Eternal Perfection of All Whom Christ Is Sanctifying**

**Entrance: 209 Come down, O Love divine**

**Psalm: 15(16):5,8-11**

**My portion and my cup, my promise and my song, my heart rejoices and my soul is glad.**

**Offertory: 174 Blest are the pure in heart**

**Communion: 203 Come and be filled**  
**Recessional: 758 You shall go out with joy**

Sunday Mass is at 10am.

You can follow Fr. Claro’s daily international Masses from his home on Facebook Live here:

<https://facebook.com/claro.conde>

His current schedule (subject to change) is:  
7 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday.

6 pm Masses on Wednesdays and Sundays.

On the first Wednesday of each month:

6 pm Mass in the church (Our Mother of Perpetual Help).

**Bible Study**

We have a Bible Study, reflecting on the coming Sunday Mass Readings, with Fr Claro on Zoom on Mondays from 8 – 9 pm. To join please use the link on the Parish website home page.

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**17th November** Eighth World Day of the Poor with Pope Francis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTYGzTgR1co>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skjMSB0htcU>

**18th November.** Meeting with Asylum Seekers 4pm at the Parish Hall.

**24th November** Solemnity of Christ the King. Parish Shared Lunch.

**30th November** Saturday Faringdon Christmas Light Switch On @ 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
**Where:** Market Place Faringdon SN7 7HL

**PASTORAL AREA:** 12th December Saturday 7pm for Pastoral Area Reconciliation Service at English Martyrs 15 Manor Cres, Didcot OX11 7AJ

**Open Kitchen** this winter to open just once a month. This will be on the second Friday of the month. Dates are, December 13th, (2025) January 10th, February 14th, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SEE:** Minutes of Finance and PPC Meetings at our parish website. Churches Together in Faringdon (CTiF) minutes of meeting.

**CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY at BOARS HILL in OXFORD.** See:  
<https://mailchi.mp/oxcacs/carmelite-connection-september-edition-13414906?e=35d59b227a>

**DEATH:** Anneke Vogt 98, mother of Sjoerd, died 12th November. May she rest in Peace. We pray for the bereaved family.

**Saturday 14th December- CAFOD  
Advent cake sale**

On Saturday 14th December we will be holding our annual cake sale to raise money for CAFOD's Advent appeal. As usual, donations of homemade goods (cakes, bread, biscuits etc) and volunteers to help out on the day required. Please let JP Crilly know if you can help.

**East Hendred Catholic Parish Men's  
Group**

The East Hendred Catholic Parish's men's group is meeting on Wednesday 20th November in the Wheatsheaf pub in East Hendred at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a Q&A session with Father Matthew Topham, where he promises to answer your "intractable theological tangles, questions you always wanted to ask etc."

**Message from Our Lady**

**"My children another life seems so unbelievable to you on Earth, but believe me it is so, and when you pray, anyone you loved on Earth, and are now in this other life pray with you in joy and hope."**

The Blessed Virgin, 28 October 1978.  
From **"The Message of Merciful Love."**

**2nd Collection for Bamenda** on 17th of November.

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**Engaged Couples Breakfast – Saturday 8th  
February 2025**

For parishioners who will be getting married in 2025, please would you give them the attached invitation from me? I will be hosting a St. Valentine's Day Breakfast for our engaged couples on Saturday 8th February 2025, at the Cathedral. Deacon Peter Silsbury is kindly making the arrangements. I hope that, if possible, you might attend with your couples, as we gather with other couples from around the Diocese.

**ONE MONTH TO STOP ASSISTED  
SUICIDE!**

The most vulnerable in our society are at risk. MPs will vote on whether to introduce an extreme assisted suicide law on 29th November. To protect the vulnerable from this radical law change, contact your MP and ask them to vote NO. Take action now - it only takes 30 seconds to contact your MP using the tool here:  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/mpcontactnow)

Pope Francis is to make the Dominican priest Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP, currently serving as spiritual adviser and preacher at the second session of the Synod in Rome, a Cardinal.

**Sunday 24th November- Feast of Christ the King-  
parish shared lunch**

Sunday 24th November is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. To celebrate we will have a parish shared lunch after Mass in the hall. As always, please bring along food to share (please, no nuts). As always, volunteers to help set up the hall before Mass and to clear up afterwards eagerly sought.

**2024 Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor:**

A U.N. Side Event. November 15th, 2024 at the Church Center for the United Nations, New York City. Sponsored by Fordham University's Graduate Program in International Political Economy and Development (Fordham IPED), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Caritas Internationalis.

Sunday 17th November 2024 is the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme from the Book of Sirach, **"The prayer of the poor rises up to God"** (Sir 21:5). The poor hold a privileged place on God's heart. He knows the suffering of his children because he is an attentive father and as a father, God is **"impatient"** until he has rendered justice to them. This Sunday challenges us to listen to the prayer of the poor and become aware of their presence and needs. For more information visit  
<https://caritasportsmouthdiocese.org.uk>

