



THE LAST JUDGEMENT

(MATTHEW 25:31-46)

Portal of the last judgement of Notre Dame de Paris, France

We come today to the final Sunday in the Church's year. The Gospel presents us with a vision of the last judgement, when the Son of Man comes in glory.

We might note that all the (Gentile, that is, non-Jewish) nations are gathered before the throne of judgement. The charge sheet does not mention religious duties but rather social action, or lack of it. One way of looking at this text is to consider that it is dealing with the salvation of the Gentiles. The twelve apostles have been given the task of judging the twelve tribes of Israel; it is the place of the Son of Man to judge the Gentiles. The criterion is how the person has treated the poor, weak and vulnerable members of society. The surprise on the part of those who have shown mercy shows that there was no ulterior motive in their acting with compassion: it was simply the right thing to do for a fellow human being who was suffering. ■

REFLECT

St John Paul II once remarked that a society can be judged by how it treats its weakest members. Perhaps we might include in this category a range of vulnerable people: refugees, immigrants, unemployed people, those who are mentally ill, and so on. The common denominator in such groups, as in those mentioned in the scene of the last judgement, is that they are, in economic terms, non-productive and therefore regarded as not worth very much, "the undeserving poor" as the expression used to be. Yet they have needs, and perhaps the most basic need is to be recognised as a human being, as a person. Pope Francis has spoken of the importance of seeing faces rather than just a vast number of anonymous figures. The need to be loved, to be cared for, to have someone listen to one's story is greater than the immediate material requirements, as anyone who spends time visiting people who are sick or those in prison soon discovers.

The last judgement deals with human values. If this is applied to Gentiles, then it must be relevant to later Gentile Christians as well. But the purpose is not to paint a picture of the end of time, but rather to spur us on to examine our lives in the here and now. The Bible emphasises the importance of social justice and care for vulnerable and neglected people. In this teaching, Jesus is deflecting his disciples' attention away from himself and onto the suffering members of society. Not only is he to be found among them, he is actually identifying himself with them, just as he identified himself with those on the margins of social and religious life when he shared table-fellowship with them and scandalised the respectable people of his day. Those who minister to persons in need often say that they receive more than they give: those who attend to suffering and marginalised people just because they are suffering and marginalised will be surprised at the recognition they receive. ■

SAY

Whatever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters, you do unto me. (Matthew 25:40)

LEARN

The description of the last judgement is an apocalyptic vision rather than a parable.

Salvation for all people is presented as behaving in a decent human manner towards people in need.

Sheep and goats were often found in the same flock: goats needed more shelter at night.

DO

Find a way of helping someone mentioned in the list at the last judgement, or someone else who is in need of care or simple attention.



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22nd November 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Fr Tony will be celebrating mass privately on a daily basis and intentions will be included

Saturday	21		Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Peggy Lennon RIP 1 st Anniversary Ian Millard RIP
Sunday	22	9.30am-10.30am	Private Prayer Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Day of Special Prayer for Young People	Susan Washington RIP Marek Kotlar RIP November Deceased list
Monday	23		St Clement , St Columban	
Tuesday	24	10.00am-11.00am	Private Prayer Sts Andrew Dung-lac & Companions	Rev Fred and Redia Miller RIP Anniversaries Sheila Wilson RIP
Wednesday	25		St Catherine of Alexandria	
Thursday	26	10.00am-11.00am	Private Prayer	Francis O'Gorman RIP Raymond Davies RIP
Friday	27			
Saturday	28		Ordinary Time ends	Barry Scruton RIP Alexander Wilson RIP
Sunday	29	9.30am-10.30am	Private Prayer First Sunday of Advent	Cath Grundy RIP Doris Ashbrooke RIP Diane Walters RIP

IN NEED OF A PRIEST Please contact Fr Grace at St Gabriel's 01270 877736

Prayer and Mass Intentions can be sent by email to us at stannesnantwich@btinternet.com

Dear Parishioners, As you are now aware, the coronavirus lockdown is in effect until the 2nd December. This means that the church will be open for Private Prayer only. There will be no mass or other services celebrated during this period. The church will therefore be open as detailed below. These days and times will be repeated each week until the lockdown ends.

I hope many of you can come to the church during the lockdown and we look forward to seeing you all. Can you spread the word that the church will be open for Private Prayer. Take care and keep safe. You are in our prayers always.

Fr Tony, Fr Mike and Deacons Peter and John

Important Information for Attending Church during the November Lockdown

As church services are not permitted during lockdown, St Anne's Church will be open for private prayer only at the following times:

Sundays 9.30 - 10.30

Tuesdays 10 - 11

Thursdays 10 - 11

The doors will not be opened before these times.

You may spend up to 15 minutes in church.

Please wear a face mask over your nose and mouth whilst you are in church, sanitise your hands, keep 2 m apart from others and follow the one-way system everyone has become so good at!

Mass Intentions Please post Mass intentions through Presbytery door or email us. Donations for intentions can be made by bank transfer. Details available from Teri by email.

School Governor needed for St Anne's RC School.

We are looking for an additional Foundation Governor to help with the management and direction of our very good primary school. Parents with children at the school, and/or individuals who can bring some associated business and management skills (e.g. Finance, HR, experience of Government, etc.) would be desirable. However, the most essential criteria for a new Governor is to be a practising Catholic who believes in the ethos of Catholic education and can give some time to help with the successful running of the school. A safeguarding DBS check is required for all governors. If interested, please contact Father Tony, or Sue Day (Chair of Governors) at sday@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk for a further chat.

Community Hub Hooray!! We have reached our 1st initial target of £173k and can now progress to planning permission stage. Thank you to everyone who has donated, this really does mean a lot to the Parish and community. We need to continue fundraising to reach our next target of £87k to reach £260k. Please do help by making donations via this link <https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/17726/st-annes-church-nantwich/st-annes-community-hub> or to the presbytery.

St. Anne's Catholic School Admissions.

We are welcoming lots of new families to our school community. We still have a few places left for our Pre-School Nursery called Sunflowers and School in 2020/2021. If you know anyone who is new to the area and/or is looking for a place, please let them know to contact us for details on office@stannes.cheshire.sch.uk or 01270 685353. For school places parents have to apply through Cheshire East Admissions. Details are on School website. Parents must apply by 15th January 2021 for Reception places in St. Anne's for September 2021. If you know of anyone interested, please let them know.



Last week's collection
£255.75

Thank you. During Private Prayer baskets will be available for offertory donations. Online donations <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stannesdioceseofshrewsbury2168>



St Anne's Christmas Mass Timetable (May be subject to change depending on Covid rules)	
22 December 2020	10am
Christmas Eve	3pm, 6:30pm, 9pm
Christmas Day	9:30am, 11am
Boxing Day	6:30pm
27 December 2020	9:30am
29 December 2020	10am
31 December 2020	10am
New Year's Day	10am
02 January 2020	6:30pm
03 January 2020	9.30am

November Prayers for the Deceased Envelopes in which you can place the names of your deceased relatives and those for whom you wish to pray are now available at various points in the church. There will be a basket at the altar for these November Intentions. Unfortunately, we won't be holding our usual Mass for the recently deceased as this does not fall within our COVID 19 guidelines, however we will have Mass intentions for the recently deceased of the Parish throughout November. Fr Tony will include these intentions in his daily private masses.

Pope Francis' prayer for November: Pope's November prayer intention: that progress in robotics and AI "be human" In his video message on his prayer intention for November, Pope Francis emphasizes that progress in robotics and artificial intelligence (AI) be oriented "towards respecting the dignity of the person and of Creation". <https://youtu.be/NYkwVRteZTI>

Prayer in Difficult Times – Talks by Fr. Matt Blake OCD Drawing on the Carmelite tradition to help us pray and live deeply our Christian lives during this time of lockdown. Mondays November 23rd and 30th Times: 10.00am and repeated at 8.00pm www.carmelitechurch.org You Tube "Kensington Carmelite Church" You'll notice that the talks, as well as being given live at 10.00 am and 8.00 pm and streamed from the Kensington Carmelite Church will also be streamed on YouTube, where they will continue to be available as recordings.

Diocese of Shrewsbury's prayer for the ending of the pandemic <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/National-Day-of-Prayer-for-the-ending-of-the-pandemic.pdf>

Christmas support for Nantwich Foodbank are promoting a reverse advent calendar idea. It gives suggestions of what is needed in the parcels (they don't expect people to donate all the items unless they wish to!) Donations can be dropped at Brine Leas school on 28/11/20 between 11-13.00. The organisers for the Food festival are arranging this collection. Copies of the calendar are available at the exits to St Anne's and on our website.

Charity Christmas Cards from Cards for Good Causes Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to operate our annual Christmas Card shop in the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church. However you can still support Cards for Good Causes by visiting our Chester shop which this year will be in the Grosvenor Shopping Centre, at 15 St Michael's Row. Alternatively cards can be bought on line at www.cardsforcharity.co.uk Charities have had a very difficult time raising much needed funds during this pandemic. Over 70% of our sales goes directly to the charities and so do please support us by buying your cards from either the Chester shop or on line. Stay safe. All enquiries Mary Thompson 01829 733642.

Bible Timeline Course - If you have struggled to read the Bible, and maybe given up several books in, this course is designed to help you understand the history of salvation. There are seven sessions from 7pm - 8.30pm starting Wednesday 4th. November. It is free and looks at the Bible story in a clear and simple way. You will need access to a Catholic Bible to read a section prior to each session. A description of the course is available in the link below as well as details of how to register. 'comeandsee.org' The course is held live on 'Zoom' but you do not need a zoom account, the course leader will send you a link enabling you to join in.

Feast and Memorial Days

St Clement of Rome Lived in the 1st century A.D. Died 100 A.D. He is believed to have been the fourth bishop of Rome and served during the last decade of the first century. Around 96, he sent a letter from the Church of Rome to the Church of Corinth, a major city in north-eastern Greece and the site of St. Paul's evangelization. This letter, known as Clement's First Epistle to the Corinthians, is most likely directed against immoral practices of prostitution connected with the Temple of Aphrodite. In the letter, Clement expresses his dissatisfaction with events taking place in the Corinthian Church and asks the people to repent for their un-Christian ways. The letter is important because it indicates that the author was acting as the head of the Christian Church and that was centred in Rome. Clement was allegedly put to death under Emperor Domitian.

St Catherine of Alexandria By tradition Catherine was a noble lady, who confronted Emperor Maxentius about the worship of idols. Although she won her argument she refused to marry the Emperor or to give up her faith. Condemning her to death he had her spun round on a spiked wheel (the origins of the Catherine wheel firework) and when this failed to kill her she was beheaded. Today, St. Catherine of Alexandria is more appropriately known as the namesake of a monastery at Mount Sinai that claims to be the oldest in the world.

Prayer Resource for November: month of the Holy Souls

Prayer: *taken from the Roman Missal* Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



Song of Farewell: *From the Order of Christians Funerals*

Saints of God, come to their aid!
Hasten to meet them, angels of the Lord!
Receive their soul and present them to God the most high. May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;
may angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.
Receive their soul and present them to God the most high.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Receive their soul and present them to God the most high.

Psalm 22:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Eternal Rest grant unto him/her, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in peace.
Amen. May his/her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Subject: Autumn talks on Spirituality A series of eight, fortnightly talks about Spiritual Masters, given by distinguished speakers. They are free to view live-streamed, although there will be a fee to view recordings. Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters. A series of online talks on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm, starting on 3 September organised by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For details and to register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/event/saints-scholars-spiritual-masters/>.

Sanctuaries, shrines Catholics can 'visit' virtually in Europe, Mideast. <https://catholicsentinel.org/Content/Arts/Arts-and-Entertainment/Article/Sanctuaries-shrines-Catholics-can-visit-virtually-in-Europe-Mideast/6/31/40431>

Journeying Together <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/journeying-together/>

Shrewsbury Youth Mission. <https://www.symt.org.uk/>

The National Shrine for Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk/livestream

Laudato Tree <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/world/news/2020-05/laudato-tree-sahel-pope-francis-laudato-si-year.html>

Watch a Mass from home. Live-streaming of Masses Shrewsbury Diocese: <http://www.churchservices.tv/shrewsburycathedral/embed#tab-player> Church Services TV: <https://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/>

Prayer resources at: <http://pathwaystogod.org/>. <https://www.sacredspace.ie/> <http://ln54.blogspot.com>

<http://pravasyougo.org/>

Catholic Bishops Conference <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/> and latest news <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/news-and-media/news/>

Prayer for times of Flu or Illness <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/prayer-flu-viruses.pdf>

Stream Father Denis McBride's Mass for the Dead <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY1bOyrcDbw>

Life Helplines and Information can be found at <http://www.dayforlife.org/article/helplines-and-information-2020/>

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and
ever.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after
my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a
shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he
stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep,
so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue
them from wherever they have been scattered
during the mist and darkness. I myself will
pasture my sheep, I myself will show them
where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I
shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray,
bandage the wounded and make the weak
strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I
shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will
judge between sheep and sheep, between rams
and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22

Response:

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

- The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he give me repose. (R.)
- Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)

- You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:20-28,28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the
first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death
came through one man and in the same way
the resurrection of the dead has come through
one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all
men will be brought to life in Christ; but all
of them in their proper order: Christ as the
first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ,
those who belong to him. After that will come
the end, when he hands over the kingdom to
God the Father, having done away with every
sovereignty, authority and power. For he
must be king until he has put all his enemies
under his feet and the last of the enemies to
be destroyed is death. And when everything is
subjected to him, then the Son himself will be
subject in his turn to the One who subjected all
things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of
the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our
father David!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of
Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the
angels, then he will take his seat on his throne
of glory. All the nations will be assembled
before him and he will separate men one from
another as the shepherd separates sheep from
goats. He will place the sheep on his right
hand and the goats on his left. Then the King
will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you
whom my Father has blessed, take for your
heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the
foundation of the world. For I was hungry and
you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave
me drink; I was a stranger and you made me
welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and
you visited me, in prison and you came to see
me.' Then the virtuous will say to him in reply,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed
you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did
we see you a stranger and make you welcome;
naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go
to see you? And the King will answer, 'I tell you
solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of
the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to
me.' Next he will say to those on his left hand,
'Go away from me, with your curse upon, to the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I
was thirsty and you never gave me anything to
drink; I was a stranger and you never made me
welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick

and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it
will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see
you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick
or in prison, and did not come to your help?'
The he will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far
as you neglected to do this to one of the least
of these, you neglected to do it to me.' And they
will go away to eternal punishment, and the
virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(fall bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice
by which the human race is reconciled to you,
we humbly pray
that your Son himself may bestow on all
nations
the gifts of unity and peace.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality,
we ask, O Lord,
that, glorying in obedience
to the commands of Christ, the King of the
universe,
we may live with him eternally in his
heavenly Kingdom.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.