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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

12th-13th November 2022

*ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON*

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call on me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place
Jeremiah 29.11-12

*COMMUNION
ANTIPHON*

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord. Psalm 72.28

1st Reading: **Malachi 3.19-20:** The Day of the Lord that is coming points to the victory of Christ over sin, and evil, and death.

Response to the Psalm: **The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.**

2nd Readings: **II Thessalonians 3.7-12:** Paul urges his listeners to imitate his example in working tirelessly for the Lord. Faith in Christ brings not a retreat from the world but a deeper engagement with it.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 21.5-19:** The Lord reminds us that the experience of crisis is part and parcel of being human. Even when we see great upheaval and even destruction in our world, we must not lose heart but persevere, endure, and give witness to our faith.



This Wednesday is the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland and the beginning of Catholic Education week. To mark the week, the Primary School is hosting a Prayer Breakfast from 8.30-9.30am to which everyone is invited. Come and spend some time in conversation and prayer with the staff and children and enjoy pastries together. See teacher recruitment posters on the noticeboard.

There will be a 2nd collection next week for Catholic Education.

This Sunday is the 6th World Day of the Poor. Pope Francis writes: Where the poor are concerned, it is not talk that matters; what matters is rolling up our sleeves and putting our faith into practice through a direct involvement, one that cannot be delegated. At times, however, a kind of laxity can creep in and lead to inconsistent behaviour, including indifference about the poor. It also happens that some Christians, out of excessive attachment to money, remain mired in a poor use of their goods and wealth. These situations reveal a weak faith and feeble, myopic hope. *The full letter is on our website.*

Interfaith Scotland has publicised the launch of a Government website to provide information on support, grants, benefits and advice, in order to help people find what support they may be entitled to. Visit gov.scot/costoflivingsupport and our parish website for more information. Also, see the information from our Parliamentary Officer on the parish website.

Celebrating Advent through Scripture, prayer and praise, faith and friendship. Meetings in the Church Oratory Wednesday 23rd November, Mondays 28th November, 5th & 12th December 7.30-9.30pm.

**HYMNS:
Entrance Music**

Offertory 601

Communion 477

Exit 883

Pope Francis' prayer intention for November: Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

October's Lucky Numbers Draw: 1st No 125 John Milloy £125; 2nd No 59 Frances Kelly £75; 3rd No 50 Brian Steele £50. Please contact Eddie Kelly at treasurer@stathanasiuscarluke.org for your winnings.

Volunteers Wanted. St Athanasius Primary School has the opportunity to cultivate the raised garden beds in the Jock's Burn Community Orchard. (John Street - just down the hill from the school). The school are keen to embed learning around growing vegetables as well as encouraging care for our local spaces and fostering wider community links for our children. However, they cannot do this on their own. If you can spare a few hours to help foster this important skill, please contact the school to discuss. Phone: 01555 771418

Please pray for the eternal rest of Patricia McGinn whose Requiem Mass will take place this Friday 18th November at 10am. Pray also for the eternal rest of Betty Halley whose Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 21st November at 10am with her body being received the previous evening at 6.30. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and comfort their families at this time of their loss.

There's a Bingo Night in the Hall this Sunday 13th November at 7pm, tickets £2. More information on the Noticeboard.

Interfaith week takes place this week 13th-20th November. It is an opportunity for Catholics to follow the example set by our Holy Father Pope Francis to reach out to our neighbours and to recognise all people of faith as our brothers and sisters. Recent events have shown how important this is for world peace. Take the opportunity this week to pray that people of faith might work together for peace in our world and in our country. Interfaith Scotland's website www.interfaithscotland.org gives notification of the many interfaith events happening throughout the country this week if you would like to get involved.

The document from the Holy See which synthesises all the submissions from throughout the world on the theme of synodality is available to read on our website. It is a beautiful piece of work and well worth spending time reading.

Our local Foodbank has asked that we arrange a Christmas Special Food Drive Collection. Please see the posters on the noticeboard for more information about what is being looked for. You can direct to the parish anyone in need for referral to the Foodbank.

The Declaration of Friendship between the Church of Scotland and the Catholic Church in Scotland, known as the St Margaret Declaration, will be celebrated in Dunfermline Abbey this Wednesday 16th November. More information on the website.

SUNDAY TAKEAWAY: Be still, be quiet, do not be led astray, the Lord tells us. Do not allow your life to be controlled or determined by fear. Do not listen to the many voices that would cause you to run and go after them. Endure he says. Be faithful, steadfast, persevere here and now. Jesus is calling us to be present and faithful in whatever circumstances we find our selves. If we cannot find God here, in our present circumstances, even in the midst of our temple ruins, we will find God nowhere. *Rev. Mike Marsh*

HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; **Sunday:** 11am. **Monday-Friday:** 10am. **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** **Saturday** 5.30–5.55pm and on request.

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