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16 November 2025

Thirty Third Sunday

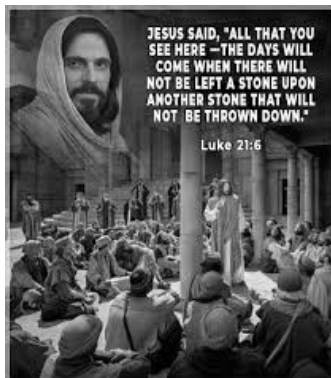
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O Lord, may your words be on our lips, and in our hearts.

May they give us courage and hope – and draw us nearer to you.

Mass Schedule week beginning Saturday 15th November 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Saturday 15/Sunday 16 November	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	Intentions of Canon Jim (SVP)
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Martin McGuigan
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	People of the Parish
Monday 17 November	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Fr Dominic Mc Kenna
Tuesday 18 November	10am Mass	Cottingley	Fr David Ward
Wednesday 19 November	10 am Mass	Cottingley	Parish Dead List
Thursday 20 November	6.15-6.45pm Confessions 7 pm Mass	Cottingley	Edward Adams and Family
Friday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10 am Mass	Bingley	Parish Dead List
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year C Saturday 22/Sunday 23 November	4.15-4.45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass	Bingley	People of the Parish
	9.15 am Mass	Cottingley	Mary Windle
	11.15 am Mass	Bingley	Amy Callaghan



As the liturgical year draws to a close, the readings for this Sunday focus on end times, judgment, and the call to remain faithful. In the Gospel, Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple and warns of coming trials—wars, natural disasters, and persecution. Yet, He also offers a promise: *“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”*

This message is not meant to instil fear, but to encourage hope and endurance. Jesus assures us that even in the midst of chaos, God is present, offering wisdom and strength to those who trust in Him. The first reading from Malachi speaks of a day of judgment, where the wicked will be consumed, but the righteous will experience healing and joy. The psalm invites us to sing praise to the Lord who rules with justice.

In the second reading, Paul urges the Thessalonians to live responsibly and avoid idleness. Faith is not passive—it is shown through daily commitment and action.

Today is perhaps time to reflect on how do I respond to uncertainty and fear in the world around me? Lord, in times of trouble and uncertainty, help me to remain steadfast in faith. Teach me to trust in Your presence and to persevere with hope. May I live each day with love, courage, and the assurance that You walk with me. Amen.

Parish Notices

There will be a **Retiring Collection over the weekend of 22/23 November** (the Feast of Christ the King) for the Youth Service. The money raised helps to meet the cost of running youth activities and supporting Youth Workers in each Diocese.

Ministers at Masses this weekend

Saturday 15/11 17:00 Eucharistic minister Mark Startin
Reader Michael Rewilak

Sunday 16/11 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Anne Copley
Readers R Ann McKerchar, P Helena Harrington

Sunday 16/11 11:15 Eucharistic minister Deirdre Naylor
Reader Julie Martin

Ministers at Masses next weekend

Saturday 22/11 17:00 Eucharistic minister Michael Rewilak
Reader Peter Taylor

Sunday 23/11 09:15 Eucharistic minister H Helena Harrington
Readers R Mark Brennan, P John McElroy

Sunday 23/11 11:15 Eucharistic minister Jean Denman
Reader Julia Radcliffe

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick and those who care for them, especially:

Anita Austick	Liam Kay	Margaret N
Angela Barnes	Jacob Kinsey	David Ohr
Marisa Bell	Ria Koetsier	Tony Shipman
Maria Binns	Melissa Le Coultre	Steven Shaw
Michael Bradley	Patricia Long	Neil Smith
Ellerie Carroll	Richard Longden	Maureen Thompson
Sylvie Cantopher	Brian Marie	Jeff Trotter
Frieda Clapham	Andrew Markham	Mary Walker
Anna Danys	Christine Matthews	Sandra Walton
Barbara Furniss	Paul McMenamin	Lisa White
Paul Gallagher	Harry McKenna	Ann Wilkinson
Vincenzo Greco	Philomena McKenna	Madeleine Wilkins
Ian Harrison	Joan Meggitt	
Elizabeth Hartley	John Moran	

Please contact Colin 01274 566332 with any changes to this list.

Thank you to all those who knitted/crocheted poppies for Remembrance Day at Sacred Heart church. They enhanced our display and we are grateful for all your support., Jean.

In the Parish room at Sacred Heart there are **free prayer cards and spiritual resources** donated by a parishioner. Please help yourself. There is also a wonderful Memory Book about Christ the King Church at Crossflatts which has been gifted to us. Please take a look.

Singers for Parish Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (6pm with Carols beforehand) Wed 24th Dec at St Mary & St Monica's; As usual, we're organising a Singing Group to help lead the singing at this year's Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. For those able to attend, there will be **practices** (finishing by 11am) **after Cottingley 9.15 Sunday Masses on 7th, 14th and 21st December.** If interested, contact paul.wildgeese@btinternet.com, or just turn up at a practice – and please tell anyone else you think might like to be involved. Many Thanks

Please email **items for the parish bulletin** to me (Colin) at bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk before Wednesday and I'll try to fit your item in.

The Holy Father's Intention for November: For The Prevention Of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

The Parish Memorial Book

The book has these memories for this week:

15 Julia Rogers	18 Emilio Lanfranchi
16 George Spiller	18 Winnie McKean & Family
16 Helen Clarke	19 Winifred McShee
16 Mary Elizabeth McHugh	20 Muriel Joan Rycroft
18 John Edward Bristow	23 Francis Halton
18 Eileen Ingham	23 Rosa Crolla

To have your loved ones included in the Parish Memorial Book, please send their name and date of death to

bulletin@ourladyandstjoseph.org.uk

CAFOD: Laudato Si' tells us that 'the earth cries out to us because of the harm that humans have inflicted on her' and that 'a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach: it must integrate questions of justice in debates about the environment'. As COP 30 takes place in Brazil we ask for your help on CAFOD's Global Day for Climate Action. Please write to the Energy Minister Ed Milliband to call for climate justice: action.cafod.org.uk/page/178976/action/1 and please pray for the care of the earth, our shared home: *O God you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation. Pour upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. Give us hope in our struggle for justice, love and peace for people and for the earth. Amen.*

The date of the Christmas Party for our Senior

Parishioners is Sunday 7th December at 2pm. The afternoon starts with a Carol Service and is followed by Afternoon tea, a raffle and entertainment from Sophie Holdsworth. It is free to attend. SVP members will be contacting people who we visit regularly to gather numbers for catering. If you would like to join in you would be most welcome. Please ring Anne McArthur on [01274 551091](tel:01274551091) to book a place.

CAFOD have a guide to Pope Leo's new exhortation

Dilexi Te'. This is about the Church and poverty. The guide can be found at cafod.org.uk/pray/dilexi-te-explained

St Joseph's school has a new Baby & Toddler stay and

play group. It will be on every other Tuesday in school, 9-10:30am, in school. All in the parish welcome! £1 per family. Come and join us on Tuesdays: 25 November, 9 December.

NO NEED TO BOOK, just come on the day!

And also: We will shortly be having our 'Stay & Plays' and 'Open Day' **for our new Reception children.** If you know of any children ready to start school in September 2026, please do share our leaflets and information with them. We would love to welcome as many new and existing families as we can!

Stay & Plays all 9:30-10:30am: Wednesday 26th November

Winter Shelter: Fr Nigel has said yes! **So we now need a leader** to co-ordinate this event which should take place late winter/early spring. Anyone interested should contact Paddy Spiller (01274 566332).