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God-given talents.

The Lord gives talents to each one of us, and asks us to use them in his name. We are not to relax our efforts; rather we are continually to do in our power to work as children of the light. We are called to be a blessing in the family of God.

Readings *Sundays Year A ~ Weekdays Cycle I ~ Psalms Week 1*
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th November 2017

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.*

First Reading *A perfect wife – who can find her?* *Proverbs 31:1 -13. 19-20. 30-31*

Responsorial Psalm *O blessed are those who fear the Lord.* *Psalm 127*

Second Reading *Let not the Day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.* *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, alleluia!
 Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
 keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
 Alleluia!*

Gospel *You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.* *Matthew 25: 14-30*

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday	18th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm	Parishioners
Sunday	19th November		10.30am	Corrie McKeague
Monday	20th November	<i>S Edmund – Secondary Patron of the Diocese</i>		No Mass
Tuesday	21st November	<i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>		No Mass
Wednesday	22nd November	<i>S Cecilia</i>	7:00pm	Communion Service
Thursday	23rd November	<i>Feria</i>		No Mass
Friday	24th November	<i>S Andrew Dung-Lac & Comps.</i>		No Mass
Saturday	25th November	<i>Feria</i>	10.00am	Parishioners
Saturday	25th November	<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the</i>	6.00pm	Francis Bates RIP
Sunday	26th November	<i>Universe</i>	10.30am	Concetta Borg

Morning or Evening Prayer will be said 15 minutes before all weekday Masses.
 The Prayer Group meets every 'term time' Tuesday morning at 10am in the Garden Room
 Confessions are before Mass on Wednesday 6.00-6.30 pm and Saturday at 10.30-11.00am

Sick and Housebound – Please pray for, Fr. Michael Hood, John Wright, Sery Mao, Anne Stanway, Christina Thomas, Geoffrey Croasdale, Katie Hawketts, Juana Pagaoa, Peter Brown, Michael Coster, Marlene Coster, Regina Mukontiene, Peter Derricourt, Mark Taylor, Eila Barnett, Teresa Barron, Michele Bendall, Anthony Potter, Sybil Chamberlin, Joan De Manby, Veronika Cook, Alice King, Robert Pitts, Oliver Rogers, Ella-Grace Honeyman, Darren Platts, Vivienne Mallet, Claire Edmeades, Richard O'Brien, Jose Monzon, Nancy Daley, Marguerite Ross, Ken Jenkin, Darren Grey, Susan Redford, Penny Bartlett, Banny Kibblewhite, Lory Brooks, Helen Freeston, Ann Bethany and Antoni Gadzicki.

Faithful Departed – please pray for Hetty Smith, Dorothy Ward, Arthur John Skidmore, Madeleine Burt, Alice Lynch, Leslie Tuck, Maureen Wigg, Walstan Gunton, Helen Rose, Gwyneth Hale, Olivette Chamberlin, Margaret Brunton-Douglas, Ethel Woods, William Sheldon-Green, John Allison, Flora Harvey, Mary & Patrick Kerr, Elizabeth Jeckell and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

GRAVE MATTERS

In 1981 New Costessey(Evening) WI as part of a local history project mapped and recorded our Churchyard and its 'occupants'-(ask Joyce Potter who was part of that Group if you want know more about that work!).

We now wish to bring the Records up to date and ensure they are accurately recorded and stored for now, and future Reference. We will brief you on progress over the coming weeks, and in time make available the completed piece of work. For now we would very much appreciate help from anyone who has access and can use to a 'Theodolite' to get best accuracy in our measurements and drawings. Please contact John Malley 07879524652 ASAP if you can help with that. Many thanks

Flowers for Christmas: If you would like to make a donation to the cost of flowers decorating the church over Christmas you will have the opportunity to do so on the weekend of December 2nd/3rd.

Readers: All Readers will be re-commissioned at both Masses on the weekend of December 9th/10th.

Thank you to all those who filled a shoebox with goodies for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Appeal and thanks to all who donated items and knitted the lovely hats and gloves. Twenty filled boxes were collected this week and the organisers expressed their gratitude to everyone involved.

World Youth Day 2019: Come and find out more at our launch in Newmarket Parish Centre (14 Exeter Rd., CB8 8LT) on Youth Sunday 26th November starting at 1pm (please bring a packed lunch) and ending at 4:30pm after Mass. You need to be 17+ by September 1st 2018 to be eligible to come.

Nativity Scene Painting Competition: for children of primary school age. See poster in porch or Garden Room for more details.

CHURCH CLEANERS - FIVE cleaners are required to replace those on the rota who have retired through age or other reasons. You will only be required to clean the Church approx. once every three months. The new rota will commence in January 2018. If you are able to help or require further information, please contact me Dorothy Rose, Tel no. 746943.

CHRISTMAS READERS & MINISTERS: if you are able to minister at any or all of the Masses over the Christmas period, please put your name on the list in the porch so that the ministries can be shared out. The list will stay up until Sunday, November 27th.

In November there will be **Christmas cards** on sale to send to our twin parish of St Joseph's in Taken, Cambodia. For just £1.50 you can choose a card to write and it will be sent to our twin parish, they greatly cherish this connection and keep the cards up all year. Thank you for your support.

LEAF CLEARING.On the following dates we will be having our annual leaf clearing of grounds ie. car park, drive & cemetery. On Saturday 25th November and an additional one on Saturday 9th December. Help would be much appreciated from 10.00am onwards, please bring Rake etc. if possible. Thank you

TOY APPEAL: we will again be supporting the local Toy Appeal & our usual collection of toys will take place over the **week-end of November 25th & 26th** .Please bring along anything suitable to be a gift for any one, boy or girl, from birth to the age of 18yrs & put them in front of the altar - all gifts should be new & unwrapped. After Mass, they will be taken to the Salvation Army for their "Toys & Tins" appeal & distributed to families far less fortunate than we are so please be generous.

Collections: 10th /11th November

£788.74

Many thanks

Joan Miller - following her recent passing on 9 November, her family would like to express their thanks for all the love, support and prayers their mum received throughout her illness. Thank you especially to those who took time out to visit her, it was really appreciated. The funeral will be held at the church at 11am on 4 December 2017.

Monday morning coffee: Please note that there will be no Monday coffee morning on Monday 20th November. Thank you

Vacancy for a Headteacher at St Alban's High School, Ipswich and remind Parishioners that other vacancies are being advertised regularly. Please see Diocesan Website for more details:
<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

Advent Retreat at Walsingham between the evening of Friday 1st December and the afternoon of Sunday 3rd December led by Fr. Tom Goonan SM and staying at Elmham House. If you cannot make the whole weekend why not come for the Saturday only - 2 Talks, Reconciliation, Mass and Adoration. Please contact Howard Rochford on 01603 504761 for more details and a booking form.

Don't Dine Alone – The team here, led by General Manager Sonia Sales, is extending a friendly arm and offering a hot meal and some company each Sunday until Christmas to anyone who is elderly and living alone this winter.

If you would like to dine at Hethersett Hall call 01603 810478 and ask for Sonia Sales or Sue Trowse to book your place quoting the "Don't Dine Alone" offer.

Posada: The Posada statue will again be travelling around the parish this Advent. If you would like to take part, please complete your details on the rota in the porch. The statue will be brought to you by the previous person on the list, then you will take it to the next person the following day. While you have it, you may like to invite friends and family to visit. Suggested prayers for use with the statue, and a copy of the rota, will travel with the statue.

Missio Box Holders. - There are some 2018 Calendars in the Porch if you would like one.

Chief Executive Officer required for Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Multi Academy Trust for more details see Diocesan Website: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/school-vacancies/>

Red Wednesday, November 22nd, is a national initiative to highlight the persecution of Christians and to raise the profile of Religious Freedom. Bishop Alan will be celebrating Mass for this intention at the cathedral at 7.00pm on that day.

Baptism Class: The next class for parents who wish to have their child baptised will take place in the presbytery (behind the church) from 3.30 to 4.30pm on Saturday November 25th. More details are available from Fr David or Deacon Bill.

Soup Run: I wish to take a break from doing the Soup Run after doing it for 10 years and am looking for someone prepared to take on organising the monthly rota and taking a lead. The commitment from us is to cover the last Saturday of each month and there are several volunteers already. I want to stand down at the end of the year. If anyone is prepared to take this on please contact me and I will explain what I currently do. Please call 07765 768468 or e-mail eamon.mcgrath538@gmail.com.
Many thanks Eamon McGrath