

World Day of Prayer for the Poor - including some ideas from Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN):

In his message for the fourth World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis writes that 'keeping our gaze fixed on the poor is difficult', but that it is 'more necessary than ever if we are to give proper direction to our personal life and the life of society.' He draws on the Book of Sirach as a guide for reflection and action following the pandemic. 'Now is a good time to recover the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world', he says. 'Until we revive our sense of responsibility for our neighbour and for every person, grave economic, financial and political crises will continue.'

In marking the World Day of the Poor in 2020, and mindful of the Covid-19 pandemic, CSAN has focused on the richness of many years of life and have published a short resource for individuals, local churches and groups.

The bishops of England and Wales have shared their hope that parishes would consider fresh opportunities for older people to experience more of the care and belonging that they want, and that we would hope to see for ourselves and our loved ones. Pope Francis, too, has called on everyone to embrace positively the reality of ageing, and to counter the 'throwaway culture' which leaves many older people socially isolated. This theme has even more significance following the Covid-19 pandemic.

Many Catholic parishes have long organised home visits and social activities, which older people often help to arrange, as well as being participants. Older people with complex care needs may require specialist residential care, but this will not be necessary for the great majority, who live with reasonable health and remain active. Care homes for the elderly set up by Catholic religious orders, for people of limited means, have not always been able to make ends meet, for example because of costs to upgrade buildings; some have closed in the last 20 years. The Covid-19 pandemic has put the remaining care homes under greater financial stress and risk, but has also demonstrated the importance of valuing care homes and their residents and staff.

Over two years, around 20 Catholic parishes have worked with three diocesan charities to address the challenge of creating more of the social connections that older people in the local neighbourhood – of any faith or none – feel right for them. One fruit is **Reaching Out**, a guide for Catholic parishes, and others who are interested, for local discernment and starting activities. *Reaching Out* includes inspiring stories from those involved, telling how they brought together people of all ages and added more joy in their communities.

Here is an extract from the prayer written specially for the Day:

Help us never to forget that every person has value and is loved by You.
Remind us that, as Your people grow older,
they do not cease to be people worthy of respect, understanding and appreciation.
Though the eyes of the elderly may grow dim,
we pray that their vision of everlasting life with You may grow ever stronger;
though their bodies may become frail,
we pray that their faith may empower them;
though their minds may falter,
we pray that their memories may bring them comfort and peace.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME - 15th NOVEMBER 2020



World Day
of the Poor

TODAY'S READINGS:

Let us strive to live each and every day...

Should we be afraid of death, or the end of time? Saint Paul tells us that we know we should be ready for the end, but we shouldn't be afraid that it will catch us off guard. We won't be in the dark as long as we live in the Light of the Lord. Therefore, we should try every day to devote our lives to developing the talents we have been given and fulfilling our responsibilities in our families and in society. Saint Pope John XXIII had a motto for every day of his life: *Now, I begin*. Every day is an opportunity to begin afresh the work Our Lord asks of us. We need the determination to live each day as the first day and greatest day of our lives. Every day we can begin again, every day we can find new ways to live in, and share with others, the Light of the Lord. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to serve Him and each other with generosity and love. For today, as everyday, we can begin afresh to love and to serve.

... as the first day and greatest day of our lives!

YOUTH SUNDAY: Next weekend, Sunday 22nd November, is Youth Sunday. Unfortunately during lockdown we cannot celebrate this in a particular way. There is always a collection for the Youth Service of the Diocese on this weekend and there is a yellow envelope for those who Gift Aid. If you are not a holder of the yellow envelope and would like to donate never the less, please put in an envelope and post through the presbytery door. Thank you.

MASS SERVICES AND PRIVATE PRAYER.

Church is still open for private prayer as before: 10am–12.30pm Monday to Saturday and 2–4pm Sundays. (Continued thanks to the volunteer stewards.)

There are no Masses until this lockdown ends and we are informed otherwise. Every day of the week Father Hugh will be saying Mass privately and will continue to say Mass for the intentions requested

We will continue to Livestream the Sunday 10am Mass which you can watch by visiting the parish website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk:



Go to **CLICK HERE FOR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE** at the top of the website. The parish YouTube channel will appear then click on the **LIVE NOW** video.

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Sun 15th **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Robert Williams RIP, Kathleen Mary Williams RI
and 7 brothers & sisters RIP **streamed from Church at 10am**

Mon 16th **Monday of week 33**

Tues 17th **St Hugh of Lincoln**
12.30 pm: Requiem Mass for Bernard Loveland

This is for family and invited guests only. However, we will be live streaming the service in the usual way via the website.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Wed 18th **Wednesday of week 33**
Sarah Sutton (90th birthday wishes)

Thurs 19th **Thursday of week 33**

Fri 20th **Friday of week 33**

Sat 21st **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sun 22nd **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Bernard Loveland LD **streamed from Church at 10am**

YOUTH DAY – Collection for Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, Brian Chambers, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Barbara Banks, Netta Baxter. Eileen Halstead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Malcolm Nightingale, Flo Jamieson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Corker, Elizabeth Evans, Terence Bland, Mary Carradice, Barbara Berry, Lawrence Tideswell, Henry Vadas, Anne Bell, Bridget Tobin, Margaret Stevenson, Desmond Kinley, Mary Nelson, Frederick Crawford, Mike Williams, Andy Murphy, Arnold Chambers, Christina Cross, William Towers, Baby Callum Dixon, Hilda Morris, Clifford Keeley, Pat Batey.

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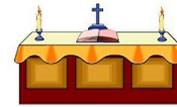
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BOXES OF HOPE THANKS: A huge thank you to all who filled boxes this year. 93 boxes were sent from church to the children in Romania.

WINTER SHELTER: The Winter Shelter is going to open in a smaller way in Stephenson House on Ann Street, Kendal. Some people volunteered to do a meal for one night every so often and we have been given Saturday nights. If you have volunteered already, or if you would like to, please get in touch. The meals would be for 6 people and need to be delivered to Stephenson House. For further details speak to Fr Hugh. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020 – HOW TO BOOK A PLACE!

We are not sure where we will be with regards to Christmas Masses at the moment, but if Masses are allowed the times in Kendal will be 6pm Vigil Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day 10am and 11.30am. We can have approximately 75 people in the church at each Mass and so if you wish to come to a service I'd like to ask you to sign-up by phone or by email. Then, in December, should people from further afield wish to come we will know whether we can offer them places or not. (For Sedbergh there will be an 8pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve but that will be for those in Sedbergh and people staying in the area.) *Fr Hugh*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: There's still time to get your tickets if you haven't already - available from church when it is open for private prayer. Please return any stubs, money (and any unwanted tickets) in the same envelope and **put through the presbytery door**. Many thanks. We have some MAGNIFICENT hamper prizes so don't miss out on the chance to win one of them!



If you would especially like someone to be remembered at Mass during November please place their names, together with any offering, in one of the envelopes from the back of church and **put through the presbytery door**. Thank you.

Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot: Abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. This will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. You can visit www.standupandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill.