The Universal Prayer

Sunday 10th November 2024

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers,

the generosity of the widow in the Gospel

is an inspiration for us to be generous

in all that we do.

1. That the example of Pope Francis to live a life

of personal simplicity and of generosity towards the poor

will inspire all Catholics to do likewise.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the anniversary of the end of World War I on Monday

will strengthen our commitment to pray and work for peace

in every way that is possible.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who work to alleviate suffering, to bring aid to those affected by war, to create safe places for refugees, and who negotiate for peace, will be sustained by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That all affected by the devastating floods in Valencia in Spain

will receive all the help that need to rebuild their lives and homes

schools and places of work.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who support the works of the Church through financial

contributions and voluntary work will receive a heavenly reward.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That all who died during World War I, during present wars around the world and in the Valentia floods that they will receive salvation

from Jesus Christ.

We also remember…

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace,

hold our fragile world close to yourself,

heal our divisions, restore hope to broken hearts,

and unite all people as the children of the one

Heavenly Father, you who live and reign,

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The Universal Prayer

Monday 11th November 2024

St Martin of Tours

Remembrance Day

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Jesus has placed upon us the responsibility

to imitate him in his forgiveness.

1. May the Church not burden people beyond their strength,

and always be forgiving in the face of failure.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the bishops be modeled upon the elders Paul directed Titus to appoint, and be men of irreproachable character, never arrogant or hot-tempered, but sensible, moral and devout.

Lord, hear us.

1. May this Remembrance Day, marking the end of World War I,

encourage us to pray and work for peace across the world today

with greater fervour.

Lord, hear us.

1. May peace come to Palestine and Israel, Lebanon and Iran, Yemen, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and Myanmar.

Lord, hear us.

1. May St Martin of Tours be an inspiring patron of faith and charity

for all placed under his patronage: the community at Greenacres and their parish school, soldiers, beggars, vine-growers, horse riders and for the welfare on their horses, as well as geese.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Gracious God, give us clean hands and pure hearts

so that we can stand in your presence around the altar of your Son and worship you with joy.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 12th November 2024**

St Josaphat

**Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Paul has urged all age groups to live in the right spirit

which reflects the holiness of Jesus.

1. That the older men of our parish may be reserved, dignified,

moderate, sound in faith and constant in their love.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the older women among us may not be scandal-mongering,

or habitual drinkers, but be the teachers of right behaviour to the younger women.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the younger women may love their husbands and children and be sensible, and younger men be moderate in what they do, work for good, and together with younger women, be sincere, chaste and gentle in their relationships.

Lord, hear us.

1. That today’s World Pneumonia Day will evoke prayer for those suffering in this way, while governments and the medical professions will make available the care people need.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the dedication and desire for the unity of the Church, East and West together, of St Josephat, will continue to inspire Catholic and Orthodox Churches to come to that unity which is the will of Christ. Lord, hear us.
2. That on this 33rd Anniversary of the massacre of 271 people in Dili, Timor Leste, we pray for the people of that nation: for the healing of past hurts, comfort for the grieving, opportunities for the young,

justice for all, and eternal rest for the departed.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Heavenly God, in this holy place we worship you

in spirit and in truth. Receive our praise.

Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 13th November 2024**

32nd Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: In the spirit of the one person cured of leprosy

who returned to give thanks to Jesus,

we thank God for all his blessings given to us.

1. For a true spirit of prayer among all Christians,

that in it they may express their total love for God,

and with love, pray for the welfare of their neighbour.

Lord, hear us.

1. For those who are burdened with serious or chronic illness,

that through prayer they may discover the comfort,

patience and love of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. For the grace to refrain from slandering other people

or picking quarrels, and to be able to grow as

courteous and polite members of the Church.

Lord, hear us.

4. For all peoples on this World Kindness Day, that we will all learn the importance of courtesy and respect, especially toward anyone

who is in distress, lonely and fearful.

Lord, hear us.

5 For all the children traumatized by the wars across Palestine,

Israel and Lebanon, as well as Ukraine and Russia, that they may be people in their lives who will show them unfailing kindness.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord, it was out of kindness and compassion

that you sent us Jesus as our Saviour.

Renew in us his life-giving Spirit so that we can inherit eternal life,

for he is Lord, forever and ever.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 14th November 2024**

**Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: St Paul sees a radical difference in the slave, Onesimus, who having been baptized, has become a brother to his master.

1. We pray for those who have been forced into slavery today,

especially as child soldiers and bonded labourers, for prostitution,

and organ harvesting, that with the leadership of Pope Francis and leaders of other Christians and Faiths, this evil will be eliminated.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that we may recognize the equality of all baptized into Christ, and not make distinctions between people.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for employers that they will respect those who work for them, pay just wages and provide safe working conditions.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for those who live with diabetes, that on this World Diabetes Day, they will receive the medical and emotional support which they need, and those engaged in research will persevere in their task.

Lord, hear us.

1. We remember today the people in places of war and natural disaster who live with diabetes and other chronic illnesses and can no longer access treatment or medication, that there will be people to support and console them.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, give us the grace to see each other as sisters and brothers in the Lord, free of all distinctions.

Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 15th November 2024**

**St Albert the Great**

(Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: St John in his writings places great emphasis on Jesus’ commandment: *Love one another.*

1. May the commandment to love not be seen as a burden,

but as the key to our true freedom of spirit and actions of mercy.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we keep within us the teachings of Christ,

and strive to live good lives for the welfare of others.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who try to deceive Christians learn the command of Christ, to *love one another*, and so be confound in their wickedness and mischief.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the extraordinary knowledge of St Albert the Great in the human sciences, theology and Scripture, along with his humility and holiness of life, inspire those placed under his patronage: scientists, philosophers, medical technicians, natural scientists and the students and staff of Blackfriars College.

Lord, hear us.

1. May this day of Our Lady of Perpetual Help be a source of blessing for the parishioners of Kangaroo Island who honour Mary under this title, and as they celebrate their 70th anniversary.

Lord, hear us.

1. May Mary be a constant Help to the people of Palestine, Israel and Lebanon, so that they can be released from war, violence and destruction, and their hostages and prisoners be freed.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord, may we find joy in doing your will,

and in the midst of life’s difficulties

seek you with all our hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 16th November 2024**

**St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude**

**Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus asks the penetrating question

concerning the end times:

will he find any faith on earth?

1. That the faith of Christians may always be strong,

in times of want and of plenty,

in times of freedom and of persecution,

Lord, hear us.

2. That God’s justice may conquer

the greed of people, their appetite for power,

and their vanity in seeking honours.

Lord, hear us.

3 May St Margaret of Scotland, queen, wife and mother, who

encouraged faith, culture, education and care of the poor among her people, intercede for the people of Scotland today, along with all of Scottish heritage.

Lord, hear us.

1. May St Gertrude be a model of prayer and charity for all enclosed religious, for the people of the West Indies, placed under her patronage, and be an intercessor for the Souls in Purgatory.

Lord, hear us.

1. May this International Day for Tolerance remind us of this

important Christian virtue, and encourage us to live it with

generosity and respect as we pray for people trapped in the Middle Eastern and Ukraine wars.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Gracious God, one true light of our world,

shine through the cruelty of war and the greed of ruthless people, and show all people the way to freedom and peace.

Through Christ our Lord.