

## The Parish of St. Edward the Confessor

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Newsletter for the week of 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023      *Sunday Readings Cycle A*      *Weekday Readings Cycle I*

*Readings of the 32nd Ordinary Sunday: Wisdom:12-16; Psalm 130; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Matthew 25:1-11*

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 5.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> MASS of the 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.30am MASS of the 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME *Day of Prayer for War Victims*

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov      *(Optional: St. Albert the Great, bishop, doctor of the Church)*

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov      *(Optional: St. Edmund of Abingdon; St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude)*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 11.30am *(Optional: St. Hilda; St. Hugh of Lincoln; St. Elizabeth of Hungary)*

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00am *(Optional: Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter & of St. Paul, Apostles)*

*10.30-11am Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 5.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.30am Mass of the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Readings of 33rd Ordinary Sunday: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20; Ps. 127; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30*

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Next Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6.30pm in the Community Room- note the change of date & day : Parish Pastoral Council meeting including election of new officers Any agenda items to Fr. Peter by today Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

### CRAFT CLUB

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 12.15- 2.30pm *Craft Club* in the Community Room.

### CRAFT CLUB ITEMS for SALE

The *Craft Club* are displaying their work for sale in the Community Room including low-cost but high quality decorations for your Christmas Tree. Put money in the plastic container on table to go to two *Craft Club* chosen charities.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING GENEROSITY

Last Sunday £207.00

Donation: £102.00

S/O October £704.00

### NOVEMBER DECEASED REMEMBRANCE LIST

Put your list of deceased relatives, friends & fellow parishioners in the 'Holy Souls' Folder that is on the altar for remembrance at every Mass celebrated during November.

### YOUR INSTRUCTIONS for YOUR FUNERAL

The Diocese of Wrexham have produced a useful booklet setting out all the questions you should make clear to your next of kin about your death & funeral. Increasingly because of the non-practice of the children & grandchildren of even very devoted Catholics, next of kin can be averse to having any sort of Catholic Funeral unless it is made clear by leaving explicit instructions. Copies of the Booklet are available to take away.

### CARITAS at CHRISTMAS APPEAL

*"Without the support, I simply wouldn't still be here."*

We'll have a collection for *Caritas at Christmas Appeal* on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. *Caritas Shrewsbury* & their clients are really grateful for your generosity & support. 100% of your donations go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers & practical support a.s.a.p. when it is most needed. You can find more information & donate online too at: <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk> If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Trish Spencer, deputy Chief Executive.

**GET IN TOUCH QUICKLY –IF YOU ARE SICK** If you or your relative enters Macclesfield Hospital let Fr. Peter know as soon as possible tel: 01625 423576 or by e-mail [st.edmacc@gmail.com](mailto:st.edmacc@gmail.com)

### DIARY of EVENT

- Next Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Safeguarding Sunday & Retiring Collection for Clergy Education & Training Fund

- Next Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 12noon Baptism of Alba Rose Ward

- Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Solemnity of Christ the King

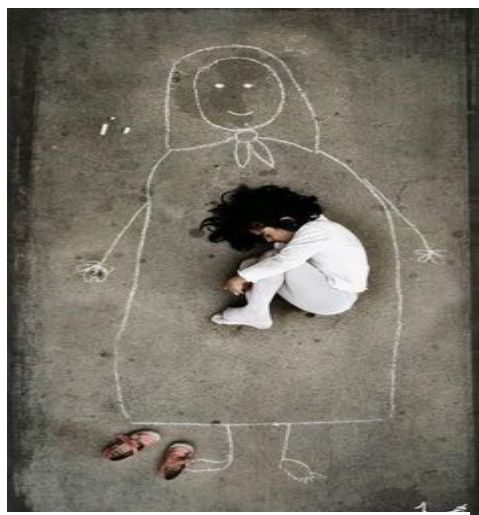
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent & Retiring Collection for Caritas at Christmas

- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Day: 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Xstmas Night on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> & Xstmas Day Mass on Mon 25<sup>th</sup>

## Beyond the focus is on the Holy Land, the suffering caused by war affects millions worldwide

On the weekend when we remember *All the Victims of War* in prayer it's a good time to be reminded that ordinary citizens in *Israel*, the *Palestinian Territories*, *Ukraine*, and *Russia* are not alone in suffering the damaging effects of war, sieges, blockades, and terrorism.



ORPHANED CHILD HUDDLED INSIDE CHALK OUTLINE OF DEAD MOTHER

More than **114 million people** worldwide have been forced to flee their homes by the end of September 2023, due to conflict, persecution and human rights violations, according to UN refugee agency [UNHCR](#)

According to [the Geneva Academy](#), There are more than 110 active armed conflicts in the world. Many are forgotten. Most don't make world headlines. Where are the 110?

*The Middle East & N. Africa* has the most armed conflicts **45**  
*The rest of Africa* has more than **35** armed conflicts.

In *Asia* there are **21** armed conflicts going on  
*Europe* now has **7** armed conflicts on its territory.

*Latin America* has **7** ongoing armed conflicts

**Major Wars with more than 10,000** combat-related deaths in the current or past year.  
(Combat-related deaths are mainly civilians although they will contain combatants too)

Internal conflict in [Myanmar](#) (start 1948), total 210,000.

Insurgency in the [Maghreb](#) (start 2002), total 54,000.

[Mexican](#) drug war (start 2006), total 69,000.

Russo-[Ukrainian](#) War (start 2014), total 220,000.

[Ethiopian](#) civil conflict (start 2018), total 600,000.

War in [Sudan](#) (start 2023), total 11,501

[Israeli](#)-Palestinian conflict (start 1948), total 27,000.

**Wars with between 1,000 & 10,000** combat-related deaths in the current or past year.  
Combat-related deaths are mainly civilians although they will contain combatants too

[Colombian](#) conflict (start 1964), total 453,000.

[Afghan](#) conflict (start 1978), total 2,584,468.

[Somali](#) Civil War (start 1991), total 500,000.

Allied Democratic Forces insurgency ([Democratic Republic of Congo](#) and [Uganda](#)) (start 1996), total 9,000. Communal conflicts in [Nigeria](#) (start 1998), total 19,000.

[Ituri](#) (Western D.R. Congo) conflict (start 2003), total 65,000.

[Iraqi](#) conflict (start 2003), total 1,215,000.

[Kivu](#) conflict (start 2004), total 25,000.

[Sudanese](#) nomadic conflicts (start 2008), total 400,000.

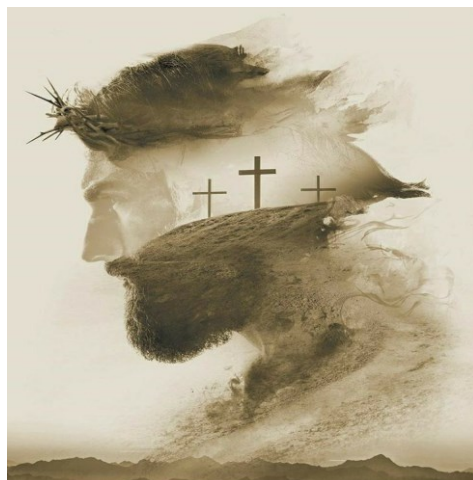
[Boko Haram](#) (Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso) insurgency (start 2009), total 368,000.

[Syrian](#) civil war (start 2011), total 613,000.

[Nigerian](#) bandit conflict (start 2011), total 14,000.

[Yemeni](#) civil war (start 2014), total 377,000.

Gang war in [Haiti](#) (start 2020), total 3,700.



*Remember Lord all who died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face.*

# 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year A

**O God, you are my God, for you  
I long; for you my soul is  
thirsting. (Ps 62:2)**



## First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble: you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We want you to be quite certain, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.' At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said 'open the door for us.' But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

## Meditation

The marriage customs at the time of Christ are somewhat unclear, but a typical ceremony seems to have progressed in the following way. The groom, having previously negotiated with the bride's father for a bride price, went with his friends to the bride's house. Then, in grand procession, bride and groom together with their friends went with singing and dancing to the groom's house. There a great feast of celebration was held. It would seem that today's gospel portrays a scene in which the groom has not yet arrived at the bride's house. The details of the wedding ceremony are neglected in favour of the basic message of the parable, the need to remain ready. The delay of the groom may lull the invited guests into carelessness, but there will be no allowance for the unprepared. The Church waits at the bride's house for the return of the groom. The wait has been long. For this reason we continue to exhort each other with the words of the gospel: "Keep your eyes open, for you know not the day or the hour."

