

Ponder Over..... *Life of simplicity.....Have you ever been to an airport and seen the people's suitcases? Have you ever helped someone move and wonder why they have certain things? Maybe you've wondered why you have certain things? (Magazines, school papers, etc.) People are burdened now more than ever: mentally, physically (material things), and spiritually (anger, grudges, bitterness, sin, guilt, etc.). In our Christian life sometimes things hold us back from getting closer to God, and they may be good things! We have a choice to make, are we going to stop, or are we going to cast those things off? Jesus Lived Simply. As they were walking along someone said to Jesus, "I will follow you no matter where you go." But Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but I, the Son of Man, have no home of my own, not even a place to lay my head." [Luke 9:57-58]. Life is complicated; love is complicated; but the Lord is not complicated. How can this be when He is the author of life and love, and all the vast universe of colossal cosmic complexities? But that is just it, the many have their source in the One, so that though reality is complex, the source of reality is simple. When our lives revolve around the One, which is God, life can be simple in one basic sense, even if it is complex in many areas. Even though simplicity is our goal as Christians, it is possible to over simplify and go to an extreme that only complicates life. The same is true in the realm of science. Albert Einstein said, "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not one bit simpler." Alfred North Whitehead put it, "The aim of science is to seek the simplest explanations of complex facts. Simplicity is our goal, but there is a superficial side of simplicity that can get us off the truly simple track. One master is better than two, but this does not mean that one leg is better than two, or that two heads cannot be better than one. We must be alert to the danger of over-simplification. Simplicity, according to Jesus, is simply to live with a single eye, that is, a single dominant motive, which is to please God. This means there is only one ultimate loyalty in the successfully simplified life. You accept reality for what it really is, but you keep life simple by being dominated and motivated by a single purpose-the pleasing of God. Human nature resists simplicity because it does not leave enough room for creativity. Fallen human nature loves complexity, for this leaves the door open for rationalization, self-justification, and a host of other ways to throw a monkey wrench into the machinery of life. Life may not be simple, but the Lord of life is. Love may not be simple, but the Lord of love is. The more we are truly surrendered to Christ, the more we will be set free from the burdens of complexity to enjoy the blessings of simplicity. In believing and in obeying of our Lord we find success in simplicity.*



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WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2018

(Readings- Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Cycle 2, Psalter Week 2)

This Sunday – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – Solemnity

(Day of Special Prayer for Young People)

Mass 8.30am (John Lambert)

Mass 10.30am (Patsy O'Connell)

Monday - Mass 9.30am (Ann Crisp)

Tuesday - Mass 9.30am (Private Intention)

Wednesday- Mass 7.30pm_(William O'Connell)

Thursday – Mass 9.30am (Ann Crisp)

Friday – Funeral Mass 11.00am for George Partridge

Saturday - Mass 12.00 noon (November List)

Next Sunday – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(Day of Special Prayer for all Migrants and Refugees)

Mass 8.30am (David Smith)

Mass 10.30am (People of the Parish)

MORNING PRAYER: Monday, Tuesday Thursday – 9.15am

NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Tuesday 10.00 – 11.00am , Thursday

6.00pm – 8.00pm

CONFESSIONS THIS SATURDAY: 11.00am – 11.45am and on request.

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ST CATHERINE'S NEWS

PLEASE PRAY FOR all who have died recently especially Moira Bradshaw, Brian Dunning. Also please pray for those who are ill or housebound including, Jo Power, Ann Brown, Betty Roberts, Norah Stuart, Kathleen Bennett, Joseph Conway, Amy Duke, Sue Green, Geoffrey Roberts, Geoff Milton, Timothy Wild, Francis Hayes, Ann Marie Heald, Katie Hogan, Eilis Longley-Brown, Joan Nulty, Neil Monaghan, Justin Williams, and Jo Clark.

(Please advise Fr. Thomas of any changes to this list in order that it may be kept up to date).

FR THOMAS HOME VISITS, ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISM, MARRIAGE, DEATH, etc. – please contact at the presbytery on 632 4388.

COFFEE will be served today by Parents / Tots, next Sunday by the Cleaners.

THIS SATURDAY we pray for: Joseph j pereera, Zosimo B Awmno, Alexia Angel Anne Alconalsa, Johnson Alconalsa Sr, Johnson Alconalsa Jr, Germina Alconalsa, Relatives and friends of the Gill and Sweetman Families, Don Singleton, Bryant Family, McCrave Family and Walsh Family.

YOUTH LOURDES GROUP CAKE SALE next Sunday, 2nd December after both Masses.

ADVENT REFLECTION AND TAIZE SERVICE at 3-4pm on 2 December. Light refreshment follows.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS 2018 There will be a collection here on 2nd December. Thank you for your support. Your donations will go to families in need within the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of Christ and create happy family memories

RECENT DEATHS. If anyone has a friend or relative who has died in the last year please give names to Fr Tom.

SICK: A reminder to let you know it is really important that if anyone you know is ill, and particularly those who might be going into one of our hospitals, to please inform Father Thomas as soon as possible.

SVP QUIZ will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday 30th November at 7.30pm. £5 donation per person, nibbles provided, bring your own tippie. Donations for raffle prizes would be most welcome.

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE who helped with or attended the Autumn Fete last Sunday and a special thank you to the children who sang so beautifully. We raised £1283.

CHRISTMAS CARDS now available at the back of Church. Please put an offering in the CAFOD box.

SUNDAY OFFERING 18th November: £562.96 Clergy Training Fund £207.49

MAYOR'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE – 5 DECEMBER 2018. The Mayor of Wirral's Christmas Tea Dance is set to get the festive season off to a glittering start on Wednesday, 5th December (1.30 – 4 pm) at Wallasey Town Hall. The annual dance is taking place in aid of the Mayor of Wirral's charity appeal with all money from ticket sales going to benefit Wirral's RNLI Lifeboat Stations and Wirral's Forrester's Horn Group of the Riding for the Disabled Association. To get dancers truly into the festive mood, there will be mince pies, sandwiches, cakes and hot drinks, made by Wirral Met College catering students with live music from the Swingmasters. Tickets cost £5 and are available from the Mayor's Office on 691 8527.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ADOREMUS REVISITED – Bishop Barron's first talk on the Mass followed by reflection and discussion and Mass – Sat 8th Dec 9.45am. St Anne's Parish Centre, Rock Ferry.

VACANCY FOR POSITION OF HEADTEACHER at St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, Timperley. See poster for details.

CARITAS OPEN DAY on Wednesday 5th December 2.00 – 4.00pm at Caritas Head Office, Wheatland Lane, Wallasey. CH44 7ED. All welcome.

SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM: Explore Advent – prepare his road, on Tuesday 4th December at Our Lady and St John's, Heswall. 7.00 – 8.00pm. All welcome.