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## **Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Nellie Jacob RIP
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Baby Finnegan Aherne – Deo Gratias
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of Marguerite Kiek
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Souls
		<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Bernadette & Marvyn Allstat – Wedding Anniversary
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Intention of the Wand Family
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Carole Jenkins RIP
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Peter Ayre RIP
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	The Parish
		10.30 am	Peter Boyle RIP



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15 -10.45 am and 5.15 - 5:45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Paul to the Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £306 + Digital Collection: £ Retired Priest's Fund: £431  
Thank you for your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Arundel Cathedral Maintenance Fund (Gift Aid)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Samuel Bezants, Thomas Boylan, John Mayock, Terry Stanley, Glenn, Ken Ellis, Helena & Vittorio Villa, Peggy Gallagher, Lena, Ken Harvey, Sienna Coates, Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, John Smith, Ian Threlfall, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Joan Cutmore, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:** **CORA GILLIES** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Henry Weber, Baby Katie Wright, Elfriede Sinden, Jean Billing, Edith Pearce, Ruth Winter, Edith Carrod, Frances Fraser, Florence Peters, Stanislaw Carlton, Henry Ivison, Valencia Bowes. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**3. NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH FOR HOLY SOULS:** The usual 'November envelopes' are available in both porches for those wishing to remember their loved ones at the Altar. Any donations will go towards offering Masses for the Holy Souls. Please fill in and hand in to the Sacristy as soon as possible

**4. CONFIRMATION 2022/23:** If you are in Year 10 or above and considering being Confirmed next year you are invited to join our preparation programme that will start with the First Confirmation Candidates Meeting next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm.

**5. SUNDAY LUNCH (2 COURSES)** (Bangers & Mash) will be served in The Barn on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00 noon in aid of SPUC. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Price Adult £8.00 and a Child £4.00. Donations of Raffle Prizes would be gratefully received and could be left in the Sacristy

**6. TRAIDCRAFT WILL BE ON SALE** in the Barn after all Masses this weekend.

**7. EDGE YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting this Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, in the Barn, from 6.00 until 7.30 pm. All young people in Years 7 to 11 are welcome. Contact Niall for more information [nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk](mailto:nfarrell@stromeros.co.uk)

**8. ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR** will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3.15pm – 4.30pm for games, crafts, fun and refreshments. All are welcome.

**9. MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** are invited to attend an afternoon formation session on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at the Holy Family Church, Lancing [BN15 9BB]. It is suitable for both new ministers and existing ministers who would like a refresher and update. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Home Communion for the Sick will be covered. To apply please speak to Father Liam

**10. TRAINING FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS** will take place in the church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am led by Judi. If you would like to become an Altar Server please attend the training you will be made very welcome.

**11. ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**, to mark the start of Advent, will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November from 12.00 noon and end at 12.00 noon on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>.

**12. AN ADVENT GROUP** will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10.15 am in the Good Shepherd Chapel to follow a new Advent Course, which includes a short video followed by discussion. The dates are 29<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. For those unable to come at that time the course will be repeated later the same day at 7.00 pm by Zoom. If you wish to join the Zoom course please contact Dermot for a link – 07999 488326

**13. MARY'S MEALS COLLECTION POINT** is one of the small boxes under the notice board to the right in the Front Porch. It costs just £15.90 to feed one child for a year! Your donations will always be much appreciated.

**11. TURNING TIDES WISH LIST** is appealing for the many items that they need in their stock cupboards to help the many homeless throughout the year. Spreads, Small bottled and carton drinks/water Cereal bars, Snack pots, Tinned ham, corned beef and fish. Tinned meals - meat and Tinned pies - meat and vegetarian, Pot noodles Tin custard and rice pudding, Cooking sauces. Shampoo and conditioner, Shaving gels and razors, Deodorants, Bath towels Men's boxers, Women's briefs, Women & men's tee-shirts. Many thanks to anyone who is able to help. The collection box is under the bench in the West Porch..

**FATHER LIAM SAYS:** For whatever reason there were more poets among those who fought in the First World War than in the Second World War. It wasn't just English poetry that flourished in the midst of this horrific war but also French, Italian, German and Russian poetry. It is amazing that soldiers, writing in their dug-outs or shell-holes, bogged down in muddy trenches could produce all this. It wasn't just poetry that was being written in these awful conditions. The minds of all the men were never far from their loved ones at home and they would be anxious to get letters to them and from them.

The question of responsibility for the outbreak of war in 1914 is still not settled, in spite of all the studies devoted to it. It is accepted that the two systems of alliances that had already been built up made an outbreak all too likely. When the Archduke Franz Ferdinand came to inspect the Bosnian Army at Sarajevo in the tense world of July 1914, his assassination triggered the inferno. At such a time there was generally an acceptance that the war was justified and there was little criticism of the policy – except that it was not sufficiently prepared for. Governments seemed to have an appetite for war and the peace efforts of Pope Benedict XV were mocked and ridiculed.

Among those involved in the war and whose poems have come down to us was an army chaplain, Father Albert Purdie. His poetry may not rank by us with that of the famous poets' but he deserves to be remembered as he spent the last 28 years of his life in Goring. He died in 1976 at the age of 88. Due to poor health he had retired to Goring in 1948 at the age of 60. Canon Desmond McCarthy was parish priest here from 1952 to 1978 so he was here for almost the entire time that Father Purdie lived in Goring.

Albert Purdie was born in 1888 and attended St Edmund's College, Ware. He was ordained in 1914 as a priest for the diocese of Westminster. When war broke out he volunteered as a military chaplain. His connection to St Edmund's College remained strong and the war-time editions of the college magazines contain some reports from the Front and his life in the trenches, which are contained in the book. Chris Warren, whose uncle was a great friend of Father Purdie has edited a book of his poems. I have ordered some copies for the Repository (priced at £6.00.) It is possible that one or more of you might know something of Father Purdie or might even have known him. The editor of the little book, Chris Warren, who lives in Chesterfield, would be delighted to learn more about him, as would I! The uncle of Chris was killed a week before the end of the war and Chris never got to meet Father Purdie though, ironically, he too came to live in Worthing for a time.

Father Purdie went on from France to serve in Salonika and Constantinople and ended the war with an OBE for bravery. He published a collection of war-time poems, which Chris tracked down to the Imperial War Museum. After the war Father Purdie gained a degree from Cambridge and returned to St. Edmund's College as a teacher. It was the Diocesan College of Westminster Diocese and he became headmaster in 1929 until 1936. During the Second World War he served as a chaplain at an RAF camp in Bedfordshire. We are very grateful to Chris Warren for rescuing these poems from oblivion. This is one of the poems:

### **The Highest Love**

And there is no more word to say  
Only to part  
Each on his separate way.  
And since you loved for but a day,  
You will forget:  
For me, in my heart's a mansion  
Scatters into dust  
Another idol, and again I tread  
The silent ruins of a love  
For ever dead.

O God, forbid that it should come to me,  
That losing all  
I at the last lose thee.  
This heart of mine is sanctuary  
For outlaw loves:  
But, come thou now, King Lover'  
Hold me very close,  
While the last fugitive is fled,  
And show at length thy child where Love  
Is never dead.