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*THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME*

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Scripture Readings

Daniel 12:1-13 This prophecy was composed during the persecution by Antiochus Epiphanes. It looks to the Angel Michael as protector of God's people and to a resurrection and final judgment.

Hebrews 10:11-18 Christ's one and only sacrifice suffices for the forgiveness of all sins.

Mark 13:24-32 Mark's contemporary readers were living under constant threat of persecution as well as of political turmoil. This "apocalyptic" passage is intended to reassure them that, as buds on the fig tree denote the onset of summer, so these events point to the coming of Christ in glory.

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS

WEEKDAY MASS Mass on Monday (Latin) and Friday 9.30 in Church.

NEW READERS' ROTA From the first Sunday in Advent, the Bidding Prayers will no longer be composed by the Reader but by a small group, chaired by Geoff Markham. At the 10.30 Mass, and sometimes at the 5pm Mass, they will be read by a person other than the Reader. On the weekend of 8/9 December, the Second Sunday of Advent, all readers will be (re)commissioned and blessed.

CHRISTMAS FAIR/ COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE (28 November 10am-1.30pm) : gifts for the home produce (chutney, marmalade, cakes and treats), "choir" (music, books and small, gifts) stalls and Tombola (bottles from shampoo to Champagne) **to be brought to Church by Sunday 18 November**, perishables best delivered to Welland Hall on 28 November or evening before. (note: the cake stall organiser, who is doing this for the first time, is anxious that there should be enough cakes, biscuits etc.)

Update on restoration of west front: the apex stone is in danger of cracking because of erosion of the steel cross which emerges from it and needs to be replaced. The cross requires a stainless steel base. It serves as a lightning conductor and this, too, needs to be checked. Extra scaffolding has now been erected so that the apex stone can be removed. We hope for completion of this work by the end of the month.

Gregorian Chant Workshop (Saturday 1 December 11.30 to 5.30, followed by Vespers at 6. Sunday 2 December 9-10, followed by the sung Mass). All are welcome to take part, but it may be necessary to register early. Register at <http://www.scholagregoriana.org/events> The day is led by Iain Simcock, who played the organ for us several times during the summer.

Pray for Leonie Rimmer and Denise Soper who have died, for Norah Lawley, Michael Noakes, Teresa Fry, Arthur Thurlow, who died recently, and for Paul Hothersall, Rosemarie Kay, Christopher Kouwen, and Raymond Turner.