



## THIRTY THIRD` SUNDAY OF THE YEAR



16th November 2025

“The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness”

### WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

**WEEKDAY MASS:** No weekday mass this week

**WEEKEND MASSES** Saturday Vigil 7pm, SUNDAY 10am.

**MASSSES WILL BE SAID FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER**

**DECEASED:** Annie Miurray, Parkmore, Sean Scuilion, Cushendun

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elizabeth Sharpe, Sr Maureen McKinney Cormac McManus, Alastair McManus, Willie Graham, Elizabeth Hannigan, Rose Mitchell, Danny McKavangh,

**Thought for today ...**

**Drawing near to the poor will touch our lives. It will remind us of what really counts: to love God and our neighbour. Only this lasts forever, everything else passes away. What we invest in remains, the rest vanishes.**

**Today we might ask ourselves, “What counts for me in life.? Where am I making my investments. In fleeting riches with which the world is never satisfied, or in the wealth bestowed by God, who gives us eternal life? This is the choice before us; to live in order to gain things on earth or to give things away in order to gain heaven. Where heaven is concerned, what matters is not what we have, but what we give away.**

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### **The Feet of the Sun**

The imagery of the readings today is frightening and cannot be easily understood. Maybe one aspect is of the contrasts we live with terror and violence among ourselves and the Earth, and also the healing and gentle power of **God**. The sun of justice will shine with healing in its rays'. When we see the terrors of the globe, it is a sign that God's power is also in our midst: '**Do not be frightened**', we are told.



If you look at the sun in the evening, you often see the rays of light hitting the Earth. In Irish they are called 'cosa na greinne' or 'the feet of the sun'. We can think of them as **God's** feet walking along our scorched and wounded earth: through the poverty and the illness of his world, through fields full of landmines and unexploded bombs, the rays of light take their pilgrimage from heaven through our world, which needs the light of **God** so badly.

Even in persecution the presence of **God** is near. Even in betrayal and in the conflicts that arise over the word of **God** and how to live the gospel, **God** is near. He never abandons his people. We can almost sum up the message of the prophets as '**God does not abandon us**'.

In years when the Church throughout the world was stripped of almost all except its relationship with **Jesus**, we know that despite the faults, sins and weaknesses and the huge need for renewal, **God** is near in the word of **Jesus Christ**. It is in listening to his word and interpreting it together for today that we will find our true way forward as his community.

Lord **Jesus**, may your kingdom come  
and your will be done on earth as in heaven.

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