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SMA Fathers supporting persecuted Christians throughout the world

RED WEDNESDAY

Parish Challenge: 19th November 2025

WEAR THE RED RIBBON ON NOV 19TH
to support persecuted Christians 

Red Wednesday is ACN's international day for persecuted Christians. The event aims to raise awareness of the persecution of Christians worldwide.

On this day, churches and public buildings will be illuminated in red to honour persecuted Christians. Wear the red ribbon to show your support for the cause.

Read the 2025 Annual "Aid to the Church in Need" report highlighting the lack of religious freedom in the world



RED WEDNESDAY – 19TH NOVEMBER.

Red Wednesday is a project initiated by *Aid to the Church in Need*. This is an organization that highlights the extent of persecution of Christians throughout the world. Their report of 2025, which can be read at the back of the church or in the parish centre, highlights the shocking extent of persecution being inflicted on Christians throughout the world. The report makes clear that there is an enormous amount of persecution being inflicted on Christians in Africa and especially in countries where the SMA Fathers are working. So not only are we highlighting the challenge of **Red Wednesday**, but we are also going to nominate our Christmas charity appeal for 2025 to go towards the work of *Aid to the Church in Need*.

The Gospel.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR: Not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

This is a time when much of the world seems to have gone mad. We live in fear, waiting for the next disaster to strike. In a real sense, the world as we know it **has** passed away, and we tremble to think of what may lie ahead. However, Jesus in the Gospel assures us that God will not abandon us. This is not a message of mindless optimism. It is a message of hope based on confidence in God. We can't help being afraid but we refuse to give up hope.

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Advent DAY OF QUIET PRAYER



SAT 6TH DECEMBER

11AM TO 4PM



Activities on the day will include:

- Periods of quiet communal prayer
- Inputs to help focus our attention
- Guided personal reflection in preparation for Advent reconciliation
- Sit down meal in silence
- Freedom to walk in the quiet of the church or grounds

Please register at the SMA Parish Centre in advance of the event

Fee: €15

The Beginning of Christmas.

The parish is hosting a Christmas Carol concert featuring the **Cork Light Orchestra** with guests **One Voice Choir** on **Fri Nov 28th, 7p.m. till 9 p.m.**

Tickets are €20 and must be purchased on Eventbrite. There is a QR code on posters around the Church and Parish Centre where tickets can be purchased. Proceeds of the night are in aid of a Camino for Down Syndrome Cork/Field of Dreams.

Parish Charity for November.

For the month of November we will support **The Rise and Shine Trust** (formerly the Irish Pilgrimage Trust). The group raises funds to sponsor young people to go to Lourdes from Cork city and county each year. Each organising group is tasked with raising €14,500 to pay for the young people. Let's see what we can do to help them during the month of November. To date we have raised €833.

Department of Education Survey about School Choice.

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland. While it is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard, it is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic education for their children and for those who would wish for sacramental preparation within the school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or prospective parent of a primary school student.

The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primary-school-survey. The IEC message regarding this survey is available on the Cork and Ross social media platforms.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us... **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

✠ LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING Malachi 3:19 - 20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.



THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

World Day of the Poor

16th November 2025

The end of time is a time of confidence when God will return to his people to call us home to him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5 - 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R)

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R)

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R)

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12

A reading from the 2nd letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 21: 5 - 19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When some were talking about the Temple,



remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon. 'Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.



For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven.

All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

✠ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ✠

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness.

Through Christ our Lord.

Pray brothers and sisters,

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.