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## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**TODAY'S SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION** – will be for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

**FRIDAY CLUB** – cancelled on the **9<sup>TH</sup> November** due to Funeral.

**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS** – please find in the porch Holy Souls envelopes and sheets on which to write the names of those you would like to be remembered during Mass in November & throughout the year. Please return the envelopes to the sacristy or through the letterbox of the presbytery.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE** –

- Jean Devine, her funeral will take place here on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm.**
- We pray for Linda McKenna RIP, who died on Wednesday 17th October, aged 52.

**CAFOD RETREAT COUNTERING CONSUMERISM** – **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** At Thornton College, Milton Keynes, MK17 0HJ, **10.00am - 4pm.** You are invited to take time out to explore Scripture and Church teaching and be inspired by one another and CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** as limited spaces - contact Deborah – [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk), 01494 863 777.

**LUTON IRISH FORUM BABY & TODDLER GROUP** – meet every Friday from 9.30am - 11.30am during term time. For further information, please call 01582 720447.

**REPOSITORY OPEN AFTER ALL MASSES** – new selection of Christmas cards and other seasonal items, do come along and buy those essential Christmas items!

**LOST ITEMS** – please see table outside church to reclaim any items. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity!

**MEDICAL KIT, BLACK POUCH HAS BEEN FOUND** – PLEASE COLLECT FROM SACRISTY.

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### SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Sat 6:30pm Anthony Jackson, RIP

9:00am Diamuid Mahoney, INT

11:00am People of the Parish

#### Monday – *Feria*

9.30 am Suffering Souls

#### Tuesday – *Feria*

9:30 am Lillian McKenna, RIP

#### Wednesday – *NO MASS*

#### Thursday – *Feria*

6.30pm Thressia Daniel, RIP

#### Friday – *DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA*

9.30am Holy Souls

**2.00pm** Requiem: Jean Devine

#### *SATURDAY – CONFESSIONS 5:30PM – 6:00PM*

#### *SATURDAY – MASS AT 6:30PM*

#### **NEXT SUNDAY – 32ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

Sat 6:30pm Aleja Docena & family, thanksgiving

9:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Holy Souls

**Lunch Club:** Friday 11.30am onwards.

**Christian Life:** Friday 7.00pm in the Hall.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Friday 7:30pm in the Lady Chapel.

**Legion of Mary:** Friday 7:30pm in the Hall.

### *The Word this Week*

Every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of someone asking 'This religion of yours, what's it all about, really, when you come down to it? What's the bottom line?'. Our temptation might be to start going on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things, love of God and love of neighbour, which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.



## This Sunday's Readings

### First Reading – Deuteronomy 6:2-6

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### Responsorial Psalm – 17(18):2-4,47,51

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

### Second Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28

*Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

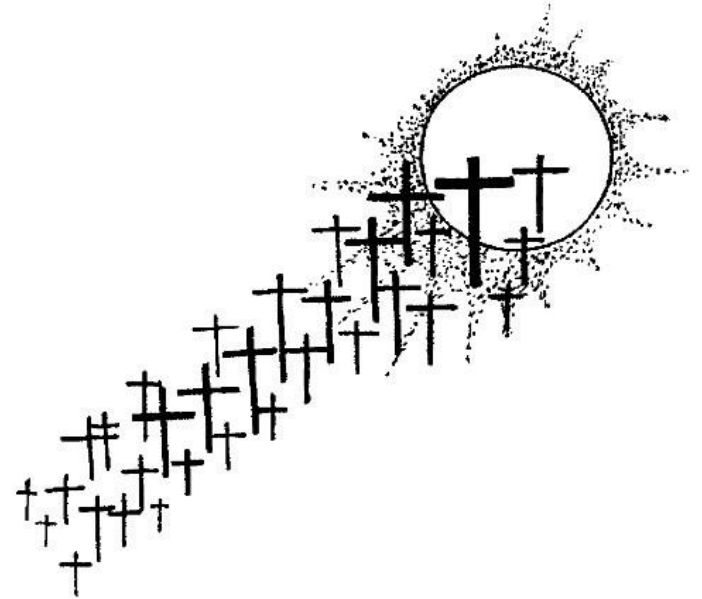
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life.

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### Gospel – Mark 12:28-34

*You are not far from the kingdom of God*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



#### Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 3: Josephine & Tabitha

Next Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne

#### Thanks to our Church Cleaners

This Week: Team 3: Michael, Elizabeth & Benedicta

Next Week: Team 4: Sunny, Clara, Charlotte & Paul

#### Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Couples for Christ, Couples for Christ

Next Week: Maureen & Mandy, Anne

#### Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

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Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS –

**Sunday 21st October – £897.68**