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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 100 years since the end of World War 1, 11th November 2018. SOLEMN VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT at Holy Ghost, **4pm**.

SECOND COLLECTION - we welcome Sister Bernadette who will be make an appeal in aid of The Holy Spirit Hospital in Assam.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION - will be for Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

FOOD FOR NOAH - as winter begins to be felt, please continue to put non-perishable food in the containers in the porch.

FIRST RECONCILIATION - next class, **Saturday 17th November, 11.00am - 12.30pm**.

CHILDRENS LITURGY - we would like to start taking the children out for liturgy of the word beginning in Advent at 11am mass. There will be a meeting next **Saturday** at **1pm** for those already DBS cleared and anyone else wishing to get involved, training will be given. Anyone interested can contact Maura Byers 07796712868.

LUTON IRISH FORUM - this time of year can be especially tough for anyone on their own. Local charity Luton Irish Forum (LIF) is aiming to combat loneliness felt by older people through its new befriending project and is appealing for locals who can give two hours a fortnight to help get the initiative off the ground. Contact LIF on 01582 720447 or info@lutonirishforum.org to find out more.

NEW READERS AND EUCHARIST MINISTERS ROTAS AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

Sat 6:30pm Aleja Docena & family, thanksgiving

9:00am People of the Parish

11:00am Holy Souls

Monday - *St Josaphat of Polotsk*

9.30 am Lyndsey Fenlon, RIP (12th Ann)

Tuesday - *Feria*

9:30 am Patrick McDonnell, RIP

Wednesday - *NO MASS*

Thursday - *Feria*

6.30pm Marissa Contreras, INT

Friday - *Feria*

9.30am Varkey Paul, RIP

SATURDAY - *CONFESSIONS 5:30PM - 6:00PM*

SATURDAY - *MASS AT 6:30PM*

NEXT SUNDAY - 33rd SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Sat 6:30pm Holy Souls

9:00am Teresa Devane, RIP

11:00am People of the Parish

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.

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESE - will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from **Friday 14th December - Sunday 16th December**. If you are interested, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Simon. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood! Further details and poster to follow.

CATHOLIC BASICS COURSE - Want to know more about your Faith? Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in four parts: GOD, THE CHURCH, THE MORAL LIFE, PRAYER. For each part there is a day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour! **Launch and Part I: January 31 2019, 10am-3pm (arr. 9.30am for refreshments).** NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish. To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.



This Sunday's Readings

First Reading – 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm – 145:7-10 r.2

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

Second Reading – Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began.

Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Even if you have to die, says the Lord,
keep faithful, and I will give you
the crown of life.

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Gospel – Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Thanks to our Offertory Counters

This Week: Team 4: Breda & Anne

Next Week: Team 5: Charlotte & Roy

Thanks to our Church Cleaners

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

Next Week: Team 5: Margaret, Mary & Linda

Thanks to our Sunday Café Helpers

This Week: Maureen & Mandy, Anne

Next Week: Sunny, Angelin & Andrea & Merilyn, Mary

Useful Contact Details

+ Charlotte Seery (Parish Secretary)

+ Jenny Duffy (Parish Administrator & Hall Bookings)

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Monday-Thursday 9.15-1.15pm.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFERINGS –

Sunday 4th November – £877.38

2nd Collection Bishop's Maintenance - £228.43