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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

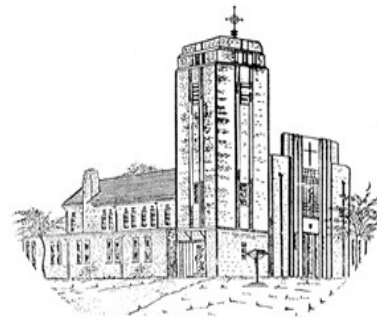
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



Today's Mass

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9;

Ps 125;

Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark

10: 46-52

**THIRTIETH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME YEAR B
23rd October to 31st
October 2021**

**Welcome to this House
of God:
Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When Pope Francis canonised St Oscar Romero in 2018, he said in his homily that he was a universal symbol of hope for the poor and the oppressed. St Oscar was a fearless critic of the military government of El Salvador and a defender of his people. This is why on the eve of his assassination which took place while he was celebrating Mass, he told the soldiers: *"In the name of God, in the name of this suffering people whose cries rise to heaven more loudly each day, I implore you, I beg you, I order you in the name of God to stop the repression."* In the most hopeless circumstances, St Oscar was able to envision a new future for his people and galvanize them to work towards a better tomorrow. His martyrdom glorifies him as a beacon of light and a symbol of hope.

The Word of God this Sunday enables us to live our own time of adversity with courage, faith and hope. It opens us to the God who is not aloof and indifferent but intimately involved with our daily struggles.

Prophet Jeremiah, in the first reading, speaks words of comfort and hope to his people. During the long and harrowing exile in Babylon, many of them had given up their faith and drifted away from God. But some remained loyal and steadfast in spite of the struggle and difficulty, and Jeremiah referred them as "the Remnant of Israel" who were "the blind, the lame, women with child." He motivated them with fresh hope. He prophesied that God would bring them back from captivity and they would rebuild Israel.

Today's Gospel Reading reminds us that Jesus brings hope in despair, light in darkness and grace in vulnerability. Jesus met Bartimaeus the blind beggar in Jericho. Jesus saw the faith and dignity of someone whom society dismissed as inconsequential. In the midst of public rejection and condemnation, Jesus recognised and affirmed the beggar's spiritual maturity and vision. Therefore, Jesus healed and changed the life of the blind beggar by saying "Your faith has saved you."

In the midst of our own darkness, we need the vision that Jeremiah gave to the exiles and Jesus gave to Bartimaeus. Let us pray that we can be beacons of light and hope by way of our discipleship of mission and service.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember John Grummett, Mary Morrow, Tytus Forszewski, Maureen Cullen, Johann Csucsmi, Annie Campbell, Eric Round, Annie O'Gara, Frieda Farrell, Anthony Dolan, Ada Connolly, Harold Styles, Bridie Wozniak, John Kinsella, Margaret Walsh, Jack Cannon and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world today! It supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Veronica build peace in Nigeria and share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church. Please call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk

MISSIO RED BOX

If you have a Missio Red Box, please empty it into the brown envelopes available from the Parish office or in the Church porch. Please hand this into the office. Thank you for all your continued and valuable support. It is much appreciated.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 23rd October– 31st October Sunday (Psalter Week 2)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 23rd October Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 pm Hugh and Eileen Brady RIP</p>	
<p>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday 24th October RETIRING COLLECTION FOR APF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY</p>	<p>8:30 am Jack Berry 10:30 am Mary Lynch RIP</p>	
<p>Monday 25th October Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00 am Anthony Sampays RIP Private Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 26th October Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00 am - Maureen Cullen RIP Private Mass</p>	
<p>Wednesday 27th October Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:00 am Holy Rosary 11:30 am Mary Waldron</p>	
<p>Thursday 28th October Feast of St Simon and St Jude, Apostles</p>	<p>10:00am - Ints of Rosaleen and Brendan Grogan Private Mass</p>	
<p>Friday 29th October Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30 am Ints of Margaret Beirne</p>	
<p>Saturday 30th October Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 pm Jerry O'Dowd RIP</p>	
<p>SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Sunday 31st October</p>	<p>8:30 am Kieran Feeney RIP 10:30 am Ints of Peter and Frances Corless</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£ 299.69**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£194.95**

**Retiring Collection
For Parish Levies:
£156.79**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
September
£1700.67**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 213
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

REMINDER

We would like to remind you to respect the silence in Church before Mass to allow people to gather in quiet prayer. "Be still and know that I am God."

Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Apocalypse
7:2-4, 9-14;
Ps 23;
1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew
5:1-12

VACCINATION CENTRE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Walkers Pharmacy Vaccination Centre in the Parish Centre is looking for volunteers to support the NHS Staff. If you are interested please contact Walkers Pharmacy directly on 0121 360 7606.

MARRIAGE CARE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Marriage Care - are a Catholic Charity providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services both locally and across England and Wales. They are in need of volunteers to join the local centre team and help enable the vital relationship support work they do. In particular they are looking for those interested in training as counsellors. If you or anyone you know may be interested in supporting them or if you would like to know more about the charity, please do contact us [Christina Francis - birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org].

READERS AND MINISTERS

There are new Rotas available for Readers and Ministers from the Church Porch. If any existing readers and ministers would like to re-join the rota please let me know. Also if you would like to become a minister or reader please let me know so that we can make the necessary arrangements for you.
Fr. Vincent SCJ.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During this month we are invited to pray for the souls of the faithful departed. If you wish to remember family and friends in a special way, please write their names on the list and put them in the envelope provided by the stewards or from the Parish office. Please place them in the Holy Souls box which will be in the Church porch next weekend. Please do not put money in these envelopes. If you wish to offer a special Mass for the Holy Souls please use the Mass Intention envelopes which are available from the Parish Office. Many thanks Fr. Vincent SCJ.

FLOWERS

The flowers in Church this week are in memory of John Shilston and James and Brid Goldrick.
If you would like to donate flowers to the Church in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

