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



**THIRTY SECOND  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR B  
6th November to  
14th November 2021**

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

### **Today's Mass Readings**

1Kings 17:10-16;  
Ps 145; Hebrews  
9:24-28;  
Mark 12:38-44

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Today's readings give two widows as examples of extraordinary generosity in need. In Biblical times, widows were not only poor, but also without any security. They were the most marginal of the marginalised and extremely vulnerable. On losing their husbands, they had lost their only means of livelihood and had to depend totally on charity to survive. These two stories of widows speak of need, sacrifice, and love.

The first widow, in the First Reading, was afflicted with hunger and exhaustion and she could not even feed her own son. They were preparing to die because of the severe famine. This is like so many stories that we hear, in our own time, when people are afflicted by persistent hunger in South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia. Yet when Elijah asks for water the widow gives it to him; when he asks for bread, she shares her final meal with him. The story has a happy ending as we are told that 'the jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied'.

In the Gospel reading, we meet another poor widow. She had just two small coins left in her purse which is the equivalent of a penny. This was her mite that was all she had, and yet she rendered that to God. This was an act of great generosity. As with Elijah, Jesus notices and praises the sacrifice by saying, "this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have 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'.

To give from our income is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give away what we need for our selves, if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrated the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gave his life for us on the cross.

Today's readings challenge us to imitate the generosity of the widows and become sacraments of God's self-giving love in a world increasingly preoccupied with possession and security. Let us be givers and not just be consumers.

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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 **Jackie Conway** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Sean Lynch, John Fawcett, Tom Digman, Peggy Clarke, James McCoughlin, Peggy O'Gorman, Louisa Bryant, Barbara O'Nions, Lilian Wadley, Laura Webb, Joseph Hastings, Dana Anderson, Stephen Higgins, Owen McCann, Valentine Byrne, Margaret Donnelly, Estelle Evans, Teresa Vurlan, Fr. Anthony Guilfoyle, Paul Morris, Beatrice Watkins, Nora Huzarsky, Gerard Hayes, Joseph Pham, Daniel Mullen, and all those whose anniversary occur anniversaries occur about this time.

**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. Please place these in the Holy Souls box which is Infront of the Altar. Please do not put money in these envelopes. Many thanks Fr. Vincent SCJ.

**MASS FOR THE PANDEMIC, HEALTHCARE & FRONTLINE  
WORKERS**

We have been asked to celebrate a special Mass on Sunday 7th November for those have died during the pandemic and for all healthcare and frontline workers who supported our local communities during the last 18 months. With this in mind here at Holy Name, this will be an additional intention for the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 7th November. Please join us to pray for them.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES AT OSCOTT CEMENTERY**

This event will take place on Saturday 13th November at 3pm in Oscott Cemetery. Please see the poster in the Church Porch.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 6th November –</b>  <b>14th November Sunday</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 4)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 6th November</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 Ints of John and Margaret Beirne</p>	
<p><b>THIRTY –SECOND SUNDAY</b>  <b>IN ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>Sunday 7th November</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>JOHNSON ASSOCIATION</b>  <b>(Retired and Infirm Clergy)</b></p>	<p>8:30 am Elijah Roy Phillips  Ints of all involved in Transplants  10:30 am Pat Duffy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:30pm Baptisms</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 8th November</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00 am Peter Carless  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 9th November</b>  <b>Feast of the Dedication of the</b>  <b>Lateran Basilica</b></p>	<p><b>9:15 am Mass at Holy</b>  <b>Name School -</b>  Teresa Martin</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 10th November</b>  Memorial of St Leo the Great,  Pope, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p><b>11:00 am Holy Rosary</b>  11:30 am Betty Ibbotson RIP</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 11th November</b>  Memorial of St Martin of Tours,  Bishop</p>	<p><b>9:15 am Mass at St. Mark’s</b>  <b>School - Mgr. Anthony Duffy</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 12th November</b>  Memorial of St Josaphat,  Bishop, martyr</p>	<p><b>11:00 am Exposition of the</b>  <b>Blessed Sacrament</b>  11:30 am Ints of Caroline Hassan</p>	
<p><b>Saturday 13th November</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 pm John Peach RIP</p>	
<p><b>THIRTY –THIRD SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>Sunday 14TH November</b>  <b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>8:30 am Betty Ibbotson RIP  10:30 am Jimmy Martin RIP</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12:30pm Baptisms</b></p>

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£ 343.37**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£171.50**

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

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 186  
Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**SACRED HEART  
FATHERS AND  
BROTHERS -  
ANNUAL  
SPONSORED  
WALK**

In Aid of the Indian  
Mission:  
Br. Andrew has  
raised £840.00

Thank you for your  
for your support.

**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

Daniel 12:1-3; Ps 15;  
Hebrews 10:11-14,  
18; Mark 13: 24-32

## **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Time to start your Christmas shopping. We have a new and varied stock of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Calendars for 2022, and Christmas Gifts available. These can be purchased from the Parish office after Mass this weekend or during office hours. Please come and have a look.

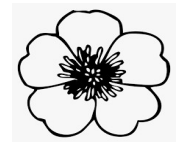


## **GREAT BARR FOOD BANK**

Thank you for your continued support for the Great Barr Food Bank. Please place your food items and anything else you can bring, in the basket situated in the Presbytery Porch. Thank you once again for your help and support.

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Poppies are available as you leave Church today.



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE**

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is seeking to recruit inspectors of Catholic primary and secondary schools. We are particularly keen to hear from former school leaders who seek to remain connected with Catholic Education. Email [b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk](mailto:b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk) for details. See also the poster on the Church Noticeboard.

## **UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY**

The Universe Catholic Weekly has launched a new online newspaper. If you would like to order your Digital copy please visit this website. [www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk](http://www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk) or call on this number 07436617650 and ask for Michelle for more details.

## **SPAM EMAILS**

Please be aware that all official emails from the Parish and Diocese end with **@rcaob.org.uk**.  
If not, it is Spam and should be ignored.