

HOMILY ON 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

In today's Gospel we hear the prayers of two different people and what Jesus thought about them. Both of them went to the temple for prayer. What was the problem with the prayer of the Pharisee? He was not wrong in thanking God for all the good he was able to do or for counting the many religious obligations he observed. However, he was wrong for condemning his neighbour the Tax Collector. He was wrong for making prayer a bragging exercise. He was wrong in canonizing himself as a living saint and laughing at those whom he considered as spiritually inferior. According St. Jose Maria Escriva "Prayer is the humility of the man who acknowledges his profound wretchedness and the greatness of God." In this parable the tax collector had this mentality. As he was a sinner he had no right to come before God and to raise his head. He stood in the temple with a contrite heart to receive the grace and mercy of God. He had no merits to put before God whereas the Pharisee had many things to place before God. He considered himself virtuous. He was proud and had no humility even before God. We know that the angels fell from heaven and become evil spirits because of their pride. Pride is the sin that cuts people off from God. That is what happened in the case of that Pharisee. The tax collector had need of God and he trusted in God. Because of his realistic attitude and his desire to have the mercy of God. God received his prayer and he left the temple more justified than the Pharisee. This parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are full of ourselves there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

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

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember Joan Coppock, Anthony Geary and all those who have died recently. We also remember, John Brady, Bridget Fielding, Mary Murphy, Bridget Ward, Michael O'Leary, Jim Grogan, Noel Baynes, Alana Anderson, Patrick McElroy, Annie Wood, Bernard Tumbetly, Edward Brennan, James Abbott, Mary O'Grady, Bill Kingston, Alice Fynn, Terrence McHugh, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MISSIO

Today is World Mission Sunday. It is celebrated in Parishes around the world as it is the Pope's charity to support the work of missionaries who work alongside some of the poorest communities in the world. Your donations will help provide practical and spiritual support to those in need. Please be generous in the collection today. If you have a red Missio Box, please empty it into the brown envelope available in the Church Porch and return the envelope to the Parish Office. Thank you.

SINCERE THANKS

The flowers this weekend were donated by Denise Santy and Family in loving memory of her husband John Santy.

S.V.P

If you are lonely or isolated or know someone in that situation, the SVP group would love to make contact. Office Please contact the Parish with the details. If you are phoning on someone else's behalf, please check with the Parish Office. before phoning the person An SVP member will then get in touch.

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR LIFE

There is a day of fasting and prayer for Life on Thursday 27th October. For more information please see the poster in the Church Porch.

This Week Saturday 22nd October - Sunday 30th October (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 22nd October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Michael Freeman R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR APF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY	8:30 am Daniel Doyle R.I.P 10:30 am Terence McHugh R.I.P	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. 12:00pm Baptism
Monday 24th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Bridie Madden R.I.P	
Tuesday 25th October Feria in Ordinary Time	Private Mass Anthony Sampays R.I.P	
Wednesday 26th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00am Rosary 11:30am Martin King R.I.P	
Thursday 27th October Feria in Ordinary Time	NO MASS	
Friday 28th October FEAST OF SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Sean Carey	
Saturday 29th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Michael Purcell R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:30 am Bill O'Keefe R.I.P 10:30 am Michael and Anne Doocey R.I.P	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am. S.V.P
RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND		12:00pm Baptism

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Last Week's Offertory Collection: £365.57 Gift Aid Envelopes: £203.80

> Parish Levies: £155.23

Standing Order for the Month of August: £1770.50

Mass Attendance Last Sunday:338

Thank you for supporting your Parish.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Ps 144; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10 Page 82

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 19th November after 12:30pm Mass in the Parish Centre. We welcome parishioners to support this important social and fund raising event in the Parish. All are very welcome. Your donations will now be appreciated. We are in need of toys, Chocolates, bottles and Fancy Goods. These can be left in the Parish Office during office hours. No jumble or books please. Thank you .



PIETY STALL AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards and gifts are now available from the Piety Stall after Mass at the weekend.

SENIOR CITIZENS AND SPECIAL NEEDS PARTY

You are warmly invited to our Senior Citizens party to be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 10th December 2022. Please take the letter with you from the Church Porch after Mass and fill in the form below and return to the Parish Office by 1st of December 2022.

HOLY NAME SCHOOL – RECEPTION CLASS PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023:

We would like to invite any parents have children who will be eligible for a reception place in September 2023 to visit our wonderful school on **Wednesday 9th November** at **9.15am**. Please phone or email the school office if you wish to attend. We look forward to meeting you! Phone: 0121 357 3216 Email: <u>headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk</u>

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA

The Knights of St Columba are holding a fundraising presentation dance for Acorns Children's Hospice in memory of Jackie Conway at the Great Barr Club on Saturday 5th November at 8pm, music by John Murphy and Billy Martin, Tickets £6.00