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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
28th October to
5th November
2023

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

*Don't put a question mark where
God put a period.*

Today's Mass
Readings
Exodus 22:20-26;
Ps 17;
1 Thessalonians
1:5-10;
Matthew
22:34-40
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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Some people emphasize the love of God in such a way that makes the relationship with one's neighbour secondary. Others prefer to give great importance to serving the neighbour without feeling the need to have a personal relationship with God. Interestingly Jesus does not give us a choice. He says that loving God is the first and greatest commandment. It is from that relationship with God that the second gets its meaning and importance. The two loves are not meant to be conflicting. It is not a question of either one or the other but both. The danger here is that we may think we know better than Jesus. He states very clearly that the two loves are equally important. We need God's enabling power, that is, the Holy Spirit. We need to be nourished at the Eucharist and by the Word of God in order to have the capacity, the ability to love our neighbour. Basically, our neighbour according to Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan is anyone who is in need. This demands a concrete response. So, Christianity is a very concrete and practical religion. It might be easy enough to love God but the simple test of whether we do or not is how do we love, relate to our brothers and sisters. The early Church Fathers said that if we have plenty of clothes especially those items we never use and do not share them with the poor we are stealing from them. Strong words indeed. So loving our neighbours as ourselves means loving them as if they are members of our own family, as if they were our own. The Good News is that Jesus is inviting us to prioritise what our faith, our religion is all about.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Joyce Finch, Debbie Ferris, Diane Liddell, Margaret and David Curtis, David Quigley, Christine McGivern, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember John Kinsella, Margaret Walsh, Jack Cannon, Josephine Conway, Joe Digman, Terence Verdon, Marion Elrington, Martin Higgins, Stephen Higgins, John McCann, Rosemary Browning, Jackie Conway, Ronald Webb, John and Winifred Melody, Paul Lemont, Patrick Galvin, Owen and Kate Gavin, James Joseph Regan and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During this month we are asked 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 and put them in the Holy Souls envelopes available in the Church porch, and place them in the box which is in front of the Altar. Please do not put money in these envelope but if you wish to offer a special Mass for them please use the Request for Mass Intention envelopes which are available in the Parish Office.

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE

Over the last year, under the direction of the Diocese, the Parish has been carrying out the relevant Building Compliance and Health and Safety Surveys in order to enable the Parish Centre to be fully reopened for use by Parish Groups and other hirers. Whilst we still have further refurbishment works to undertake, we are now able to offer one off and small group hires. If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre, please call the Parish Office for further details.

This Week Saturday 28th October – Sunday 5th November (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 28th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Jackie Conway RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 29th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY	8:30am Helen Maloney RIP 10:30am Mel Doherty RIP 3:00pm Syro Malankara Community Holy Mass	NO COFEE MORNING 12:00pm Baptism
Monday 30th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of Michael O'Halloran Maurice O'Shea RIP	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 31st October Feria in ordinary Time	9:15am Ints of Margaret McAlonan Kenneally Family RIP	
Wednesday 1st November SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION	11:30am Holy Mass in Church Joan Rawlings RIP 7:00pm Mark Swain RIP	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 2nd November All SOUL'S DAY The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	11:30am Holy Mass in Church Peter Hayward RIP 7:00pm Holy Mass for All Departed Souls	
Friday 3rd November Feria in ordinary Time	11:30am Pat Galvin RIP Bridget and John Jo Murphy RIP	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4th November Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	12:30pm Patrick Duffy RIP John Lynch RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 5th November THIRTIETH—FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR JOHNSON ASSOCIATION (RETIRED AND INFIRM	8:30am Michael Kenny RIP 10:30am Daniel Prengast RIP 3:00pm Syro Malankara Community Holy Mass	NO COFEE MORNING

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£339.97**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£145.60**

**APF WORLD
MISSIO:
£181.35**

**Standing Order for
the month of
August :1,795.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 259**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Malachi 1:14-2:2,
8-10; Ps 130;
1 Thessalonians
2:7-9, 13;
Matthew 23:1-12**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 18th November after 12:30pm Mass, in the Parish Centre. Your donations will now be appreciated.

We are in need of toys, chocolates, bottles, fancy goods and new electrical items. We also need prizes for the main raffle. These can be left in the Parish Office during office hours. No clothes, books or CDs. Thank you .

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY LAND

Our Holy Father has asked us to pray for peace in the Holy Land. Let us remember them in our prayers.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

You are warmly invited to our Senior Citizens party to be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 2nd December 2023. 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 20th November 2023.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE PARTY

We need people on the Friday evening 1st December to set up in the Centre, then "waiters and waitresses" on Saturday and finally volunteers to clear up after the event. If you can help, please contact Angela Corbett and Payal in the Office. Thank you for your support as always.

THE GIVING TREE

We are planning to have the usual Giving Tree to provide gifts for those in need. More details to follow shortly.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all the Altar Servers on Saturday 11th November at 10:00am in the Church. We would also like to invite anyone who has made their First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server, ⁴ to come along as well. Please do your best to attend.