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THE ARCHDIOCESE
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THIRTIETH—FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
4th November to
12th November
2023

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

*Exercise daily by walking with
the Lord.*

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

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

A sincere person is a person who is not hiding his flaws. A hypocrite, on the other hand, is always doing his best to hide his faults and pretend to be better than he actually is. This is Jesus' concern in our Gospel reading for this Sunday. He is not interested in a spirituality based on pretence. He is interested in honesty, sincerity and humility.

Jesus tells us that honest and sincere spirituality doesn't stop with talk. It goes on to action as well. The Gospel gets its relevance, when we put it into practice in our everyday life. This spirituality doesn't add to our burdens but to our resources. The religion of the Pharisees didn't relieve people of their burdens. Rather, it added to them. Real Christianity is challenging, but real Christianity doesn't stop there. It also helps us bear our burdens. It assures us that when we fail, God is willing and ready to forgive us, because he is a God of grace and mercy. It also encourages us to find Christian brothers and sisters to journey with us.

Honest and sincere spirituality is not about showing off to each other but it is about humbly serving one another. The religion of the Pharisees wasn't really about seeking after God. Rather, it was about being recognized and looked up to by other people. Jesus says, "The greatest among you will be your servant". He isn't saying that if you serve others, God will reward you by making you great. He says that if you serve others, you are already great. In a world where everyone is trying to be recognized and respected by others, everyone is automatically in competition with each other. But in a world where we follow Jesus' teaching, we aren't in competition with each other. Rather, we're serving each other in love, and so we can build real community together.

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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 Florence Delmas, Bridget Griffin, James Johnston, Joseph Hastings, Roy Phillips, Maureen Forde, Edward Gordon Ibbotson, John Fawcett, Peggy Clarke, James Patrick McLoughlin, Peggy O'Gorman, Lovisa Bryant, Barbara O'Nions, Lilian Wadley, Laura Webb, Tom Digman, Sean Lynch, Joseph Hastings, Dana Anderson, Owen McCann and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

THE JOHNSON FUND

The Johnson Fund was founded in 1710 with the aim of providing financial help and support to the aged and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and its work continues to this day. Many priests still rely on its support. Please give generously to this charity this week.

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, to come along as well. Please do your best to attend.

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.

<p align="center">This Week Saturday 4th November – Sunday 12th November (Psalter Week 3)</p>	<p align="center">Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p align="center">Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 4th November Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Patrick Duffy RIP John Lynch RIP</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p>Sunday 5th November THIRTIETH—FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR JOHNSON ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>8:30am Michael Kenny RIP 10:30am Daniel Prengast RIP 3:00pm Syro Malankara Community Holy Mass</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By S.V.P</p>
<p>Monday 6th November Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30am Michael Doherty RIP Rose Bohan RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy</p>
<p>Tuesday 7th November Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:15am Josephine Ferris RIP Peter Corless RIP</p>	
<p>Wednesday 8th November Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30am HN School Mass in Church Andy O’Gara RIP Colum Conway RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary</p>
<p>Thursday 9th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</p>	<p>9:00am Mass at St. Mark’s School Ints of Arnot and Sullivan Families</p>	
<p>Friday 10th November Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>11:30am Michael Kenny RIP Fr. Anthony Guilfoyle RIP</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
<p>Saturday 11th November Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop</p>	<p>12:30pm Patrick Duffy RIP</p>	<p>10:00am Altar Server Meeting 12:00pm Confession</p>
<p>Sunday 12th November THIRTIETH—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY</p>	<p>8:30am Michael and Anne Doocey RIP 10:30am St. Mark’s Family Mass and Liturgy of the Children Ints of Andrew Campbell</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Helena , Marie and friends</p>

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£386.51

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£145.20

Standing Order for
the month of
August :1,795.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 263

Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:

Wisdom
6:12-16; Ps 62;
1 Thessalonians
4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

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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 .

Remembrance Sunday

The First World War ended on 11 November 1918 and the Sunday nearest to this date is kept as Remembrance Sunday. A charity, the Royal British Legion, was set up after the war, to support war veterans and their families by raising money from the sale of poppies. The poppies are a reminder of the battle fields in France where these flowers grew in the churned up ground. Ever since, this charity has continued its work and it is still very important in the care and support of veterans from modern wars. Please support this work by buying a poppy from the Church porch.

ST MARK'S INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

At. St Mark's we are proud to celebrate our diverse community and this year, we invite you for an All Souls' celebration like no other. A traditional Catholic Mass incorporating Mexican culture and tradition. All welcome.

THANK YOU

On 19th and 20th October 2023, St. Mark's had their Catholic School Inspectorate Inspection. We like to thank all the parishioners that attended Mass on Thursday 19th and for your ongoing support and love for our wonderful school. We look forward to sharing the report with you soon and seeing you all on Sunday 12th November for our first Family Mass of the academic year.