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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 11th November 2018

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Sunday Reflection - In the Gospels we often find Jesus spending time with “the little ones”, the humble ones of God. Their material poverty marginalized them in society, and widows were certainly in that category. A widow alone, and without income and social status was looked on as ‘the poorest of the poor’. In our liturgy today we meet two widows, who challenge us to reflect on what ‘we mean by “giving” and “loving”’. In the first reading the widow has a son to support. She is reduced to her last handful of meal and drop of olive oil. Elijah invites her to risk all in her giving of food to him. He assures her God will provide. She believes, and then discovers she has a never-ending supply of flour and oil. She represents all those who despite their poverty, place all their trust in God’s love. In the Gospel scene Jesus denounces the public display of the Scribes and this provides a background for him to highlight the humble behavior of a poor widow in her contribution to the Temple. Her example of true and genuine piety contrasts sharply with the flamboyant counterfeit piety of the Scribes. They are an elite and secure group courting honour and notice every opportunity. They give of their surplus whereas she gives ‘all she had to live on’. She typifies what Jesus will do himself - give his whole life as an offering to God. In the arithmetic of the kingdom her offering is worth more than all the other offerings. Jesus expects his followers to do likewise.

Remembrance Sunday - Is this weekend Sunday 11th November. Poppies are available in the Repository & Parish Office. We Remember and Pray.

First Holy Communion - The 3rd Session will be held on Sun 18th November at 9am in the School Hall. Children and Parents then go to 10am Mass

Mary’s Meals - Wants your unwanted clothing and bedding (*No duvets or pillows please*) and will be at our Church **until 12.15pm on Sunday 18th Nov** to collect them all. Put your clothing/bedding into tied sacks and bring them to Mass where the charity Mary’s Meals will be here to pick them up. Not only will you be getting rid of unwanted clothes/bedding and giving yourself a little more space, but you will also benefit a really worthwhile charity. Mary’s Meals feeds children one good meal every day at a school in over 14 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £13.90 per child per year!

Remembrance Service - In the month of November we always remember our beloved Holy Souls each day at Mass. We have a Special Service on Monday 26th November at 6.30pm to remember our dear relatives who have died in the past year. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Bazaar - Please support the Parish by donating any of the following items; Wine, Spirits, Chocolates, Biscuits, new Toiletries, Perfumes, Make up all (unopened), Bric a Brac (Good condition). These can be left in the box in the Colonnade. Raffle tickets are now available.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon - Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon - Sat 10am

6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 - 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 - 11.15am

6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon - Fri 10.30 am - 11.15am

Rosary - Wednesdays 10.30am, followed by Tea/Coffee in the Founders Room.

Legion of Mary - Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Library. New members are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’ Room.

Saints Days

Mon 12th - St Josaphat

Thu 15th - St Albert the Great

Fri 16th - St Edmund of

Abingdon

Sat 17th - St Hilda,

St Hugh of Lincoln,

St Elizabeth of Hungary

Baptismal Course - Will be on Tues 20th & Tues 27th Nov. Parents must attend both Sessions. Please get a registration form from the Parish Office.

Our Lady of Dolours
Christmas Bazaar
Lots of fun for the whole family!

SATURDAY, 01 DECEMBER
11:30 PM - 4:00 PM

RAFFLES TOMBOLA WHEEL OF FORTUNE
HOT FOOD AND DRINK MULLED WINE AND IRISH COFFEE FACE PAINTING
FAMILY NATIVITY PHOTOS SANTA'S GROTTO LIVE ANIMALS
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS CAKE SALE BRIC A BRAC

WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR
THEY REJOICED EXCEEDINGLY WITH GREAT JOY
MATTHEW 2:10

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