



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week 4 Year B

Sunday 7th November 2021:

6pm* Sheila & Liam Kinsella +

8.30am: Walter & Kathryn Vassallo +

10.30am: Maurice Hunt +
(3pm: *Blessing of Graves at Bells Hill Cemetery*) see parish notices

6pm: Gerry Farrell +

Mon 8

(Church open 10am-6pm)

6.00pm: Lloyd Family +

Tues 9 The Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

(Church open 10am-6pm)

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Margaret Simons +

Wed 10 NO MASS

(parish office closed)

Thurs 11

10am: Rose Ryans (int)

Fri 12

(Church open 10am-7pm)

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Greta O'Connor +
(1.30pm: *Christian Meditation*)
(6pm: *Adoration*)

Sat 13

6pm* David Williams (int)

14th: 33rd In Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

8.30am: Robert Ansara +

10.30am: Adam Panczak +

6pm: Tom Murphy +

And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

Jesus taught his disciples a dramatic lesson in generous giving with love and devotion. He shows us that Love does not calculate - it spends lavishly. Jesus drove this point home to his disciples while sitting in the temple and observing people offering their tithes. Jesus praised a poor widow who gave the smallest of coins in contrast with the rich who gave greater sums. How can someone in poverty give more than someone who has ample means? Jesus' answer is very simple - love is more precious than gold.

Jesus taught that real giving must come from the heart. A gift that is given with a grudge or for display loses most of its value. But a gift given out of love, with a spirit of generosity and sacrifice, is invaluable. The amount or size of the gift doesn't matter as much as the cost to the giver. The poor widow could have kept one of her coins, but instead she recklessly gave away all she had. Jesus praised someone who gave barely a penny - how insignificant a sum - because it was everything she had, her whole living. What we have to offer may look very small and not worth much, but if we put all we have at the Lord's disposal, no matter how insignificant it may seem, then God can do with it and with us what is beyond our reckoning. This weekend as we continue to pray for the UN Climate conference, may we understand that Creation is a gift given by the Creator who asks us to be generous and wise stewards.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Mercy and compassion are never worthless, by Leo the Great, 400-461 A.D. "The 'widow' in the Gospel put two coins into the 'treasury,' and this surpassed the gifts of all the rich. No mercy is worthless before God. No compassion is fruitless. He has given different resources to human beings, but he does not ask different affections."

Fr John

NOTICES

MASS TIMES: SATURDAY (vigil): 6.00pm.

SUNDAY: 08.30am, 10.30am and 6.00pm.

MONDAY: 6.00pm, TUESDAY: 10.00am, WEDNESDAY
no mass, **THURSDAY: 10.00am** and **FRIDAY: 10.00am**

SATURDAY RE GROUP: November 20th, December 4th and 11th in the JP Room: 9.30-10.45am. We welcome all children from Reception to Y6 who attend non-Catholic schools and worship in our parish. We begin each session with a prayer, reflection and song. We may talk about seasons of the liturgical year, feast days or concentrate on the gospel for the coming Sunday. We then break into groups with more focused teaching for KS1 and KS2 children. It would be helpful if each child brings their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils as we currently cannot share resources.

HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER †

Please write the names of your loved ones who have died in the book (*this is situated in the alcove near the Confessional*). Last year's names will remain in the book. This book will be brought to the altar at Mass. Your offerings can be placed in the box next to the book.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sun 7th November, 3pm Bells Hill Cemetery (**TODAY**)

Sun 14th November, 2pm New Southgate Cemetery

Sun 14th November: 2.30pm Hampstead Cemetery

Sun 7th & 21st November: 2pm Hendon Cemetery

Sun 21st November: 2pm Mill Hill Cemetery

Sun 21st November: 2pm Trent Park Cemetery

Sun 21st November: 3pm Short Service St Edwards Church, Golders Green Crematorium.

LIFE ASCENDING: A Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years: Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Next meeting is on Tuesday 19th October after the 10am Mass.** Please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS are back! After the 10am Mass in the JP Room. All welcome.

SICK & RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION: is for the sick & retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

This is our chance to say thank you to our sick and retired priests who have given so much. You will find a donation envelope attached to this newsletter. Please take it home and return it next weekend with your donation.

Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can also donate online www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

MUSIC LITURGY - 10.30AM MASS

Gathering and Going forth: Act Justly, love tenderly. Walk, walk humbly with your God.

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Communion: Let all who are thirsty come. Let all who wish receive the water of life freely. Amen, come Lord Jesus. Amen, come Lord Jesus.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

****Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:** Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Amparo Abalos, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens.

(*please note we are updating our prayer requests. You will see many names have been removed - if you wish for them to be placed back on the prayer list, please email the presbytery - thank you).

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