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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time : (Year B) 7th November 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 6th November | Vigil: 32nd Sunday | 6.00pm | People of the parish |
| Sunday 7th November | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.30am | Jim Diver RIP |
| | | 10.30am | Gordon Peterson |
| Thursday 11th November | St Martin of Tours | 9.15am | Kingsley Family |
| Friday 12th November | St Josaphat | 9.15am | Margaret Aggett RIP |
| Saturday 13th November | Vigil: 33rd Sunday | 6.00pm | Brenda Zitver |

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30, or see Fr John.

Mass intentions, please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 7th November 2021

Entrance Antiphon: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!*

Next week's readings: *Daniel 12:1-13, Psalm 15:5,8-11, resp v1, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18, Mark: 13:24-32*

Fr. John writes:

“The Lord upholds the widow and orphan.” (Psalm 145)

Our first reading today tells the story of Elijah being sent to request water and food from a poor widow who is herself in dire straits. It was a story well known enough for Jesus to have mentioned it in his teaching (in Luke chapter 4) to illustrate the fact that prophets had often been rejected by their own people. This was because Elijah, who had confronted the king of Israel and his wife for setting up a temple to worship a pagan deity, had been sent by God to take refuge outside Israel and during a drought to seek out a non-Jewish woman for help. Elijah finds this gentile woman prepared to listen to the word of God, whilst the people of Israel reject it. When Jesus mentions this story (in his home town of Galilee), his own people indeed reject him and try to throw him off a cliff!

Elijah's encounter with the widow is a story about keeping faith with God in difficult times. Elijah has found himself, in obedience to God's word, alone and starving in a foreign land. Why on earth, he must have thought, has God sent him to ask this poor widow for food? She has watched her food supplies dwindle down to the very last and she is preparing a final meal and accepting that she and her son will then die. But Elijah tells her not to be afraid and that he has received the word of the Lord that her final scraps of grain and oil will last till the end of the drought. Trusting in the word of God, she shares the food with Elijah and miraculously the food does indeed last. Help us dear Lord to trust in you in good times and in bad. Help us always to try to share your gifts with those less fortunate than ourselves, for you O Lord love the just and protect the stranger.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - BOOKING for MASS To Book log into carpenterspark@rcdow.org.uk and select EVENTS.

PARISH MEETING-A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER AND LISTEN TO EACH OTHER Thursday 25th November 7.30pm here at St Joseph's

As part of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023, Pope Francis has asked for the whole Church to take the opportunity to listen to and discuss with each other our experiences of faith, particularly during the pandemic. What gives us joy in our parish community; what areas of our mission might we need to build up; what are our hopes and dreams for the future? These are some of the topics we might discuss, but the most important thing about the meeting is the chance to listen to each other. To help with preparations let us know if you wish to attend via email carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk or give us a call on 020 8428 0088.

Other Listening Events

With Bishop Paul McAleenan

Monday 29th November, 7.00pm – 9.00pm – at Garston Parish, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford WD25 ONE. Booking is required through catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Online Listening Events:

Monday 15th November, 7.00pm – 9.00pm – Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84280088>

Saturday 20th November, 10.00am-12noon – Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84280088>

Wednesday 24th November 7.00pm – 9.00pm – Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84280088>

"The SVP are distributing **11.500 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless and those spending the principal part of their day on the streets. Each pack contains thermal gloves, thermal hat, two pairs of socks, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, Pavement magazine, information sheet and pen. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.70 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support."

Diocesan Mass following the Pandemic On 7th November at 5.30 pm

Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral, for all those who have died during the pandemic, all who mourn them, all who have been bereaved or traumatised, those who were ill and those who cared for them, including all in the medical profession and care workers. All are welcome to this Mass, especially doctors, nurses, care workers and all health care professionals

Our prayers are asked for Helen Birch and for the success of her hospital treatment.



We have a second collection today for the annual Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please donate if you can to help ensure that our sick and older priests are well supported having given a lifetime of dedicated service. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters also feature a QR Code that you can scan with your phone & donate in that way if you prefer. We are aware that you have many calls on your funds, so thank you for any help you can give.

FLAT TO LET The flat comprises entrance lobby, bedroom, large kitchen, bathroom and lounge. It is situated within the grounds of St Joseph's Church. The property is available immediately on an unfurnished basis. Subject to references. Please email carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk or call 020 8428 0088 for more details.

Prayer for COP26 climate summit

Loving God,
We praise your name with all you have created.
You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest creatures.
We acknowledge the responsibility you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
for the poorest and most vulnerable,
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.
We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

The Financials....

Total offertory for weekend 31/10/21

Envelopes £267.16

Loose Plate £182.41

September Virgin Money Donations via web £30.00

September Monthly Standing Orders: £1322.50

Last Years Standing Orders for September: £784.50

