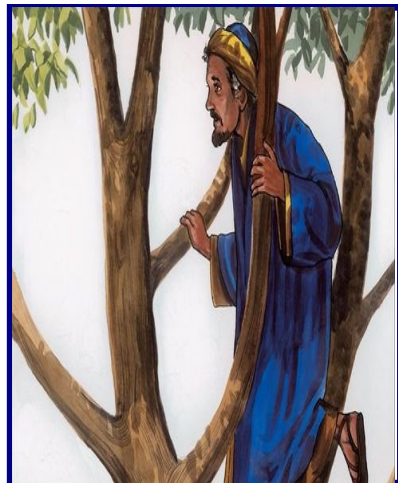


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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 30th October 2022

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	MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday 29th October	Vigil: 31st Sunday	6.00pm	Brian & Helen Coelho
Sunday 30th October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.30am	Lenin Furtado RIP
Tuesday 1st November	All Saints- Holyday of Obligation	9.15am	Pupils & Staff at St Joseph's Sch
		7.00pm	Teresa McCann
Wednesday 2nd November	All Souls Day	9.15am	The Holy Souls
Thursday 3rd November	Feria	9.15am	Fr Duncan Adamson RIP
Friday 4th November	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop	9.15am	The Holy Souls
Saturday 5th November	Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish
	CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John		
	Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date		

Liturgy of the Word: 30th October 2022

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
 be not far from me!
 Make haste and come to my help,
 O Lord, my strong salvation!

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name forever,
 O God my king.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessings on the King who comes,
 in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven
 and glory in the highest heavens!
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14, Psalm 16, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5, Luke 20:27-38

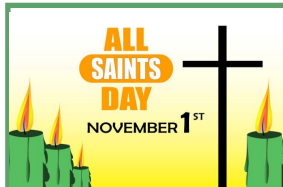
Gospel Reflection

Tax collectors have featured both in last week's Gospel and this week's. We remember the tax collector praying humbly and simply in the Temple last week and asking for God's forgiveness. This week we have the story of Zacchaeus, a senior tax collector and a wealthy man. He is so determined to see what kind of man Jesus was that he was prepared to be made fun of by climbing up a tree to get a good view of him. Jesus stops and talks to him: if Zacchaeus was somewhat conspicuous climbing a tree, he is now going to be the centre of attention of the crowd. He is a senior representative of a system which extorted taxes and his personal wealth will have been established by taking a cut from the taxes he collected. No pious Jew would want to be associated with a tax collector.

But Jesus asks to stay at Zacchaeus' house. This must have surprised Zacchaeus as much as it did the onlookers. The crowd think Jesus is wrong to go to the house of a sinner. But in response, Zacchaeus tells Jesus he is going to give half his property to the poor and repay anyone he has cheated four times over.

When Jesus saw Zacchaeus, he did not want to condemn him. When others wanted to judge, rebuke, and reject, Jesus saw a chance for mercy and salvation. Zacchaeus felt mercy and love when Jesus looked at him and it gave him confidence to ignore the hostility of the crowd and to accept Jesus' invitation to spend time with him.

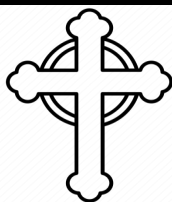
No matter how many mistakes we may have made Jesus wants to spend time with us. There are many distractions and we may need to create our own space to try to get to know Jesus better. When we do, he will always respond with love and mercy.



Solemnity of All Saints Tuesday 1st November

The Solemnity of All Saints is a holyday of obligation when Catholics are expected to attend Mass.

Masses at 9:15am & 7pm



November is the Month of the HOLY SOULS

Please complete the white form with the names of any Deceased family members or friends whom you wish to be remembered at Masses during the month of November. Enclose the form in the dedicated brown envelope *with a Mass offering*. Then post in the wooden box at the back of church.



Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Saturday 26th November 12:30-5pm

The Catholic Women’s League CWL have kindly resurrected the Senior Citizens Christmas party this year. It will be held in our parish hall. There are letters at the back of church if you would like to invite a guest.

****Lots of hands are needed to help out on the day****

Please contact Pauline James 01923 231 261 or Ann Farrell on 01923 242 314 for any offer of help you can give.



The Sick & Retired Priests’ collection is next week - 5/6 November



The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests’ 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 at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. You can donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a ‘QR Code’ that

you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

Homes for Ukraine Matching Service

Caritas Social Action Network CSAN, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Once the match is confirmed the Ukrainian guest can apply for their visa. We know that coping with the cost of living crisis will be the main concern for many people this winter, but if you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then get in touch. Please visit www.sjog-homesforukraine.uk for more information. Or see the poster at the back of church.



Grants to older people living on low incomes

Friends of the Elderly have a small grants programme for elderly people living on low incomes, identified by the Diocesan fundraising department. Grants are c£400, cost of living grants c£250 according to their guidance.

<https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/>



Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Helen Birch, Tom O’Connor, Bebe Ryan, Bernadette Cruickshank and Alice Sheppard.

Offertory for Sunday 23rd October

Envelopes	£150.75
Loose	£201.94
TOTAL	£352.69

Many Thanks