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MONTH OF THE  
HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 6th November 2022**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday 5th November	Vigil: 32nd Sunday	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.30am	Maurice Rodrigo & John Crowle RIP
		10.30am	Maureen & Gordon Peterson RIP
Tuesday 8th November	Feria	7.00pm	The Holy Souls
Wednesday 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9.15am	Peggy Griffin RIP
Thursday 10th November	St Leo the Great	9.15am	The Holy Souls
Friday 11th November	St Martin of Tours	9.15am	Sheila Metzger RIP
Saturday 12th November	Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	Dolores Murphy RIP

**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: 6th November 2022**

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** I shall be filled, when I awake,  
with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!  
Stay awake, praying at all times  
for the strength to stand with confidence  
before the Son of Man.  
Alleluia!

**Next week's Readings:** Malachi 3:19-20, Psalm 97, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

**Gospel Reflection**

In the month of November our thoughts and prayers turn to those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As well as our deceased family members and friends, we think of those many Christians who gave up their lives for the faith, confident in the resurrection of the dead.

Our first reading today tells the story not of Christian but of Jewish martyrs who accepted torture and death rather than compromise their religious principles. They suffered under King Antiochus IV, who ruled the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC to 164. The Seleucid kings descended from the generals of Alexander the Great. Greek in language and culture, the dynasty tried to unite the subjects of their empire around that same language and culture. Conservative Jews resisted the foreign influence. One form of persecution they faced was to be forced, under pain of death, to eat pork. This was forbidden by Jewish Law.

We have the story this week of the martyrdom of a Jewish mother and her seven sons. One by one the mother sees her sons go to their death rather than deny their faith, before finally giving up her own life. The mother says to her sons: *"I was not the one who gave you life and breath . . . it was God who did it, God who created the universe, the human race, and all that exists. He is merciful and he will give you back life and breath again, because you love his laws more than you love yourself."*

The woman and her sons are known as 'the Holy Maccabean Martyrs' and are included in the official list of saints in the Catholic church. Traditionally their feast day was kept on August 1st and this continues to be observed in the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Just as the Holy Maccabean martyrs went to their deaths relying on God's promise that they would be raised up from the dead, we too rejoice in Jesus' promise of the resurrection and life eternal.

## Second collection-Sick & Retired Priests

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

CARING FOR  
THOSE WHO CARED

Sick & Retired Clergy  
Fund



## 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.

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

**\*\*Can anyone help to provide some musical entertainment on the day from 2-4pm\*\***

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



## Panto –Rapunzel

**Saturday 3rd December @ 2pm and 5pm. All tickets £5**

South Oxhey Baptist Church will be the venue for two performances of Rapunzel, performed by Saltmine Theatre Company (Faith Motivated Arts). *Let your hair down this Christmas and join Saltmine Theatre Company's unexpectedly twisty tall tale as we unravel the knots of being different, being free – and being yourself.*

Further details from [info@southoxheybaptistchurch.org](mailto:info@southoxheybaptistchurch.org) .uk



## Memories Café – Bereavement and Loss drop-in support sessions.

*Every Monday - 11am to 1pm at the Watford Hospital Chaplaincy.*

Memories Café offers a chance to meet with others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of bereavement and find mutual support and encouragement when you need it most. For more information please email: [westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net](mailto:westherts.spiritualcare@nhs.net)

## 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](http://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 30th October

Envelopes £334.31

Loose £271.47

TOTAL £605.78

*Many Thanks*