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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th October 2024 Year B

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26th Oct	Vigil: 30th Sunday	17.00 STJ	NO Exposition (Confessions available)
		18:00 STJ	Lenin De Monte Furtado RIP-Anniv
Sun 27th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00 STM	Raul De Lima RIP- Anniv
		11:00 STJ	Christopher Petch RIP-Anniv
		18:00 STM	People of the Parishes
Mon 28th Oct	Ss Simon & Jude	10:00 STM	L Ellen Broek RIP
Tues 29th Oct	Blessed Martyrs of Douai	09.00 STJ	NO Exposition
		10:00 STJ	Joyce Winters RIP-Anniv
Wed 30th Oct	Feria	NO MASS TODAY	
Thur 31st Oct	Vigil: All Saints	18.00 STJ	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		19:00 STJ	John O'Donnell RIP-L/D
Fri 1st Nov	ALL SAINTS	10.00 STM	Holy Souls
Sat 2nd Nov	All Souls Day	10.30 STM	Holy Souls
		17:00 STJ	Exposition (Confessions available)
	Vigil: 31st Sunday	18:00 STJ	People of the Parishes
Sun 3rd Nov	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	09:00 STM	Holy Souls
		11:00 STJ	Roque Fernandes RIP
		18:00 STM	Holy Souls

CONFESSIONS available Saturday 17:00-17:45

Liturgy of the Word: 27th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon:	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.			
Responsorial Psalm:	What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.			
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!			
Next week's Readings:	Deuteronomy 6:2-6	Psalm 17	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 12: 28-34

Fr Tom writes

The scriptures this Sunday point us to the reality that being spiritually blind can seem worse than physical blindness for believers. With the eyes of faith, we can view the interior of our lives and the direction our lives are headed. "Master, Let me see again" cries Bartimaeus, a powerful declaration of his desire for both physical and spiritual sight. His plea is not just for his own vision, but for the clarity of those around him who profess faith yet still harbour doubt. Bartimaeus, in his vulnerability, seizes this moment to commit himself to the transformative power of faith, the very force that can liberate us from both physical and spiritual blindness.

Through the eyes of faith, we can see more than we could ever imagine. "Have mercy on me" is the prayer of faith. With my eyes opened, I both see and hear the Lord calling me to a more abundant life. This transformative power of faith gives us hope, as we realize that with family and friends, leaning on our faith, and seeing others as Christ sees them are the things that matter the most. "Lord Jesus Christ, God, have mercy on me."

We are always welcome to call out to Jesus, knowing that no matter what we face, he is as near as our next prayer. Bartimaeus, through the eyes of faith, gained more than just his sight. He gained a deeper faith. What could we receive with a renewed vision? What are the needs that drive us to cry out to Jesus? !

Fr Tom on holidays

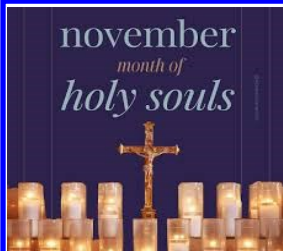
Fr Tom is taking a well deserved break and will return to parish life here on Thursday 31st October. Fr Bernard Boylan will be kindly covering the weekday Masses and Fr Pat O'Beirne of the Columban Fathers will be covering Masses this weekend. There will be NO Exposition whilst Fr Tom is away.

Annual Mission Appeal for the Columban Fathers

Welcome to Fr Pat O'Beirne of the Columban Fathers who is celebrating our weekend Masses with us. He will speak about their work and make an appeal on their behalf. If you are able to make a donation to their work, that would be a great help.

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 1st November is All Saints Day and is therefore a day that as Catholics we should go to Mass. There are two Masses which will fill this obligation. A Vigil Mass at St Joseph's on Thursday evening at 7.00pm and the Mass of the day on Friday at 10am in St Matthew's.



Month of the Holy Souls

November is traditionally the month when we remember the Holy Souls. During that month all our Masses (apart from the People of the Parishes) will be offered for the Holy Souls. Sheets are available at the back of Church to list your departed loved ones and place them in a special envelope with a donation towards a Mass stipend. All those list of names will be placed by the altar and remembered at Mass through the month of November.

100 Club draw

Draw No 9 will be held this **Sunday after 11am Mass**. All winners will be notified next week and the winning numbers published in the newsletter.

Remember there is a **Bonus prize of £500 in the final draw next January** only for fully paid up members. It is not too late to top-up on any missed draws, so that you can play for the big prize!



Repository

New stock has arrived this week so please pay a visit to the shop after Mass. We have boxes of religious Christmas cards at a reasonable price, along with many other items.

CWL Senior Citizens Christmas party

The Catholic Women's League is holding their Senior Citizens Christmas party again this year in the parish hall on **Saturday 30th November from 12:30 to 5pm**. Tickets are limited. Cost £5 on the door. Forms are available at the back of church. RSVP by 24th November.



World Mission Sunday

Thank you for celebrating World Mission Sunday last weekend. £202.52 was raised from your donations. To support the mission all year-around visit mission.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours)

Oppose Assisted Dying

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29th November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

Baptism Preparation

Speak to Fr Tom after one of the Masses if you are interested in having your child baptised. The next Baptism Preparation evening is on **Thursday 21st November** at 7.45pm in St Matthew's in the Fr Bebb Room.

Last week's Collection 20th October: Loose £392.83 Envelopes £182.45 Total **£575.28**
Many thanks for your continued support.

Please remember all our sick & housebound parishioners in your prayers especially

Bebe Ryan, Dawn Tannian, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard, Dave Jessop, Michael O'Brien and Brendan Davern.
Pray for the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.