OUR FAITH ON SUNDAY

Liturgy

32nd Sunday of OT (C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 87:3

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

FIRST READING:

II Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14

The King of the world will raise us up to live again for ever.

PSALM: Ps. 16:1.5-6.8.15. R.v15

R) I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R)**

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R)**

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake,
with the sight of your glory. **(R)**

SECOND READING:

II Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lk 21:36
Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

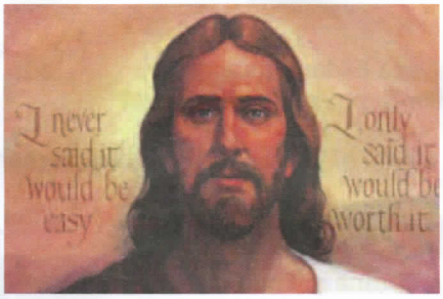
He is God, not of the dead, but of the living.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lk 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.



GOSPEL REFLECTION



In this conversation with the Sadducees, Jesus is introducing us to two great truths. The first is: the spiritual nature of men and women. The second is: that our bodies are a permanent part of that nature, we shall receive them back from the grave at the end of time. Jesus tells us that immediately after death we *"shall be as the angels"*; namely, without bodies and living a spiritual life of knowledge and love. It will be a continuation of the life of knowledge and love of God and our neighbour that we have lived on this earth. Our bodily life is our 'pilgrim's progress', our opportunity to show our love and gratitude to our Maker by the way we live and act with our fellow 'pilgrims'. In this life, my body is the means by which I shall be *"judged worthy of a place in the other world"* and win eternal life – or not – and my body will share in the reward. Jesus gives the Sadducees a strong reminder, from their own Scriptures, that the dead rise again; God, he says is "God, not of the dead, but of the living".

EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



The Social Dimension of Evangelization
Concern for the vulnerable

209. Jesus, the evangelizer par excellence and the Gospel in person, identifies especially with the little ones (cf. Mt 25:40). This reminds us Christians that we are called to care for the vulnerable of the earth. But the current model, with its emphasis on success and self-reliance, does not appear to favour an investment in efforts to help the slow, the weak or the less talented to find opportunities in life.

GOSPEL CHILDHOOD
The 'Little Way' of St Therese of Lisieux for everyone*

A WAY OF RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Let's look at Jesus' encounter with the woman of Samaria in the gospel of John (Jn 4:1-39). Jesus sits down by the well, tired out from travelling, and asks the woman for a drink. What do you think he is really thirsty for? Surely it is love. Jesus is speaking to a woman who is a Samaritan, considered by the society of the times doubly unworthy and unclean, yet Jesus asks her for the only thing she can really give – love.

Deep down I feel ever more conscious of Jesus' desire for our love, which is the only thing that can quench his thirst. Most people hardly give God a thought. Even those who say they are serious Christians don't really trust him enough to give of themselves unreservedly.

Naturally we want to keep something back for ourselves, play safe. But real love doesn't hold back like that. It's only when we really give ourselves completely that God can respond with all the tenderness pent up in the divine heart. It was because the Samaritan woman was completely open to Jesus, despite all her failings, that Jesus could make her an apostle of love, one who recognised the Messiah of Israel in the guise of a thirsty traveller.

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10th NOVEMBER 2019

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sunday (Saturday)	5.30pm	Jessica Elldane (Intentions)
Sunday	9.00am	Mike Rimmer (RIP 1st Anniv.)
Monday 11th November	11.45am	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop – Luis Fernandes (RIP Anniv.)
Friday 15th November	11.45 am	feria – Holy Souls
Sunday 17th November	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
(Saturday)	5.30pm	Deceased Members of the O'Donovan Families
Sunday	9.00am	Ivor Hopla (RIP)

November is the month when we remember those of our family and friends who have died.
The November Deceased List is at the back of the Church. At all Masses the Holy Souls will be remembered.

Feast Days This Week: 12th November – St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
16th November – St Edmund of Abingdon, Bishop

We offer our prayers and condolences to Judith and family on the death of Ivor Hopla
Also we remember to pray for Gill Taylor, Kerrie's father who died on the 4th Novermber
We offer our prayer and condolences to Kerrie and family.

Please remember in your prayers: Sick; Nigel Clark, Judy Atkins, Sofia Mayorga, Una Hewitt, Mary Jones, David Ruth, Maria Maynard, Liz Mevin and Diane Boba.

Please remember in you prayers this week in The Churches Together List the residents of:
Mansdale Road, High Street, Crouch Hall Lane, Flamsteadbury Lane, Pondsmead, Beechfield Close, Caddington Common, Cowper Rise, Harps Hill, Old Vicarage Gardens, Sebright Road, Chad Lane, Hollybush Lane, Priory Orchard and Wood End Farm.

Confessions are available after Saturday evening Mass and on request.

Favourite Hymn to sing at Mass. Maggy has left a list on the table at the back of the Church for anyone to write their favourite hymn to be sung at Mass on Sundays.

First Holy Communion Preparation for our children will begin after Christmas. Communion date to be arranged. Forms available at the back of the Church must be returned by the end of November.

Mission Red Boxes: Those who have the red collection boxes should please return them now.

Christmas Hampers: Luxury food and drink items are requested please. Place your contributions in the box to be found in the porch. The hampers will be raffled on Sunday 1st December after Mass.
This year the proceeds will go to **CAFOD.**
To make things easier and go smoothly for the draw each ticket will be £1 each instead on £1 per strip.
If you are able to sell tickets before or after Mass, please add your name to the list in the porch.

Catholic Newspapers; As the newspapers have not been purchased for some time, from December they will no longer be available. If you wish to receive a paper you can contact: michelle.jones @thecatholicuniverse.com

Sick and Retired Priests: Next week our Parish will take up a collection to help support the basic needs of the sick and retired priests of the Diocese of Westminster. Your generous donation helps ensure these men who've lived their vocation and given their lives to the Church are provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Sick & Retired Priests Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence, and personal needs of these priests. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church, please take one home, read about this important work, and bring back next weekend with a donation if you are able.
They've been here or us; lets be there for them.