

29-OCT - 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

First reading: Exodus 22:20-26

The Israelites must show fairness in practical matters

Responsorial: Psalm 17:2

R: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

The fervour of the Thessalonian converts encouraged other local churches

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus' summation of morality as the twofold commandment of love

I: Its all I have

Jesus: Its all I want

Love God
Love Others
The rest are details

Jesus (Mt 22:37-40)

Bad religion puts law above love. Bad religion fights for the partial truth of religion. We risk being victims of bad religion, just as we can be victims of bad nationalism, bad psychology or any other bad way of living.

Jesus' life was to propose good religion (way of the Gospel) and to live by it.

May we give all we have in our lives, giving in love, knowing that all we give is itself a gift from God, the giver of all good gifts.

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SUNDAY, 29-Oct	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm 3.00pm - <i>Filipino Mass</i>
MONDAY, 30-Oct	Mass: 9.30am
TUESDAY, 31-Oct	Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
WEDNESDAY 01-Nov	ALL SAINTS: Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm
THURSDAY, 02-Nov	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) Mass: 9.30am, 12noon & 6.30pm
FRIDAY, 03-Nov	Mass: 12.00noon & 6.30pm
SATURDAY, 04-Nov	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop: Mass: 9.30am 6.30pm - <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
SUNDAY, 05-Nov	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm 4.00pm - <i>Konkani Mass</i>

POPE'S INTENTION – OCTOBER 2023

For the Synod -We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Paule Szczech, Martin Mongan, Louis Gabriel and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

NOVEMBER: INDULGENCES

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) on one of the days from 1-8 November visit devoutly a cemetery or simply pray mentally for the dead; (2) on All Souls' Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father and the Creed.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who (1) visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; (2) recite devoutly Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation 'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...'

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION

The retiring 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. Last year, the Diocese provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our Diocese. 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. Donation envelopes are at the porch of the church. 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 to give online.

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Wednesday, 1st November is the feast of ALL SAINTS, a Holyday of Obligation. There will be Masses at 6.30pm Vigil Mass 9.30am and 6.30pm on 31st October and 1st November.

All Souls Day Thursday 2nd is all souls day Masses at 9.30am, 12noon and 6.30pm.

ALL SAINTS DAY CHILDREN PARTY: To celebrate All Saints Day, the Parish will be organising an All Saints party for the Children on Saturday, 4th November 2023 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the Pastoral Centre. Children can dress as any Saint and come for the party. Registration forms are available at the Porch. Last date of submission is 29th October.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISM (CATHOLIC SCHOOLS): The Catechism classes will start from Saturday 4th November. The Parents' meeting will be at 5:15pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Pastoral Centre. Attendance is mandatory for at least one parent attending the preparatory meeting. There is no need to bring your child for the meeting.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): There will be a meeting of candidates who have enrolled for the RCIA classes at 6.00pm on Thursday 2nd November at the Marian Centre. The RCIA classes will start from Thursday 9th November. Attendance is mandatory for all persons attending these preparatory meetings. Other details of RCIA Classes will be announced later.

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: NOVEMBER DEAD LIST During the month of **November**, Masses are offered for the repose of the souls whose names appear in our *Book of Remembrance*. This book is placed on the sanctuary during the month of November. Envelopes and sheets for your Mass Intentions for the month of November [Holy Souls] are **available from the table at the intersection of the Church**. Place this sheet in an envelope along with your offerings and then put it through the Presbytery letterbox. The sheets are also available for download on the parish website.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS: With effect from 3rd December 2023, the 7.30pm Sunday Mass will be brought forward to 6.30pm at the request of parishioners.

BLESSING OF GRAVES There will be Prayer led by clergy from Wembley parishes and a general blessing of graves at Carpender's Park on Sunday, 5th November at 1.30pm. All are welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Poppy Day this year is on Friday 11 November, a day on which we honour the armed forces members who died in the First World War and all subsequent conflicts.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Poppies commemorating them in support of the Royal British Legion will be on sale after all the Masses on Sunday.

THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: "Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to mission.org.uk