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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 October 2018
“For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10, 45

MISSIO COLLECTION

Since 1922, Missio has been the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission. They bring the hope of the Gospel where there is turmoil, poverty and uncertainty in the world, and where the Church is new, young or poor.

Missio empowers local people to form and sustain communities of faith and they train and nurture future leaders so that the vital work of the Church in the world can take place.

This weekend, 20- 21 October there will be a second collection for MISSIO after all Masses. Gift aid envelopes available.

CAMINO SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to everybody who has supported Eddie Moran who has returned safely from his Camino walk.

If you sponsored Eddie but have not yet paid, please could you find him at the back of church after Mass?

RED APF BOXES

The counting team have kindly agreed to count the money in the red APF boxes during October so that we can send a cheque off in November. If you have a box at home please bring it to Mass with you before the end of October and give it to one of the welcomers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£170.07	Loose	£474.41
Standing Orders			£484.00

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners who have died in the last 12 months will be remembered and prayed for especially in the 19.30 Mass on Friday 2nd November - the Solemnity of All Souls.

Names of those who have died in the last year will be read out. If you wish to include the names of recently deceased family and friends, please add their names to the basket which will be available until Sunday 28th October. Refreshments will be served in the Cenacle after the evening Mass. All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Details for enrolment on the First Communion and Confirmation preparation programmes will be coming out shortly after half term.

There will be a group led in the parish for children who attend schools other than St Anne's or St Martins.

READING REGISTER OFFICE ON THE MOVE

From Tuesday 4th December 2018 the Register Office will be based at the Civic Offices, Bridge Street.

From this date, you will only be able to apply for replacement certificates online at www.readig.gov.uk/life-events

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: God's salvific action in the world is personified by two biblical figures, presented to us in the scripture readings in today's Mass: the suffering self-sacrificing Servant (OT) and the empathetic High Priest (NT). For the sinners and the guilty, forgiveness is achieved by the sufferings of the righteous/just man, for those who suffer there is a Messiah who feels for them on hand. In today's gospel Jesus is presented in both guises. The Saviour is sympathetic to the two disciples who approach him and make their requests known, and yet he makes clear that a share in his sufferings is the pre-condition of any future hierarchy in his kingdom. Rather than disabuse them directly of their misplaced ambitions for places of honour in that kingdom, Jesus highlights his own deliberately adopted role as servant and leaves the eschatological details of the future kingdom over to his heavenly Father. Sensitive to the all-too-human weaknesses of his disciples, Jesus points out that the Saviour has to drink the cup of suffering and a willingness to participate in these sufferings and to be of service are the fundamental requirements of all who wish to follow him, in his own day as well as in ours.

First Reading (OT): Isaiah 53, 10 – 11: In the latter days of OT history when many Jews were martyred under the Greek occupation, the image of the suffering servant who was saved by God gained great currency among the Jewish people. The Jews of Jesus own time, whether they were for or against him, were not only aware of the suffering servant image flagged up by Isaiah but would have associated any pursuit of redemption with that figure so graphically profiled by Isaiah and would also have noticed how Jesus in his proclamation of his mission associated that image with himself. The image of the suffering servant is not just about divine solidarity with those who suffer, it is also about strength being turned on its head in favour of weakness, of power and powerlessness in the salvific plan of God where the spirit of love is always in the ascendant.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 4, 14 – 16: One of the central ideas of Christology is to be found in this short reading: the Saviour/High Priest's solidarity, empathy with the people. All that the High Priest does as mediator between God and man is based on this fundamental empathy with the human condition. Through the mystery of the incarnation, God becomes involved in the fate of sinners so that in Christ heaven and earth can be reconciled. In that way Jesus' promise made in the gospel of John that he was going to prepare a place for us in that heavenly home which possesses many mansions is fulfilled.

Gospel: Mark 10, 35 – 45: The request made by the sons of Zebedee follows immediately after Jesus referring three times to his forthcoming passion and death (not in today's gospel text). The disciples were preoccupied with places of honour at the heavenly banquet while Jesus had his passion to the forefront of his mind. The disciples clearly did not understand what would qualify them for the places they so desired, i.e. a willingness to share in the Lord's sufferings.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 146-148

Masses and Intentions

Twenty-ninth week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th October 10.00 Carol, Lynn & Jim Syred
Feria in Ordinary Time

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	20 th October	17.30	Neil Campbell RIP
Sunday	21 st October	10.00	Tessa (Wheeler) Allan RIP
		18.30	Bridie & Jimmy O'Sullivan RIP
Monday	22 nd October	09.15	Madeline Costello
			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
Tuesday	23 rd October	09.15	Kathleen Brannigan
			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
Wednesday	24 th October	09.15	Eileen Sommerville Daly
			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
Thursday	25 th October	08.00	Tom Brannigan
			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
Friday	26 th October	12.30	Jenny Brannigan
			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>
Saturday	27 th October	10.00	People of the parish
			<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	28 th October	17.30	Chris & Tony Gaughan RIP
Sunday	29 th October	10.00	Jim Rand RIP
		18.30	P. Hill

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
 16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
 & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45