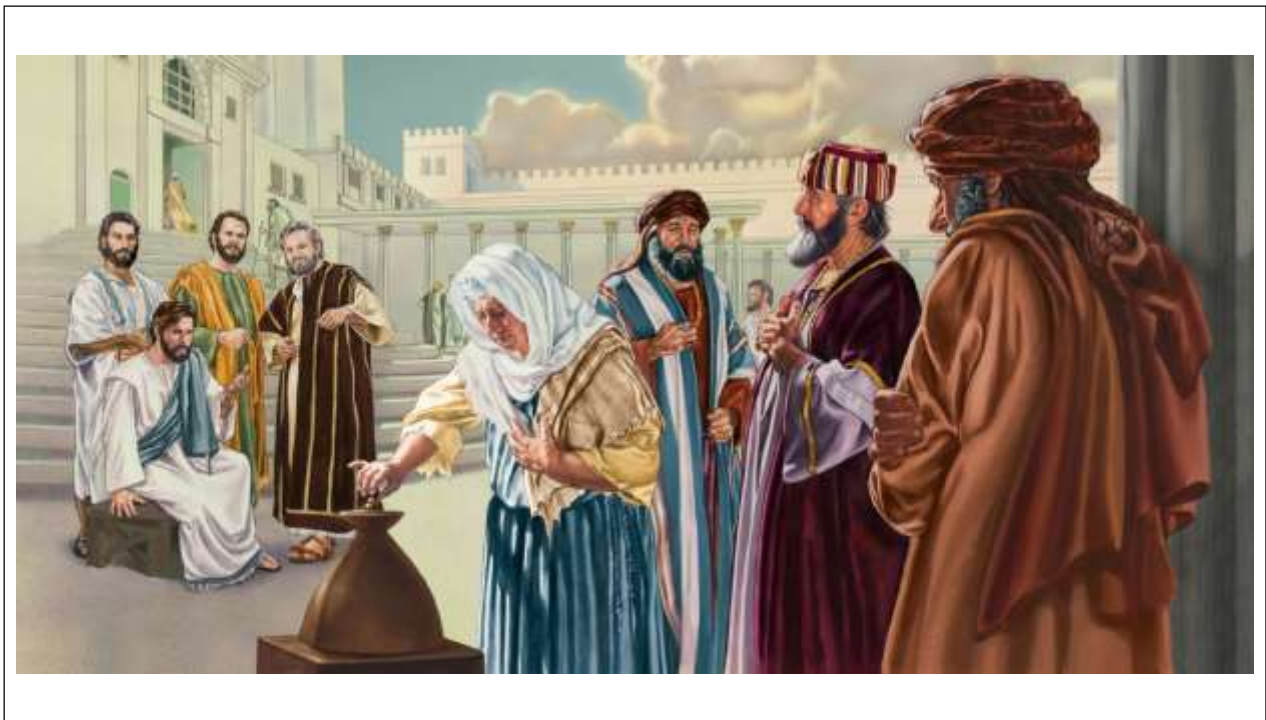


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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 November 2018

“How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5, 3

The Archdiocese hearing in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) begins in London on Monday 12 November, and runs until Friday 16 November. The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practices and cultures within the Church. The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture which has safeguarding at its very heart remains a key part of our work. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

Last weekend's Pastoral Letter on this matter can be found on the Archdiocese website

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>
0808 800 5000.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

OCTOBER 200 CLUB

1 st Mr J Woodard	3 rd Mr E Moran
2 nd Mr M Naxton	3 rd Mrs P Melling

2019 CALENDAR - THE HANDS OF TIME

Hands tell the story of life - of laughter, longing and love. £5 each. All proceeds to Hibernian Society. Order from the office or Ann Morris.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£170.50	Loose	£435.70
Johnson Fund			£142.46
Standing Orders			£484.00

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or by request from the parish office.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Henley Road Cemetery: This will take place on Remembrance **Sunday 11th November at 3pm.** Assemble in front of the Chapel/Crematorium.

Kidmore End Cemetery: Sunday 11th November at 2pm led by Deacon Brian Theobald.

CAMINO SPONSORSHIP

This is Eddie's final weekend to collect from just a few people who sponsored him.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY CAKE SALE - SUNDAY 18TH NOV.!

Please support our Children's Liturgy families by bringing your pennies along to our yummy cake sale in the Cenacle after 10am mass on Sunday 18th November! The children want to raise lots of money for CAFOD and parish funds. Donations of cakes also gratefully received! Thank you!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

The programme for preparation for this sacrament will begin at the end of January 2019. Dates and times will be sent out when details are arranged.

CONFIRMATION 2019

If your child does not attend a Catholic school and would like to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the office with your child's name and an adult's contact details.

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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Widows and orphans play an important role in the Hebrew scriptures. They lived without any legal protection. They lived in poverty, they were helpless. They were totally dependent for survival on the good will of others. Jesus turns his anger on the scribes. It is not their orthodoxy that is in question nor whether they are right or wrong in terms of what they teach. They have an attitude problem. They look down on the widows and the children they have in their charge. In fact, from widows who have nothing anyway they try to squeeze the last penny! The words they speak moreover far from being life-enhancing they are chilling and killing. It is hard for us to imagine today what power, influence and authority the scribes had in ancient Israel. Although it has to be said the current regimes in Saudi-Arabia and Iran are similar, especially when it comes to the power of the clerical elite. The gospel story encourages us to reflect on the power of a word: it can destroy self-confidence, it can wound terribly or it can build up, encourage and console. Jesus would like to see to it that our words are constructive, that they encourage and that something of God's power comes across in the word. Certainly that is what the Church, often a sign of contradiction, proclaims: a word that builds and helps people to cope with the multiple challenges of life.

First Reading (OT): 1 Kings 17, 10 - 16: Elijah was able to speak on what amounted to equal terms to kings and the powerbrokers of ancient Israel. But then he felt a mission to talk not only to them but to everyone. And in Sarepta he met a poor widow to whom he seemed to speak in a rather imperious manner, but then confronted with her plight he reached out to her and, on God's behalf, provided for her. The Church, from apostolic times right down to our own day, has always reached out to those who find themselves on the margins. And the mercy of God extends there too.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 9, 24 - 26: This was a letter written to early Christians for whom the Jewish world and the cultic life of the Jerusalem temple was still very familiar. It was the context within which they situated their relationship with God. They were familiar with the figure of the high priest, especially given that Caiaphas had held the office for virtually the entirety of Jesus' life. They knew that he was responsible for offering sacrifices and that he alone entered the holy of holies. But in Jesus there had come the unique high priest who offered himself as the one and only sacrifice.

Gospel: Mark 12, 38 - 44: How often has the Church in her history not given the prominent places, even in church buildings themselves, to the rich and powerful, and to those in fine raiment and luxurious attire! The squire always had his own pew in Anglican parish churches, the aristocracy had their reserved seats in the fashionable churches of Paris, etc. In the light of Jesus' withering observations in regard to the scribes, the story of how he observed the widow putting two small coins into the temple treasury is very telling. The widow's mite was all she had to live on, so literally and figuratively she gave all she possessed to God.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 155-156

Masses and Intentions

Thirty-second week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10th November 10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
Memorial: St Leo the Great

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 10th November 17.30 Thanksgiving for answered prayer

Sunday 11th November 10.00 Deceased of two World Wars
18.30 Patrick Rowe RIP

Monday 12th November No Mass

Memorial: St Josaphat

Tuesday 13th November No Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 14th November No Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 15th November No Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 16th November No Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 17th November No Mass

Feria in Ordinary Time

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 17th November 17.30 Mary Kearns

Sunday 18th November 10.00 Jan & Maria Harmata RIP

18.30 Timmie Buckley RIP

Confessions: Saturday 16.45 - 17.15

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45