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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26/27 October 2019

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18, 14

RECENTLY DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the soul of Evlyn Novell who died recently. Her body will be received into the church at 14.00 on Monday 28th October and her requiem Mass will be at 11.30hr on Tuesday 29th October. May she rest in peace.

OUR LADY & ST ANNE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will be holding a coffee & cake sale this weekend after 10am Mass. There will be a chance to talk to current members and discuss the work of our befriending society in the parish. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Bev Ryan at bjryan@virginmedia.com or phone 07969 884 212. We would also like to hear from parishioners who may know of any elderly relatives, friends, neighbours who would like to be visited by members of the society.

BLESSING OF GRAVES
Graves at Henley Road Cemetery will be blessed on Sunday 10th November at 15.00hrs. Assemble in front of the Chapel/Crematorium.

SECOND COLLECTION 3RD NOV
For the Johnson Fund after all Masses.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT BL HUGH FARINGDON Apply by 31st Oct to s.cook@hughfaringdon.org. See diocesan or school website for further details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
Gift Aid £151.50 Loose £525.51
Standing Orders £418.72

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is a holy day of obligation when we should try to get to one of the Masses available. These will be celebrated at 12.30hrs and 19.30hrs as it is a Friday.

ALL SOULS falls on a Saturday this year so *there will not be any exposition next Saturday*, 2nd November. Masses will be: 10.00hr, 11.30hr and the usual Saturday 17.30hr.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember and pray for all those who have died. At this time we particularly remember those family members and friends who have been dear to us and have been an important part of our lives.

Everyone is welcome to the Mass of Remembrance, where we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish. Their families have been specially invited. During the Mass, the families will be invited to light a candle, and the names of the dead will be read out.

If you have a friend or family member, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are invited to add their name to the list and a candle will be provided.

Please pass on this information to the parish office by Thursday 31st October.

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - OUR COMMON HOME The St James parish Laudato Si Group invites you to an evening on **Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm at St James church.** Details on the board.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): Humility has been described by one of the saints as “*an accurate assessment of one’s own worth.*” It is one of the human qualities which win most admiration but in our age of the populist politician and celebrity culture it is rare to find people who are genuinely humble. Recognition of the gifts and talents God has given us can be a great empowerment to do good for our community or for society. Modesty about our attainments is helped by our acknowledgement of where our capacities originate, when we genuinely accept them as gift and, when if possible, accept them as a gift for others. Ambition and pride were defects which were frequently with justification ascribed to the clergy, and from the time of Ignatius of Antioch in the early 2nd century to Chaucer in the late Middle Ages the clergy were regularly condemned for their lack of humility. Indeed, Pope Francis’ disapproving remarks about *clericalism* continue in this well-established tradition of criticism of the clergy. Whatever justification there is for this criticism today, the scripture readings this weekend encourage us to think about humility in our own lives, whether or not we belong to the clergy or the laity.

First Reading (OT): Ecclesiasticus 35, 14 – 14. 16 – 19: God is the totally “*other.*” His thoughts are not ours, his ways belong in a totally different realm to ours. The infinite God is in the totality of his being beyond our reach. It was the view of Karl Rahner that faith was the capacity to live one’s life long knowing that God was beyond the scope of our understanding. And yet the distance between the infinite God and his created world can be and is bridged. This reading from the Wisdom literature of the OT illuminates the care God takes of the humble, the poor and the virtuous. Nor is he indifferent to the prayers that are addressed to him. God himself is presented as humble enough to make his own the concerns of women and men whose lives on earth are so often a trial to them.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Timothy 4, 6 -8. 16 – 18: These are the closing sentences of Paul’s second letter to Timothy and they have an amazing finality about them. They sum up Paul’s life, his complete self-sacrifice and generosity of his gift of himself and of his talents to God and to the Lord whom he hopes to meet on the day of judgement. Paul acknowledges that all he achieved was thanks to the power of God working in him. So, this is a declaration of gratitude and a proclamation of faith in God and of the Lord’s fidelity to his servant when all others seem to have deserted him.

Gospel: Luke 18, 9 – 14: The Pharisee is not only lacking in humility, puffed up with pride, but also holds humility itself in disdain. Moreover, and this is probably his greatest fault, he passes judgement on the publican and presumes what God will think of him! Thomas Aquinas opined that the worst and most pernicious superiority complex is the one that turns down its nose on humility. This short parable is also one that is unique to the Gospel of Luke and enables Jesus to re-echo sentiments regarding the humble articulated by his mother in the *Magnificat*.

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book: pp 155-157

Masses and Intentions

Week 30 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26th October 10.00 Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
Feria in Ordinary Time

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26th October 17.30
 Sunday 27th October 10.00
 18.30

Year C

Bridget McArthur
 Pat & Philomena Brady RIP
 People of the parish

Monday 28th October 09.15
Feast: Ss Simon & Jude 14.00

Private intention re work
 Reception of Evlyn Novell
 Requiem Mass - Evlyn Novell

Tuesday 29th October 11.30
Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 30th October 09.15
Feria in Ordinary Time

Tony Lundy RIP

Thursday 31st October 08.00
Feria in Ordinary Time

Patrick Treacey RIP

Friday 1st November 12.30
Solemnity of All Saints
 (Holy Day of Obligation) 19.30

John Cameron RIP

Private intention

Saturday 2nd November 10.00
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed 11.30

Souls of the faithful departed
 Souls of the faithful departed

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday 2nd November 17.30
 Sunday 3rd November 10.00
 18.30

Chris & Tony Gaughan
 John Eppstein RIP
 People of the parish

Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30
		16.45 - 17.15
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45