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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/10 November 2019

“Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him in fact all men are alive.”

Luke 20, 38

COLOMBAN MISSIONARY APPEAL

Next weekend we welcome Fr Jerry who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Colomban Missionaries. Please give as generously as you can. Find out more at <http://columban.co.uk/about-us>

ADVENT COURSE

Fr Patrick will, once more, be putting on a series of talks during Advent. This year, the theme will be

Devotion to the Saints in the Christian Church.

Week 1: Who are the saints?

Week 2: Church recognition

Week 3: Role of the saints in the life of the Church

Week 4: The Saints in Art

Each talk will take place in the Cenacle at 19.30hrs on the Mondays of Advent:

Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd December.

Come to the whole series or just the ones that you can make.

QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

On Friday, 22nd November at 8 pm at the Reading Irish Centre - in support of the Reading Irish Centre - £7 per head. For further details, please contact Ann Morris on 0788 899 7293.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£197.50	Loose	£553.79
Standing Orders			£418.72
Fr Hudson			£155.65
World Mission Sunday			£234.03

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This weekend is Remembrance Sunday so at 10am, the Mass for the Dead will be celebrated with the readings of the day.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

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

Kidmore End blessing will be at 2pm on Sunday 10th November.

BED FOR THE NIGHT (B4N)

Seven churches in Reading are opening their doors Jan–Mar 2020 to homeless people giving them a hot meal and a bed for the night. If you would like to volunteer for a shift on this, you must first take part in one of the training sessions. These happen at Life Spring church, RG1 7UY.

Available dates for training: Sat 23rd Nov and 14th Dec. from 9.30am – 12 noon. Find out more: <https://abedforthenight.org.uk/training-dates-and-information/>

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 C – Luke): Belief in resurrection from the dead was relatively late to arrive in the Jewish religion. The Sadducees, a sect of Judaism with strong links to the Temple and the priestly cast, refuted belief in the resurrection and were ambivalent on the notion of life after death even in Jesus' day. For them, as is clear from the case they put before Jesus to catch him out, resurrection was a purely intellectual or theoretical issue. The belief in resurrection which a growing number of Jesus' contemporaries shared was born of an existential experience of life's troubles, difficulties and sufferings. The OT reading describes just how much the Jewish people had endured under their occupation by a Greek pagan king. And in Jesus' time they lived under Roman occupation, if anything more capricious and more cruel. People's faith in God was shaken by the experiences they had endured: how could this God be loving and providential, they asked. The plight of the innocent was of especial concern to them and their sufferings a matter they simply did not comprehend. And yet at precisely this time of suffering there emerged within Israel a deepening conviction that there was hope. The OT God had proclaimed himself repeatedly as on the side of the living. The Greeks had long believed in immortality, but for the Jews it was no mere intellectual question. Their faith in a God who helps, who protects and who defends, especially those whose lives in this world are marked by suffering and deprivation, the living. It was that vibrant faith in a God of the living that led them to believe with greater conviction in resurrection and life after death.

First Reading (OT): 2 Maccabees 7, 1 – 2. 9 – 14: The period when Antiochus IV Epiphanes was ruler of Israel (2nd century BC) was a time of great suffering for the Jews. Believers were put to the sword in large numbers. The story told in today's reading is an extreme example of the persecution inflicted by the Greek dynasty. Faith in resurrection shines through this gruesome story. The faith was in a God who saves, who treasures the faith of his people and to whom belongs the ultimate triumph over injustice and evil.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Thessalonians 2, 16 – 3, 5: The tendency of human being to do wrong is as old as humanity itself. Solutions to this fact of human nature have varied. Paul suggests that were people to have an idea of how loving God was to them and how that love was expressed in Jesus Christ then the problem of evil could be addressed and remedied. Violent assault on evil is not, according to Paul, the solution. Violence only generates more violence. Paul shifts our gaze onto the good and on the supreme good which is Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 20, 27 – 38: The case put by the Sadducees to Jesus is very similar to the type of cas d'école, theoretical case, put by the medieval philosophers known as the Scholastics to test a philosophical principle. The absurdity of it is obvious to all, yet the logic is irrefutable. Jesus moves the argument away from the logic of his adversaries to tap into the hopes of new life in the proximity of God for which the majority of his listeners, the poor of Israel, long. November brings this issue home.

Masses and Intentions

Week 32 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th November 10.00 Deceased members of Catenians
Feast: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 9th November 17.30 Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
 Sunday 10th November 10.00 Deceased of World Wars
 18.30 Simao Goncalves

Monday 11th November 09.15 Jackie Clyne RIP
Memorial: St Martin de Tours

Tuesday 12th November 09.15 Repose of holy souls
Memorial: St Josaphat

Wednesday 13th November 09.15 Repose of holy souls
Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 14th November 08.00 Repose of holy souls
Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 15th November No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th November No Mass
Feria in Ordinary Time

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 16th November 17.30 Eileen Leahy
 Sunday 17th November 10.00 Eddie Moran
 18.30 Derek O'Donnell RIP

Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45
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