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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23/24 October 2021

“Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God.”

Hebrews 5, 1

NEW EMAIL FOR FR PATRICK

For all parish related communications, Fr Patrick's new email address is:
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PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember & pray for all those who have died especially those family members and friends who have been dear to us. This year the Mass of Remembrance, when we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish, will happen on Tuesday 2nd November @ 19.30. The families of those whose funerals have taken place in the parish have been specially invited and during the Mass a named candle will be lit and the names of the dead will be read out. If you have a family member or friend, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are warmly invited to add their name to the list to be read out. Please pass on this information to the parish office by **Wed 27th October**.

THANK YOU

The cake sale a few weeks ago made a wonderful £30 and coffees/teas gathered £35.

September income: £ 712.38

October income: £1801.41

Standing orders: £2365.21

Thank you to everybody.

SIGN UP TO THE NEWSLETTER

If you have access to the internet, sign up to the newsletter on the front page of the website by clicking [here](#).

ROSARY AND EVENING PRAYER

This will be starting again on Saturday evenings at 16.45 beginning Saturday 30th October, the solemnity of All Saints. Everybody most welcome.

OUR PARISH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Our Parish choir is looking for new members - particularly tenors and basses, though all parts are welcome. A commitment to attend sung Masses regularly and the fortnightly Wednesday rehearsals at 7.00 - 8.00pm is the top priority - certainly more important than the ability to read music or sing solos! If you would like to know more, please speak to Clare after Mass or call her on 07770685077. The next rehearsal is on October 27th but please let Clare know if you plan to attend so that music is available for you - sharing copies is not wise at the moment.

NB - For the safety of all concerned, all choir members do a Lateral Flow test before they sing together.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

This will take place at Henley Road on Sunday 14th November.

Meet outside the chapel for a short service at 3pm followed by blessings.



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit for:
thanks & prayers for continued success for daughters therapy.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The only thing St. Benedict suggested be asked of someone who knocks at the monastery door is whether or not he is seeking God. The search for God is at the heart of monastic life and it might be interesting to ask an old monk who has been in the enclosure of his monastery since he was a young man whether or not he has been successful in his search. Without going to such extremes, most of us search for God and, when times get rough or life seems to turn against us, we may wonder where on earth he is. The same is true of those who wrote the psalms: my soul is searching for God, the God of my life, and so many of them are laments and protests against the absence of God. Many of us spend a great deal of time searching, even if it is not God we are after. Every computer has a search engine and one discovery borrows another, one thing we have found entices us to search for another. Our search for God, and many of us are looking for him, depends a lot on our starting point and what it is we think we are looking for. Sometimes our search is frustrating and we give it up. In such circumstances we need a little encouragement such as that given by the prophet Jeremiah (1st reading). Or we might ask someone who knows us well to guide us in our search (2nd reading) where the letter to the Hebrews describes so clearly the role Jesus played in saving mankind. Furthermore a personal meeting can open our eyes (Gospel). Looking for God's face means opening our heart and mind so as to find him in everything and person we encounter.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 31, 7 – 9: The prophet Jeremiah addresses these words to the Israelites who find themselves in exile in Babylon. He assures them that God will not abandon them and then foretells how they will be enabled to return to their homeland. They will be gathered together, no one will be excluded. Regardless of their physical condition, none will be left behind. God is a providential leader whose love extends to all. Persecution, flight and migration are alarming facts of life in today's world, and we are still waiting for the climate refugees. We might reflect on how we can make our brothers and sisters on the run welcome in our community.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 5, 1 – 6: Jesus is cast here in the traditional role fulfilled by the Jewish High Priest who, once a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) offered sacrifice in the Jerusalem temple. The author sees Jesus fulfilling two conditions: his understanding of the human condition which in the Incarnation he himself had assumed; the fact that he was called by God. He is totally human, one of us, and yet the Messiah, the Son of God.

Gospel: Mark 10, 46 – 52: This miracle story, this account of a healing of a handicap, is to be read on two levels. There is the spontaneous recognition of Jesus, the request to be cured, and the joy subsequent to the cure. And yet Bartimaeus saw more than just what his freshly opened eyes revealed. He saw also that Jesus was his saviour and decided to follow him. Did he become a disciple in the strict sense? That we do not know. But we do know that he walked after Jesus.

Mass Intentions for Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	23 rd October	17.30	James O'Brien RIP
Sunday	24 th October	10.00	People of the parish

Monday	25 th October	09.15	Private intention
<i>Monday of week 30 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Tuesday	26 th October	09.15	Private intention - successful operation
<i>Memorial of St Cedd, Bishop</i>			

Wednesday	27 th October	18.30	Choir members past & present
<i>Wednesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Thursday	28 th October	08.00	Private intention
<i>Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>			

Friday	29 th October	12.30	Private intention
<i>Friday of week 30 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Saturday	30 th October	10.00	Private intention
<i>Saturday of week 30 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Solemnity of All Saints

Year B

Saturday	30 th October	17.30	Private intention
Sunday	31 st October	10.00	People of the parish

Starting Saturday 30th October:

Evening prayer, Rosary:	16.45	Saturday afternoon
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