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**Thirtysecond Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6/7 November 2021**

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

**Matthew 5, 3**

## MONEY SUNDAY

This weekend Damian, chair of the finance committee, will give an update on parish finances.

## CONTACTLESS GIVING IS COMING, CASH COLLECTIONS ARE GOING

Support for your Catholic community made quick, simple and best of all safe. One tap with your card and it's done. More info to follow in the next few weeks, watch this space.

## BLESSING OF GRAVES

Henley Road blessing will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Meet outside the chapel for a short service at 3pm, followed by blessings.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR SAFEGUARDING

Please note that should you need to contact the parish safeguarding representative you must use the following address with immediate effect:

[sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk)

## 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](#).

## BEWARE OF SPAM EMAILS!

The Archdiocese has been made aware of spam emails coming from fraudulent impersonated Gmail accounts pretending to be from parish priests.

These emails often include 'parishpastor' and the name of parish priests but they are not being sent from priests' email accounts. Proactive action has been taken by the Diocesan IT team to block such emails but they can still be generated elsewhere and infiltrate email accounts. Diocesan clergy and staff should now be using email accounts that end in **@rcaob.org.uk**

Please be vigilant. If you are in any doubt about an email please contact your parish priest / parish office and check.

## ROSARY AND EVENING PRAYER

This continues on Saturday afternoons at 4.45, before evening Mass. Everybody most welcome.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP** This week's lamp is lit for:  
**John Styles**

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**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** The COP26 talks which are still underway this weekend make clear how radically our lifestyles are set to change over the coming years. They pose important moral questions, not least about the limits to our prosperity. How will we feed ourselves and, more importantly, how will the growing world population be fed? This latter question is all the more urgent as it is the areas of the world which are poorest just now are likely to bear the brunt of climate change in the immediate future. The issue of solidarity, the need for restraint and the willingness to share are the big questions the COP26 discussions pose. They are the questions raised by this weekend's scripture readings too. In both the OT and in Mark's gospel we encounter people who were not only needy but actually on the edge of starvation. And yet they were not bereft of that very human instinct, the desire to share. The present climate crisis which affects the entire global community challenges us to think no longer of the individual struggle which is part of all our lives and where we try to turn all the events of life to our best advantage. We must work to create community and to make all our choices in function of the common good and thus make a shared life possible on planet Earth.

**First Reading (OT): 1 Kings 17, 10 – 16:** The prophet Elijah is hungry and he approaches a poor widow and asks for bread. She has barely enough to eat herself and clearly her first reaction, anxious to feed herself and her son, is to refuse. But then she heard God's voice and overcame her fear. Her willingness to share was richly rewarded. That challenge to share is addressed to us today. **Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 9, 24 – 28:** The Letter to the Hebrews, written by an anonymous theologian at the end of the 1st century AD, sees Jesus' death on the cross as a voluntary sacrifice which definitively purified the people and achieved their salvation. This was a once-and-for-all sacrifice, it exceeds all earlier sacrifices and makes any further ones unnecessary.

**Gospel: Mark 12, 38 – 44:** Jesus speaks a great deal more about dealing with money than he does about prayer. Many of his parables are related to the use of money and draw lessons from the abuse of material wealth. The gospels all report his anger with the money-changers in the Jerusalem temple. Today we find him again in a temple setting, observing how people are putting money into the treasury. Jesus was vocal in his criticism of the behaviour of the Pharisees whom he saw putting on their elaborate public display in the temple precincts. Jesus was always critical when the outward gestures and public behaviour did not match the inner dispositions of the heart. Jesus took the widow as an example. She counted for nothing in the society of the day. Yet her behaviour was virtuous. In charitable giving what matters is not the amount we contribute but rather the inner disposition which prompts us to be generous in giving. It may well be the case that generosity leaves us uncomfortable and that it really costs us something. Given the reading from OT, it is interesting that here again it is a widow that is the focus of attention.

## Mass Intentions for Thirty-second Week in Ordinary Time

### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Year B**

Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	17.30	Noreen Mansfield RIP
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> November	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Monday of week 32 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> November	09.15	Deceased of the Gratrix family
<i>Feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>			
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> November	18.30	Mrs Jean Marsden
<i>Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> November	08.00	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>			
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> November	12.30	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i>			
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00	Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
<i>Saturday of week 32 in Ordinary Time</i>			

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Year B**

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	17.30	Kathleen Turner RIP
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00	Deceased of World Wars
[Remembrance Sunday]			

Evening prayer, Rosary:	16.45	Saturday afternoon
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