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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time –

30th October 2022

God loved the word so much that he gave his only Son:
everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Jn 3:16

NEW PARISH PRIEST

Fr Joe McLoughlin has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady and St. Anne's Parish. His first Masses here in Our Lady & St Anne's will be the weekend of Christ the King - 19-20 November. I am sure you will make Fr Joe most welcome.'

WELCOME

Thank you to Fr Bruce Harbert for offering Mass on Saturday evening and Fr Richard Maniak who will offer Mass on Sunday morning.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS [a HOLY DAY] - Tuesday 1st November.

- ❖ Mass at 9.15am will be led by the school. The usual Tuesday Teas will happen after Mass at approx. 10am. Everybody welcome.
- ❖ There is also a sung Mass in the evening at 7.30pm.

PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE - 7.30pm, Wed. 2nd November

Everyone is welcome to the Mass of Remembrance, where we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish.

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.

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

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

This will still happen but will start a little later after the morning Mass - approx. 10am.

ADMISSIONS FOR LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARIES

St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools invite any parents with children due to start school in September 2023 to come and visit them. Open days are:

St Anne's, Washington Road, Caversham

(admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk or by phone on 0118 937 5537)

Fri 11th Nov, 2pm; Thur 24th Nov, 9am

Fri 9th Dec, 9:30am

St Martin's, Caversham Park

(admin@stmartins.reading.sch.uk or by phone on 0118 937 5544)

Fri 4th Nov, 10am or 2pm

Thur 24th Nov, 10am or 2pm

If these dates/times do not suit, please do contact the school offices to arrange a private tour at a time that works for you.

FAREWELL CARD FOR FR PATRICK

Fr Patrick has been a wonderful parish priest throughout his time here in Caversham and will be missed greatly by many people. A card will be available after weekend Masses [final weekend 5-6 November] as well as All Saints and All Souls for people to sign.

If you would prefer to write an individual card, please post it through the house door and everything will be sent on together to Fr Patrick.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Matthew Leddy RIP

Please remember her in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen.

Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognises the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

Mass Intentions for week
Thirty-one in Ordinary Time

Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	29 th October	17.30	Sue Elford RIP
Sunday	30 th October	10.00	Our Lady & St Anne – in thanksgiving
Monday	31 st October	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 31 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	1 st November	09.15	
<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>		[school Mass]	
		19.30	
		[sung Mass]	
Wednesday	2 nd November	19.30	Deceased members and friends of the parish
<i>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>			
Thursday	3 rd November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Martin de Porres, Religious</i>			
Friday	4 th November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i>			
Saturday	5 th November	No Mass	
<i>Saturday of week thirty-one in Ordinary Time</i>			

Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	5 th November	17.30	James O'Brien RIP
Sunday	6 th November	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.