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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time –

5-6th November 2022

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

Luke 20, 38

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 now be the weekend of 12-13 November. I am sure you will make Fr Joe most welcome.'

WELCOME

Thank you to Fr Richard Maniak for offering both Masses this weekend.

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 Masses for this weekend only if you would like to write a farewell message to Fr Patrick. Additional pages are available for messages. If you would prefer to write an individual card, please post it through the house door by Tuesday 8th November and everything will be passed on to Fr Patrick.

RETIRING COLLECTION JOHNSON FUND

The Johnson Fund supports secular clergy of the diocese in need of financial support. There will be a retiring collection this weekend 5-6 Nov.

PARISH INCOME BANKED IN OCTOBER

Contactless - Sun. offering:	£ 587.00
Contactless - candles:	£ 34.00
Loose plate	£ 48.88
Standing Orders:	£2361.32
Candles loose	£ 274.60
Father Hudson's Care	£ 289.42
World Mission Sunday	£ 230.35
Teas/coffees	£ 31.85

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

Thurs 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.

CATHOLICS IN ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

Contact duty priest: 0118 322 7105. Chaplaincy at the RBH is covered by the priests from the FSSP (0744 510 6330). On admission, all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and wish to receive Holy Communion, or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are patient-led.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Kathy Webb RIP

Please remember her in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is that eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, “. . . for to him all are alive.”

Mass Intentions for week
Thirty-two in Ordinary Time

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
Monday	7 th November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Willibrord, Bishop</i>			
Tuesday	8 th November		
<i>Tuesday of week thirty two in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	9 th November	No Mass	
<i>Feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>			
Thursday	10 th November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Friday	11 th November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop</i>			
Saturday	12 th November	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</i>			

Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	12 th November	17.30	Sylvia Hardaker RIP
Sunday	13 th November	10.00	Remembrance Sunday

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.