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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time –

12-13th November 2022

“Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21, 36

NEW MASS TIMES

Fr Joe will be working in Birmingham for two days a week so the times of weekday Masses have been adjusted.

Monday no Mass, Fr Joe's day off.
Tuesday – 9.15am
Wednesday 7.30am
Thursday 7.30pm
Friday 9.15am

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

SVP CAKE SALE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a cake sale in the Cenacle after Mass on Sunday 20 November.

All proceeds will go to our twinned SVP Conferences in India to help fund a student sponsorship scheme.

Donations of cakes will be gratefully received on Sunday morning.

THANK YOU FROM FR PATRICK

Fr Patrick would like to thank everybody for their kind messages and cards and to assure everybody of his prayers.

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)

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.

There will be a Ceremony at the War Memorial in Kidmore End at 10.45am on Sunday 13th November to remember those who have died in Wars.

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:

Tony Casey

Please remember him in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. His warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in many ways.

To those who first heard Luke's Gospel, those may have been words of encouragement. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem by the Romans was history (70 A.D.); Luke's Gospel, Catholic scholars propose, was written between 80 and 90 A.D. His audience was probably Gentile Christians. Luke here tries to interpret the fall of Jerusalem for them and to locate it in God's plans for humankind (salvation history). At the same time, Luke is suggesting to his audience that there will be a considerable elapse of time before Jesus' final coming. Luke's listeners have likely seen much upheaval and are anxious to know if these are the signs of Jesus' coming. Luke is urging greater patience.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs. Luke presents persecution as an opportunity for the followers of Jesus for "It will lead to your giving testimony" (Luke 21:13). In persecution God's wisdom and power will be shown in the example of followers of Jesus. Perseverance in the face of persecution will lead to their salvation.

Here Jesus is assuring his followers that God is present to all believers, even in times of trouble. Ultimately, Jesus will witness to this with his own death. As disciples of Jesus, we try to follow his example, trusting in God's mercy and protection, even when we are facing difficulties.

**Mass Intentions for week
Thirty-three in Ordinary Time**

**Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Year C

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

Monday 14th November No Mass
Monday of week 33 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 15th November 09.15 Holy souls
Memorial of St Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Wednesday 16th November 07.30 Fujio Suzuki
Memorial of St Margaret of Scotland

Thursday 17th November 19.30 Holy souls
Memorial of St Hilda, Abbess

Friday 18th November 09.15 Holy Souls
*Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas
of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles*

Saturday 19th November No Mass
Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Year C
King of the Universe**

Saturday	19th November	17.30	Maureen Jennings RIP
Sunday	20th November	10.00	Catherine O'Brien RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.