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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

28th -29th October 2023

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday's evening Mass will be a vigil Mass for All Saints and then there will be a Mass at 9.15am [with school attending] and 7.30pm [sung Mass] on Wednesday 1st November.

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

There are 3 Masses on Thursday 2nd November. 9.15am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm

NEW YOUTH GROUP

Youth Club will be every second Sunday of the month, starting on Sunday 12 November 5-7pm in the cenacle for young people age 11-16. More details to follow.

SECOND COLLECTION APF MISSIO

A collection will be taken after both Masses this weekend [28-29 Oct] to support the work of Missio. Gift aid envelopes are available this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUPPORT

The First Holy Communion team are looking for new helpers/catechists. Are you a Catholic who communicates well with children and enjoys working as part of a team? The meetings are usually on a Wednesday afternoon. DBS clearance req'd. If you think this might suit you, please contact Fr Joe at ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk for further discussion about the role.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

22/10/23

C'less: £ 116.00
Loose plate £ 345.57

Weekly S Orders: £700

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Kidmore End – 2pm, Sunday 12th November.

Henley Road – 2.30pm, Sunday 12th November. Please note change of time from previous years. This is to allow for more blessings to be in daylight.

PARISH MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED 2023

This year the Mass for the recently bereaved will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm.

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 Thursday 23rd November. 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 Thursday 16th October.

OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication this week.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

Mass intentions for Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	28 th October	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	29 th October	10.00am	Linda & Hugh Gough RIP
Monday	30 th October	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 30 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	31 st October	7.30pm	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
<i>Tuesday of week 30 in Ordinary Time</i>		<i>[vigil for All Saints]</i>	
Wednesday	1 st November	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>		<i>[school attending]</i>	
<i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>		7.30pm	Roger & Iris Staddon RIP
Thursday	2 nd November	9.15am	Faithful departed
<i>Commemoration of all the faithful departed</i>		12.30pm	Faithful departed
		7.30pm	Faithful departed
Friday	3 rd November	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Martin de Porres</i>			

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	4 th November	5.30pm	Jackie Clyne RIP
Sunday	5 th November	10.00am	People of the parish

The Rosary is prayed in front of the Shrine
before Saturday evening Mass. Everybody welcome.

*The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.*