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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 7th November 2021

“Happy the poor in spirit”

The readings this week explore the concepts of generosity, humility and self-giving. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they encourage us to live our lives as generously as Jesus did.

The First Reading (1 Kings 17: 10–16) tells us of a poor destitute widow who shows great generosity in her willingness to share what she has with the prophet Elijah, even though widows were among the most vulnerable people in biblical times.

In the Gospel (Mark 12: 38–44), too, it is a widow who wins the praise of Jesus as he observes her give everything she possesses to the Temple treasury. He contrasts this woman’s action of deep faith and generosity with that of others, whose behavior he roundly condemns. Jesus holds her up as a role model to his disciples.

The letter to the Hebrews explains how Jesus undertook an even greater sacrifice, and as the compassionate high priest, offered the gift of his own life for the salvation of mankind. (Second Reading Hebrews 9: 24–28).

Let us pray this week to the Lord who supports the vulnerable and poor for the grace to be his instruments on earth. We ask for his help to show our care for the outcasts and marginalised of our own day through our loving actions.

Blessed Carlo Acutis born London 3rd May 1991, Died in Italy on 12th October 2006 aged 15. His Sayings: “Not I, but God” - “always to be united with Jesus, this is my programme of life” - “Only the one who does the will of God will be truly free”- “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven”- “Try to go to Mass everyday and to receive Holy Communion”- “If we go out in the sun, we get a suntan..but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become saints”- “The Virgin Mother is the only woman in my life..I never fail to keep the most gracious appointment of the day – recitation of the Holy Rosary”- “The Rosary is the shortest ladder to heaven”. Carlo was beatified on 10th October 2020.

**Year of St. Joseph
Patron Saint of the Catholic Church**

Mass bookings: We no longer require you to book in for Mass.

Please remember at all masses in the Church **you need to wear a face mask.**

Adoration: The church will be open for private prayer and adoration between 9.45 – 12 noon on Thursday's and the first Friday of every month. Please remember to wear a face mask.

Rosary Thursday 7.30pm: The Rosary will be said in the Church. Please enter through the side door of the Church by the Van Meenan room. All are welcome to come and join us.

St Mary's Parish choir: We are recommencing choir practice on Monday evenings at 8 pm in the church from 15th November. We are also welcoming new members to join us as we prepare to sing at Mass during Advent and for the Christmas vigil Mass."

Confirmation 2021 - 2022: There will be a meeting for all young people of our Parish with their parents / guardians who wish to be Confirmed and are in Year 10 and above. This will take place on Monday 6th December at 8pm in the Parish Hall. There will be an enrolment Mass on Saturday 11th December at 6.30pm. Application forms are available in the porch of the Church. We look forward to seeing you all.

Gardening Club: We are looking for volunteers to help look after our Parish gardens and parking area. We hope this will be on a monthly basis. Please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish office if you can help.

Youth Club: Thanks to everyone who came along to the recent registration evening & signed up from Year 8, some Year 9's & 10's & even a few Year 11's. We will get underway now with preparing the membership lists & cards, & helpers' rota. The start date is likely to be the 2nd Friday in January '22, but the exact date tba in the new year.

We will run another registration evening for the current year 7's (Year 6 Summer 2021 leavers) in due course soon (date again tba) to bring our membership up to full capacity. Details of what is needed for them to register include: £3 cash fee & 2 x passport type photos - note: they don't need to be passport photos, just that size, & be a headshot of the youngster). Application forms will be given to you at the registration. Due to Covid, we are playing 'catch-up'. Any Late registrations will be dealt with after all other applications have been processed & a waiting-list will be set-up if numbers dictate.

"St Mary's Catholic Primary School - Reception Intake - September 2022

To make an application to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, you will need to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) which is returned to the school and complete the on-line local authority form. The closing date for September 2022 admissions is 15th January 2022. Please visit our website at www.stmaryscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk and click on 'Admissions' for further information, relevant documents and to view our virtual tour."

Father Martin will soon announce when he will be available to sign the certificate of Catholic practice.

Musical Fireworks at St. Mary's school: Tickets for this event have SOLD OUT and there will be NO tickets available to purchase on the night.

Finances: Please feel free to drop an offering into the presbytery or alternatively, you can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off or by a regular Standing Order.

The details are as follows:

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account Name: St. Mary Mother of God

If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very gratefully received.

RCIA Journey in Faith: For those that are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, please speak to Father Martin or contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for the sick in our Parish at home and in hospital, especially: Margaret Baan, Ashley Baptist, Grant Cambridge, Martin Chandler, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Arturo Garzon, Betty Gemba, Sharon De Giorgio, Malcolm Hiltion, Evelyn Hughes, Anne Humphrays, Yvonne Ingham, Patricia Johnson, Sajy Joseph, Cathy Lennon, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Bina McCarthy, Carly Menon, Mary Pickton, Paul Ridley, Susan Squires, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and for all our family and friends who are ill.

Please inform us if there is someone seriously ill and let us know if anyone on the list is no longer ill so we can remove their name from our list.

A prayer for the COP26 climate talks:

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,

And in the smallest creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

"Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen."

Prayer to Our Lady – The Memorare Prayer

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	6 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6.30pm	Betty Barker RIP / Mary Magdalene Adeke Eunice Rafua RIP / Thomas Fay RIP
Sunday	7 th November	8.00am	Holy Souls Flo Walsh RIP / Mary Magdalene Adeke Eunice Rafua RIP
<i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary time</i>		9.30am	Holy Souls Michael Cody RIP / Bernadette Cooney RIP
		11:30am	Sam Farrugia RIP / Jack Hughes RIP / Patrick Gilligan RIP
Monday	8 th November	9.15am	Norah Lenehan RIP / Mel Rice RIP / Mary Magdalene Adeke Eunice Rafua RIP
Tuesday	9 th November	9.15am	Patsy Fowly RIP / Brian Spicer RIP / Paddy Shanahan RIP
<i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>			
Wednesday	10 th November	7.30pm	Holy Souls Kitty Murphy RIP / Maria Paddington Int
<i>St Leo the Great</i>			
Thursday	11 th November	9.15am	Holy Souls Suzanne & George Emery RIP / John Gormily RIP
<i>St Martin of Tours</i>			
		9.45–12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	12 th November	8.15am	Holy Souls Mr. Mann RIP / Mick Harrington RIP
<i>St Josaphat</i>			
Saturday	13 th November	5.30-6pm	Confession
		6:30pm	Holy Souls Tony Galcius RIP / Josephine, Anthony & Paula Camilleri RIP
Sunday	14 th November	8.00am	Mary McCarthy RIP / Rita Kyrou RIP / Frieda Sach RIP
<i>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary time</i>			
Remembrance Sunday		9.30am	All those who died in World Wars
		11:30am	Holy Souls Eamon Commins RIP / Kathleen McDonagh RIP / Joe Gilligan RIP

The Rosary will be said after all weekday morning Masses

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