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The two great commandments, 31st Sunday of the Year, 3rd November 2024

Parish Mass Book pages 152-154 Prayer of the Church Week 3



James Tissot, *The Pharisees question Jesus*, 1886-94

Scriptures at Mass

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Loving God means keeping his commandments, especially the great commandment of love.

Hebrews 7:23-28 This reading shows the superiority of Christ over the priests of the Old Testament.

Mark 12:28-34 Jesus tells us what are the two most important of God's commandments.

The Year of Luke In Advent, starting in just a month, we proclaim, for many of the Sundays of the year, the Gospel according to St Luke. During November it would be a great idea to read the whole of this Gospel. The writing is very beautiful. St Luke includes fine songs such as the *Magnificat*. He is also said to have listened closely to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, as he wrote. He certainly writes with a sensitivity to the work of both women and men in Jesus' mission. He tells many of the parables which teach us so much about God. It could be best of all if several people shared the reading across a few sessions.

Mass counts for 2023/2024	2023	2024
21/22 September	209	214
28/29 September	313	237
5/6 October	233	228
12/13 October	217	260
Average Mass Attendance	243	235

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

Saturday 2nd November All Souls

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass

Holy Souls of McEntee & Judge families

3rd November

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Paul Kershaw RIP (KF)

& Elsie Pratt RIP (JC)

Monday 4th November St Charles Borromeo

10 am Mass Zenonas Stankus RIP

Tuesday 5th November Feria

10 am Mass Michael Revealy RIP (Rani)

Wednesday 6th November Feria

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 7th November Feria

at St John's Cathedral

12.15 pm Mass for deceased clergy

Friday 8th November Feria

10 am Mass Anthony Muthu RIP (Rani)

Saturday 9th November

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass Eddie Rafferty RIP

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year

10th November Remembrance Day

10 am Mass Denis & Ellen McCarthy RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pam

Stephens RIP who was for many years a parishioner here. Pam died recently at the age of 99. Her funeral will be at The Oaks on Monday 11th November at 12.15 pm.

We pray also for the repose of the soul of Keith Myers RIP whose Requiem Mass is here on Tuesday 12th November. Please keep Keith's family in your prayers. We also pray for all those in our Parish who are sick, anxious or bereaved at this time.

Declutter & Craft Sale Thank you to everyone who helped with this fundraiser last weekend and most especially to Jacky & Paul Chong, who worked so hard to help our parish.

We welcome José Francisco Lewis Pereira

who was baptised last Saturday.



Bamenda Sunday 3rd November marks the Golden Jubilee. Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov, of the then newly established Diocese of Bamenda, initiated the twinning as a demonstration of St Pope Paul VI's Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes*. Since 1974, the relationship has grown and strengthened. In the early years, priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda, teaching the Faith, establishing parishes, schools and youth ministries. Their mission was successfully and saw a fledgling Church grow and develop. Many were inspired by bringing the Gospel message directly to them. Today, we have the privilege of welcoming Bamenda priests into our own parishes. Their mission to us is one of renewal at a time when our communities become daily more secular. We have much to thank God for from this twinning. A core aspect of the twinning is the practical projects that have been funded through over £1,000,000 that has been raised by our parishes, largely through the annual Bamenda Sunday collection. This source of funding remains an important part of the relationship. Bamenda, Cameroon ranks 151st on the UN's Human Development Index of 193 countries. The UK ranks 15th. Please give generously to the Bamenda Sunday collection; every penny goes directly to an approved project to strengthen our twinning. Donations can also be made online [here](#). Thank you in advance.

Becoming a Catholic If you would like to know more about becoming a Catholic we have two introductory meetings on Sundays 10th and 16th November at 4 pm. You are welcome to hear about the Church and to ask any and every question that you might have. Email Canon Gerard at gerardflynn@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or just come along!

