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Thirty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd November 2024

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Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Gospel Mark 12: 28-3

The theme of the readings this weekend helps us grow in our faith and understanding. They guide us in understanding love, obedience and the eternal priesthood of Jesus. When we care for others we reflect God's love and are following His commandments. The key theme is love and faithfulness to God and neighbour. The readings call us to show loyal and steadfast love in our relationship with God and others in society particularly the poor, sick, vulnerable and marginalised.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy Moses reminds the Israelites that they must "*fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and keep His laws and commandments*". He then quotes what is known as the *Shema Prayer*, a prayer that every devout Jew recites each morning on rising. "Shema" means "Listen" and in this context means "Obey". The words of this prayer are in the first reading and quoted by Jesus in Mark's Gospel. "*Listen Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength*".

The second reading from the Book of Hebrews has several important points that help us understand our faith. One main theme is that Jesus is our high priest. He is greater than any other priest because He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. This means we no longer need other sacrifices. The reading explains how Jesus fulfils this role. Unlike the old priests Jesus' sacrifice is final and complete, showing His superiority and the new covenant He brings. When we recite the *Gloria* in the celebration of Holy Mass we use the word "Alone" three times towards the end. "*You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the most High, Jesus Christ*". This emphasises that Jesus alone is our King and high priest.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus is teaching in the Temple when He is approached by a scribe who tries to catch Him out. He replies by quoting the *Shema Prayer* from Deuteronomy as the first important commandment. He then says that the second is that "*You must love your neighbour as yourself*". We are created to love God in loving others and to love others in loving God. In other words we are to love God living in others. These are great reminders to us that our worship and religious observances are empty when we don't demonstrate by our way of life, our love for God which flows from keeping His commandments and our love for our neighbour demonstrated in charity to them. Jesus condemns those who offer ostentatious sacrifices or give large financial donations hoping to reach heaven but would not think of offering help to their neighbours or family members. Malcolm.

Mass times

Feast Days

<p>10 am Mass St Boniface priest</p>	<p>Friday 1st November Feast of All Saints The day when we remember the hundreds of saints recognised by the Catholic Church, those beatified, venerated and all those known and unknown whose virtues and efforts in life are considered to have earned them an eternal reward with God.</p>
<p>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass St Boniface priest</p>	<p>Saturday 2nd November Feast of All Souls The day we remember the souls of the departed who have died but might not have reached heaven and need our prayers and Masses offered for the repose of their souls that need cleansing from their sins. Various customs have developed over the years regarding the Feast of All Souls. In Mexico relatives make garlands, wreaths and crosses of real and paper flowers of every colour to place on the graves of deceased relatives on the morning of All Souls. Church bells ring and priests will visit the cemetery, pray and bless the graves.</p>
<p>9.30 am Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 3rd November Thirtieth - First Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass being celebrated by Fr Kevin Bidgood for Albert Collinge RIP 19th Anniversary</p>
<p>10 am: Funeral for Michael Murray by Canon Michael Dennehy from St Edmunds</p>	<p>Monday 4th St Charles Borromeo Born 1538 in Italy of noble birth. Charles was not handsome with a speech impediment. Gained Doctorate in Canon and Civil Law. Uncle was Pope Pius IV who made Charles a Cardinal and member of Roman Curia aged 21. Had austere life style. Reopened the last session of Council of Trent. Reformer of Vatican. Archbishop of Milan. Stopped corruption and selling of indulgences in his diocese. Reformed monasteries and clergy practice. Leading figure in Counter Reformation. Founder of seminaries and other establishments to improve training of priests. Founder of lay organisation to help in parishes. First Sunday Schools. Set up soup kitchens and hospitals during plague. Renowned for his charity. Cared for English Catholics fleeing persecution.</p>
<p>NO MASS at SVP Funeral of Abel Kurian at Holy Family at 12 noon</p>	<p>Tuesday 5th . St Elizabeth and St Zechariah Elderly parents of John the Baptist. Elizabeth was Mary's aunt, sister of St Anne (Hannah in Hebrew), mother of the Virgin Mary. Zechariah was a priest in Temple in Jerusalem and his duties alternated between each of the family lines descended from those appointed by King David. They both prayed that they would have a son to take over the work in the Temple. When Elizabeth reached about 60 years old, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah to tell him they would have a son who must be called John. When Herod's soldiers started killing babies at the <i>Massacre of the Innocents</i> Elizabeth fled to the hills for safety. Zechariah was arrested and questioned and murdered in the Temples when he refused to disclose where she was.</p>

NO MASS	Wednesday 6th St Illtyd the Knight Born 5 th century in a Welsh community in France. Popular Welsh saint who initially had a military career as a knight with his cousin King Arthur and was married. Moved to Wales with his wife. Known as Illtyd the Knight. Deserted his wife and his military career to become a monk. Developed a new method of ploughing and reclaiming land from the sea. Founded a school and monastery believed to be Britain's earliest centre of learning and founded monastery on Caldey Island off the south coast of Wales. Organised corn ships to his birth place in Brittany during
NO MASS	Thursday 7th St Willibrord of Utrecht Born in 658 in Northumbria. Anglo-Saxon educated in Ripon and Ireland. Went as missionary to Netherlands to convert pagans, "Apostle to the Frisians". First Bishop of Utrecht. Founded a monastery in Luxembourg. Invited monks from Ireland. Established a prestigious library. Then expanded missionary work to Denmark. Flouted the pagan customs to demonstrate power of Christianity. Pagan king conquered Frisia. Destroyed churches. Killed missionaries in 716. Built pagan temples. Willibrord fled. Frankish King Charles Martel then retook Frisia in 719. Willibrord returned. St Boniface later joined him and led mission to Germany.
NO MASS	Friday 8th November St Elizabeth of the Trinity Born 1880 at a military base in France. Her father Captain Joseph Catez died when she was 7. Her mother Marie moved her and her sister to Dijon. She became an accomplished pianist and won prizes. Mother hoped her skill would support the family. However, Elizabeth wanted to be a Carmelite nun. Mother tried to dissuade her and consider marriage with no success. Aged 21 Elizabeth joined the nearby Dijon Carmel. Developed a strong devotion to the Trinity. A mystic who said her heaven on earth was in God. Suffered from Addison's disease but accepted it as a theology of suffering. Died on 9 th November 1906 aged just 26.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 9th St Cybi Born about 483 in Cornwall, son of a "warrior prince", and the King of Cornwall. Went on pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land. Ordained a priest and then a bishop by St Hilary in France. On arrival back in Cornwall his father had died and he was in line for the throne which he declined. Went preaching with his followers and founded churches in Cornwall and Wales successfully but Ireland proved difficult. Travelled to north Wales. Monastery founded on Anglesey on the site of an old Roman Fort at Holyhead. There are two holy wells, one in Cornwall and one in Wales, named after Cybi. Bishop Cybi died on 8 th November 555 and was buried at his monastery.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 10th November Thirty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time For the departed souls of the Tavro family

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION

Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker	Fr Michael Cronin
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fr Michael Cronin left hospital on Monday and awaits a recall for a procedure to treat his lungs

Please remember Fr Michael in your prayers. His sister is over from Jersey to look after him for at least a month.



Very sad news concerning Abel Santhosh, son of Santhosh and Bindhu

Abel left Sunday night 20th October for his heavenly abode. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Funeral will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 5th November at the parish of Holy Family, Redbridge Hill, Millbrook, Southampton SO16 4PL. Followed by 2.30 pm at Hollybrook Cemetery, Tremona Road, Shirley, Southampton SO16 6HW. Bindhu and Santhosh thank everyone for their love and support as we all celebrate Abel's life together. Very many apologies for getting Abel's surname wrong in last week's newsletter.

Weekday Masses at SVP are cancelled till after Friday 15th Nov when Fr Thomas returns.

Weekday Masses at St Boniface are: Monday to Friday at 10 am each morning

Holy Family: Monday and Thursday (in Latin) at 7.30 pm. Tuesday and Friday at 9.15 am

Kim Leadbeater's private member's bill on "Assisted Dying" or what can be called "Assisted Suicide"

After the Pastoral Letter from our Bishop Philip Egan last weekend, please remember to pray that Parliament will see sense and vote out the bill. Also pray for the terminally ill and those who care for them. Lastly lobby your MP by writing to them using the letter available in the porch or in your own words

Three slide sheets are available from Shelagh Moon for anyone working in a Nursing/Care Home 80736275

Fr Michael is offering free a voucher for £20 towards a driving lesson which he won in the Parish Raffle.

Fr Michael has decided to donate an extra voucher of £20 for a second driving lesson as well.

Next SVP Social will be on Wednesday 20th November from 1 to 3 pm.

Parish collection for last weekend 26th and 27th October

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid		Loose
£87	£21.75	£167.90	£242.54	£51.98	£571.17	----	£2	----	£573.17