



St. David's Parish
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NOVEMBER 10, 2024

32ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Timings

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00 Pm
Sunday Mass 10.00am
Weekdays 9.00 am In Denbigh House

READINGS

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November 11 St. Martin of Tours
November 12 St. Josephat
November 14 St. Dyfrig
November 15 St. Albert the Great
November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The first reading and the Gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God, symbolizing the supreme sacrifice Jesus would offer by giving His life for others.

In the first reading, taken from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow who has barely enough food for herself and her son welcomes the prophet Elijah as a man of God, offers all her food to him and receives her reward from God in the form of a continuing daily supply of food.

In the Gospel, Jesus contrasts the external signs of honour sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declares that she has found true honour in God's eyes. The poor widows in both the first reading and the Gospel gave away all that they possessed for the glory of God. The sacrificial self-giving of the widows in the first reading and the Gospel reflects God's love in giving His only Son for us, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross.

The second reading tells us how Jesus, as the High Priest of the New Testament, surrendered His life to God His Father totally and unconditionally as a sacrificial offering for our sins – a sacrifice far beyond the sacrifices made by the poor widows.

We need to accept Christ's criteria of judging people: We often judge people by what they possess. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way – on the basis of our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us on the basis of the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to His holy will. The offering God wants from us is our hearts and lives, more than our material possessions. What is hardest to give is ourselves in love and concern, because that gift costs us more than reaching for our purses. Let us, like the poor widow, find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold. Let us stop dribbling out our stores of love, selflessness, sacrifice, and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON:

During the November Plenary Assembly of the Bishops of England and Wales, it was decided to have a Holy Hour for prayer to promote the dignity of the human person and the culture of life in our countries in the face of the assisted suicide legislation before the UK Parliament. This will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 13th November 2024 in the Chapel of the Holy Family in Hinsley Hall., Leeds. Cardinal Nichols has asked that this might become a national 'hour'. I ask the

parishes in the Diocese of Wrexham to facilitate a Holy Hour at the same time as we, the Bishops, will be at prayer thereby creating a powerful moment of prayer in our lands promoting the intrinsic dignity of every person.

LECTIONARY : The new edition of the Lectionary for Mass (Ordo Lectionum Missae) confirmed by the Apostolic See in 2023 comes into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December 2024. By decree of the Bishops’ Conference, “From that date forward, no other English language edition of the Lectionary for Mass may be used in the dioceses of England and Wales.”

THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR- NOVEMEBR 17

The World Day of the Poor, established by Pope Francis in 2017 for Catholics to "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." Initiated by Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, issued on 20 November 2016 it indicated the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. For this 8th World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis has chosen for this year dedicated to prayer, a particularly significant motto, given that the day will be celebrated shortly before the beginning of the Jubilee Year of 2025: “The prayer of the poor rises up to God” (qv: Sir 21.5). Given the context, this expression, which comes from the ancient sacred author Ben Sira, has an immediate and clear impact.

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	OFFERED BY	INTENTION
November 9, Saturday	Mr & Mrs Reginald	Departed Souls of the Family
November 10, Sunday	Joan Oates	For the deceased relatives
November 11, Monday	Carmel Jones	Ann and David Parry
November 12, Tuesday	Cina Noronha	Post Graduate Medical Exam
November 13, Wednesday	Antony King	For the deceased

	Bright	members of the Family
November 14, Thursday	Royston Mendonca	William Mendonca and Family members RIP
November 15, Friday	Gerard Rhodes	Deceased members of the family

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Loose cash	£ 156.28
Gift Aid	£ 160.00
Total	£ 316.28

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION at 11.30 am on Saturday
ON EMERGENCY please call 0741-749-4277

Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer
Philip McGreevy, Antony Parry, Janice Davies

ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Desmond Neale, Trevor Shackleton, Mary Adams,
Philip Thomas Baines, Pat Taylor, Margaret Ann Slattery, Ann
Parry, Joseph Begley, Gwilym Oare, Helen Cartmel, Joseph
Begley, Mary Wise, Timothy Moynihan, David Schwarz

May their souls rest in Peace

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