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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Not too late to Gift Aid donation to Mission Weekend for those who attended Mass last Sunday**

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In the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, writing some six centuries before the birth of Christ, speaks of a return from exile in Babylon to the Promised Land and how the Israelites find joy in God's promise. It shows God's constant love, mercy and justice and reveals God's plans for His people, even in tough times. The story offers hope, reminding us that God will always restore us, even in times of severe hardship. Jeremiah also foretells a new covenant through Christ, bringing forgiveness and eternal life. This message assure us that, despite our mistakes and sins, God's grace can always guide us back to Him

In the second reading the Book of Hebrews has key themes important in Catholic theology, helping us to understand our faith better. One main theme is that Jesus is the high priest, not glorified by Himself, greater than any other priest taken from the people as God's representative. He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sins. Jesus is God and yet is human like us. He is beset by weakness and so must make sin offerings for Himself as well as for us. The difference is that He never gave in to weakness and never sinned. We do give in and sin but Christ will always offer us love and forgiveness

In St Mark's Gospel, a blind beggar Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus for mercy. Despite being told to be quiet as we are not supposed to annoy the powerful, even the spiritually powerful. He persisted so that Jesus healed him saying his faith had saved him. Bartimaeus then followed Jesus. He represents us who want to see and understand and the message is crucial for those struggling with guilt and shame. Do we want to see? What do we want to see? Are we willing to cry out and insist? Do we let others silence us? Let us have the courage to ask to see the Lord and to know His ways so that we may rejoice in the Lord.

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Fr David Bateman</b> <b>from St Edmunds</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Mass Bincy Jomy</b>	<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> St Cedd</b> Born in Northumbria in the 7 <sup>th</sup> century and had three brothers Chad, Cynibul and Caelin, who were all educated by Bishop St Aidan at Lindisfarne and all became priests.. When Bishop Finan replaced Aidan, he sent Fr Cedd south to preach to the Saxons. After great success he was made Bishop of the East Saxons. He sometimes returned north to preach and was given land for a monastery at Lastingham near Whitby. He attended the Synod of Whitby supporting the Celtic rite in 664. When the Latin rite won the day he returned to his diocese to change them to the Latin rite in line with nearby Canterbury. Died that year on a trip to his monastery at Lastingham. His brother Chad was appointed Bishop of York and then Bishop of the Mercians and Lindsey People, based in Lichfield where the relics of St Cedd were venerated.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass for Wilson D'Souza</b> <b>Mass being celebrated by Fr Jufel (Alex) Baldado from St Boniface parish</b>
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> St Simon and St Jude</b> Two apostles of Jesus martyred together in Beirut (now in Lebanon) in the Roman Eastern Province of Syria.. Simon was zealous in keeping the Law of Moses and was referred to a "Simon the Less" to distinguish him from Simon Peter. Jude is also called Thaddeus and was a farmer born in Caesarea Philippi and would have spoken both Aramaic and Greek. He was the son of Mary of Clopas, sister of the Virgin Mary, and brother of James the Less.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> St Narcissus of Jerusalem</b> Narcissus is not to be confused with the character in Greek mythology who enjoyed his own reflection in a mirror to such an inordinate degree he turned into a flower similar to a daffodil. This Narcissus was a Greek born about 99 AD and lived in Jerusalem. in his eighties he was appointed Bishop of Jersalem and decided to change the way for calculating the day to celebrate Easter. He decided it must be on a Sunday and not on the actual feast of Passover. Easter was defined as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the first day of Spring, 21 <sup>st</sup> March. This radical idea upset many Church members in Jerusalem and he was subject to vicious, open slander. This prompted him to resign as bishop and retreated into the desert as a hermit. As emotions cooled, he resumed as Bishop of Jerusalem and died in post age 110. A story is relted that he miraculously turned water into lamp oil on the vigil night of Easter.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Blessed Winchester Martyrs</b> 3 of the 4 Winchester martyrs are depicted in the stained glass window in St Peter's and the Winchester Martyrs Catholic Church in Winchester. <b>Blessed James Bird</b> , an Anglicasn born in Winchester. Converted and went to English College in Rheims. Returned to England. Did not accept the authority in spiritual matters of Queen Elizabeth I. Refused to swear the "Ecclesial Supremacy Oath". Hanged, drawn and quartered in Winchester 1593 aged 19. His head was put on a spike at the gate of Winchester much to his fathers's horror. <b>Blessed John Adams</b> was born in Dorset. An Anglican Minister who converted. Went to English College in Rheims. Ordained a Catholic priest. Returned to minister in Winchester. Eventually arrested and banished to France with 72 other priests in 1584. Next year returned to Winchester and arrested again. Executed in 1586 at Tyburn in London being a Catholic priest trained in France.

	<b>Blessed John Slade</b> was born in Dorset. Studied at New College Oxford. Went to Douai College in France to study Catholic Canon Law. Returned to England as a school teacher in Winchester. He did not accept the authority in spiritual matters of Queen Elizabeth I and refused to swear the "Ecclesial Supremacy Oath". Hanged, drawn and quartered on All Souls Day 1583 in Winchester Market Place. <b>Blessed Laurence Humphreys</b> was born an Aglican in Hampshire. Very religious. Helped the poor, visited the sick and people in prison and encouraged people to live good lives. Converted by a Catholic priest. Became seriously ill. While delirious called Queen Elizabeth a harlot and a heretic. Arrested. At his trial could not recall his words. Executed in 1591 in Winchester aged 20.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> St Alphonsus Rodriguez SJ</b> Born in 1532 in Spain to a rich wool merchant. Family provided hospitality for Fr Peter Faber, one of the founders of the Jesuits, when he was preaching in the city. Fr Peter prepared Alphonsus for his First Communion. Aged 14 his father died and Alphonsus left school to help run the family wool business. Aged 23 he was left in charge. Found it difficult. Married with 3 children. Mother, wife and two of his children died. He sold the business. Lived with two devout unmarried sisters, When his last child died considered religious life. Tried to join Jesuits but lacked education. Then accepted as doorkeeper and porter as a lay Brother on Spanish island of Majorca. Very respected by the rest of the community that listened to his wise counsel. He advised Fr Peter Claver to go on the missions to South America. Famous for his charitable work locally. Took final vows ager 54. Preached to community during meals
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November Feast of All Saints</b> 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.
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November Feast of All Souls</b> 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, peach, pray and bless the graves.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> <b>Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

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**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 was taken into Southampton General Hospital after being taken ill last Sunday**

Fr Michael was initially taken into the Acute Medical Unit 3. On Tuesday he was transferred to Ward F6 after a big improvement following his treatment and has been given a scan of his lungs. Please remember him in your prayers.



#### **Very sad news concerning Abel Kurian, son of Santhosh and Bindhu**

Abel left Sunday night for his heavenly abode. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Funeral will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Not too late to Gift Aid for Special Second Collection last Sunday for World Mission**

Due to the crisis last Sunday when Fr Michael Cronin was ill before the 9.30 am Mass, Gift Aid envelopes for World Mission were not given out. It is not too late to gift aid your donation using one of the special envelopes for World Mission which will be available this coming weekend.

#### **Weekday Masses at SVP are cancelled till after Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November when Fr Thomas returns.**

#### **Except for a Mass at 10am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November for the Feast of All Saints by a priest from St Boniface**

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

Weekday Masses at Holy Family are: Monday and Thursday at 7.30 pm. Tuesday and Friday at 9.15 am

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup> November from 1 to 3 pm.**

#### **Parish collection for last weekend 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	World Mission		TOTAL of all money
							Gift Aid	Loose	
£117	£29.25	£146.49	£242.54	£51.98	£587.26	----	£64 so far	£322.50	<b>£973.76</b>