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10 th November 2024 Psalter Week 4		Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
First Reading	Kings 17:10-16 <i>The widow made a little scone from her meal and brought it to Elijah.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	My soul, give praise to the Lord.		
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:24-28 <i>Christ offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mark 12:38-44 <i>This poor widow has put in more than all.</i>		
Saturday 9 th November +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Liam Ryan RIP)
Sunday 10 th November +		10.30am	Mass – (Pro Populo)
Monday 11 th November Armistice Day		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Betty Pentony Int)
Tuesday 12 th November St Josaphat – Bishop & Martyr		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Deceased members of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit)
Wednesday 13 th November Feria			No Parish Mass today
Thursday 14 th November Feria		10.00am 10.30am 12 noon	Mass – (Ian Aldus RIP) Adoration
Friday – 15 th November St Albert the Great – Bishop & Doctor		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (James Crilly RIP (First Aniv.))
Saturday – 16 th November Feria		9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Deacon Peter Int.)
Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year			
Saturday – 16 th November +		6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday – 17 th November +		10.30am	Mass – (Deceased family & friends of the Ayles family)

Second Collection this weekend: Bishops Ministry Fund

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

- Offertory: £392.07
- Digital Collection Plate: £50.00
- Standing Orders of £487.00
- TOTAL: £929.07

Many thanks for your continued financial support



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When you get home,
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today



Message from the SVP – we would like to thank Fr Biju and Deacon Peter for a very meaningful ‘In Memoriam Mass’ last Saturday. It is a great privilege to be able to remember our deceased family and friends in such a special way. Thanks also to everyone who joined us for lunch and to those who helped with the preparation and on the day too.

Please do let us know if we can be of any help to anyone.

The MP for Milton Keynes North, Chris Curtis will be at the Olney Centre on **Saturday 23rd November between 1.30pm and 4.30pm**. This will be a public forum and not specifically about any one issue but you may wish to visit and ask him about his views on the Assisted Dying Bill currently going before parliament and to let him know your views as a Christian.



CASPAR – In line with the decision made by the Diocese, we are beginning to use CASPAR, a new parish database system designed to improve communication and streamline parish management. We kindly ask you all to register as a parishioner either via the web page: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56071 or by scanning the QR code here (also available in the porch). You will need your own email address and will be prompted to create a password. The

sign-up process is simple, and we only collect your name and email address. Rest assured, all data is kept secure and is fully GDPR-compliant. You can delete your entry anytime you like. If you are not confident in using the internet or do not have an email address, please contact Denise who will help you to sign up. Thank you.



Blessing of Graves – during this month when we dedicate our prayers to the Holy Souls, Fr Biju is offering to bless the graves of your loved ones. If you would like the grave of a loved one blessed during this month of November then please speak directly to Fr Biju who will be happy to arrange this for you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - Our annual parish Christmas Concert will be held on **Friday 20th December at 7.00pm** here in our church. An evening of carols, readings and prayer followed by seasonal refreshments in the parish hall. This year the proceeds from the concert will go to 'Olney is Kind.'

Helping Hands

Church Cleaners – we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church building in which we can worthily worship the Lord. We remain ever grateful to the willing team of volunteers who keep our church clean and tidy. Sadly, due to ill health and ageing the number of volunteers is now reduced to only three. We are seeking more young volunteers to help keep our church looking resplendent – if you can give some of your time each month to help with this task, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or speak to Julia Scott or Fr Biju. Thank you.

REMINDER – From the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday 30th November (1st Sunday of Advent)** our parish will start to use the readings from the Revised Lectionary. This will mean that the Readings in your current missals will not be correct. New Missals containing the revised readings can be obtained from various sources including the CTS; Pauline Books; Amazon. Before you purchase, please ensure that it states on the cover:

'PEOPLES EDITION – With the New Translation of the Lectionary'

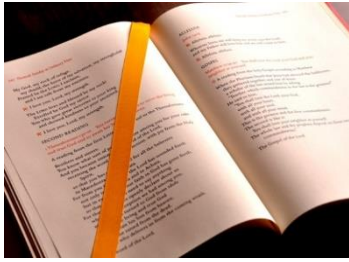
Mass Intentions – as Catholics it is an ancient and noble practice to pray for the living and the dead at Mass. The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption made present to us. Therefore, so many of us seek to book a Mass intention for our loved ones. We have a number of available weekday dates during the coming weeks – if you would like to book a Mass, please complete one of the Mass Offering envelopes available in the porch.

Love Christmas Campaign - Caritas has launched the annual Love Christmas Campaign. **Anyone wishing to contribute gifts please leave at the back of the church by Sunday 1st December.** Suggested Gifts - anything that you would give as a gift to a family member or friend will be suitable and will be distributed to someone appropriate within the Milton Keynes deanery. Please do not include non-gift items such as pasta, tinned food, toothpaste, hand sanitizer etc these will be gratefully accepted by your local foodbank. Suggested Gift Ideas: Chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, playing cards, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks, and blankets). Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, books, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationary set, toiletry gift packs, Play doh. Suggested Additional Gifts for babies and toddlers: Cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys, socks, gloves, and blankets. Suggested Additional Gifts for Elderly People Individual Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, lap blanket, insulated mug, gloves, scarf.



Newsletter – Deadline - Items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter should be submitted to Denise no later than **5.00pm on Wednesday afternoon.** Whilst we will do our best to include your item this cannot always be guaranteed.

Scripture Reflections on 32nd Sunday (Year B)



From Fr. Biju's desk...

Today's readings invite us to surrender our lives to God with a humble and generous heart, by serving others lovingly and sacrificially.

Kings 17:10-16 - 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.

Hebrews 9:24-28 - 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.

Mark 12:38-44 - 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.

We need to accept Christ's criteria of judging people: We often judge people by what they possess. We give weight to their positions in society, educational qualifications, or celebrity status. But Jesus measures us in a totally different way – based on our inner motives and the intentions hidden behind our actions. He evaluates us based on the sacrifices we make for others and on the degree of our surrender to His holy will.

The offering God wants from us is not our material possessions, but our hearts and lives.

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, pray for us.

With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter

Thought for the Month of Holy Souls: "We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven"

St John Mary Vianney