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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: 10th November 2019

Sunday Readings: Year C

Weekday Readings Year I: 32nd Week of the Year

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors.

Services This Week

Sunday 10 th November 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Deceased Members of Thorn & Curry Families
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass - Frank Edward Janes junior
	Hymns for 10:00 Mass Entrance: - The Lord is my Shepherd (533) Offertory: - The Church's One Foundation (518) Communion:- Make Me a Channel of your Peace (342) Recession: - Abide With Me (4)	
Monday 11 th November	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
		St Martin of Tours
Tuesday 12 th November	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
		St Josaphat
Wednesday 13 th November	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Vieira family
		Feria
Thursday 14 th November	9:15 am	Holy Mass – in St Pancras school
		Feria
Friday 15 th November	12: 15 pm	Deanery Requiem Mass in St Pancras church
		Feria
Saturday 16 th November	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Rachael's mum RIP
		Feria
Sunday 17 th November	9:30 am	Holy Mass – James & Catherine Barrett
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	10:00 am*	Holy Mass – Deceased members of the Andrews family
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

* Children's Liturgy is held during the 10:00 Mass each Sunday.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses. The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, the Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations and Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: to spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, ". . . for to him all are alive."

Remembrance Sunday

Armistice Day, held on November 11th every year, commemorates the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany at 11 am on 11th November 1918 - the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Remembrance Sunday falls on the second Sunday in November, that nearest to Armistice Day, today, 10th November.

Today, the National Service of Remembrance will be held at the Cenotaph on Whitehall, London, to honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces community, the British and Commonwealth veterans, the Allies that fought alongside us and the civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts, and is marked by ceremonies at local war memorials in most cities, towns and villages. Today's 10:00 Mass will be a solemn requiem in memory of all those who lost their lives in conflicts around the world, and will include the customary 2 minute silence as a mark of respect.

World Day of the Poor - *'The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever'*

Today is also World Day of the Poor. In his message for the third World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis reminds us that "the poor are not numbers, but people", to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved. He recalled that this is not possible without the humility of listening, the charisma of the whole, the courage of renunciation. He reminded us that to "follow the way of charity, of humility and of listening means lending an ear to the little ones", because God reveals himself through them. And he asked us not to look down on anyone from above. "You can only look down at a person from above," he insisted, "in order to help them get up". During his audience with delegates of the Caritas Internationalis General Assembly on 27th May 2019, the Pope called for serious action in this regard. He urged us to live our mission with a style of poverty, gratuitousness and humility. He insisted that we cannot live charity without having interpersonal relationships with the poor: living with and for the poor. He denounced any hypocritical and deceptive charity that merely gives alms, and acts as if to salve our worried conscience. For the Pope, charity is not to be equated with philanthropic effectiveness, planning efficiency or even an overstated and agitated organisation. He invited us to cultivate a personal encounter with Christ, in order to meet him in the poor (see Matt. 25). For further details & resources please use this link: www.csan.org.uk

November – The Month of Remembrance

The parish community as a whole will pray for the departed souls from our parish in the month of November. If you have anyone to be specially remembered, please write his or her name on a piece of paper and put it in the box on the altar. The box will remain on the altar for the whole month of November. There are also special envelopes in the Narthex to offer Masses for the dead.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for Sunday 3rd November was £360.01 and the retiring collection for the St Edmund's Fund was £111.09. The collection for Sunday 27th October was £518.24. Thank you.

The Sick of the Parish

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Annick Smith and Pippa Williamson.

Date for your Diaries

The Friends of St Alban's are holding a Christmas Craft Market on November 16th from 10 am until 2 pm at St Alban's Catholic High School, Digby Road, Ipswich, IP4 3NJ. There is no entry fee. There will be a range of handmade crafts, gifts, refreshments & more with all proceeds going towards a school minibus.

Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Henrietta Haywood-Farmer, Pat McCreery, Helen Ker, Martin Cresswell, Agnes Collings, Michael Chapman, Panda Oliver, Nora Scoging, Kathleen Royle, Malcolm Lenis, Anthony Hinton, Christina Fisher and Catherine Boar whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

First Holy Communion Programme 2020

The instruction classes for those on this programme continue today at 4:45 pm in the Guild Room.

Parish 150 Club

The delayed October prize draw of the parish 150 Club was made last Sunday after 10:00 Mass. Congratulations to the following winners:

£15	No 61	Mr M Bloomfield	£10	No 27	Mr G Di Mascio
£5	No 18	Mrs M Palmer	£5	No 210	Mrs M Sparkes

Catholic East Anglia

A few copies of the November edition of the Diocesan newspaper, Catholic East Anglia, are still available in the narthex – it is free of charge so please do take a copy and keep yourself apprised of news and developments across the diocese of East Anglia. You can also read the newspaper on line by following the link on the parish web site.

The God Who Speaks

2020 is the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'. Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of celebrating, living and sharing God's word. Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. For more information on this project visit <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/>.

RCIA

There are still registration forms in the narthex for the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme. This programme is for adults who wish to be received into the Catholic church and will prepare adult converts for reception into the church at Easter 2020. One of the problems people who are coming into the church via the RCIA process often experience is not knowing people. They are unsure who to choose as a sponsor. It would be really great to have a group of people prepared to be something of a "Christian mentor" to one of our candidates, helping by answering questions, praying for and with them and providing an example for them. Showing that we are not perfect and sometimes things are tough is important too. Someone like this acting as a confirmation sponsor as well makes a really powerful statement. If you think you can help in this way or have questions, please talk to the RCIA catechist Martin Pakes.

Readings for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C: 10th November, 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help.

Collect: Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading:

Macc. 7:1-2,9-14 *The King of the world will raise us up to live for ever.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, "What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors." With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, "Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever." After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands with these honourable words, "It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again." The king and his attendants were astonished at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end, he cried, "Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life."

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 16:1,5-6,8,15

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.

Second Reading:

2Thes. 2:16-3:5 *May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Stay awake praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38 *He is of God, not of the dead, but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, "Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she has been married to all seven?" Jesus replied, "The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive."

Prayer over the Offerings: Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Prayer after Communion: Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.