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1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: *"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."*

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Psalm 145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Parish

Rotas for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion Very many thanks to those parishioners who have joined the teams of parish ministers. Rotas for all ministers have been e-mailed by Mary Rose, and are now on the notice board. Paper copies are available in the porch also.

World Development Group Annual Dinner, Sat 17 Nov. £25. See noticeboard.

Boldmere Christmas Lights. 18th November from 2pm. Thank you to parishioners who will be staffing the Churches Together stall from 4-5pm! Come and have your photo taken in the stable of Bethlehem.

Dads' Get Together Our monthly meetings are based around a ten minute talk and then supper and a chance to chat/discuss. Interested? **Our next meeting will have input from Mark O'Rourke, a teacher/Head of Year at Bishop Walsh reflecting on what he's learnt about being a dad from his experience as a teacher. 8pm, Monday 19th November.**

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church on Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome. **NB Next prayer is on Monday 19th Nov.**

First Communion families. The rotas for children and their families to assist with the Offertory at Mass are available in the porch and on the website. If a child and their family cannot help on the weekend(s) scheduled please swap with another family. *Let us all continue to keep these children and their families in our prayers.*

Masses Week 32 in Ordinary Time

| S | 10 | | 1800 | Joseph and Anna Pham RIP |
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| Su | 11 | Sunday of 32nd Week Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 4 | 0900 1100 | For the parish For members of the parish who died in WW1 |
| M | 12 | St Josaphat | 1000* 1700 | Chris Bayliss (Ints) (R & M Perks) <i>Reception of coffin of Michael McDermott</i> |
| T | 13 | | 1000 * | Funeral Mass of Michael McDermott |
| W | 14 | | | |
| Th | 15 | | | |
| F | 16 | | 1000 1900 * | <i>with St Nicholas School. (All welcome)</i> Decsd family/friends of Charles and Jean Randle <i>followed by 30 mins exposition</i> |
| S | 17 | Sunday of 33rd Week Ordinary Time | 1700 1800 | <i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> For the parish |
| Su | 18 | Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 1 | 0900 1100 | Jessie Mary Redmond RIP Anniv (Redmond) Janet Walsh Ints (Shannon) |

This week the church will be closed outside of the scheduled service times

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, *as indicated above* *.
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm.

Reconciliation Next scheduled time *is 5pm on Saturday 17th* or by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Bernie Morton and Frs Neil Bayliss and Gabriel Maguire. **Please pray** for Michael McDermott whose funeral is this week. Please pray also for Philip Hindle, Stephen Yates, Bridie McGinness, Leslie Cecil, Evelyn Coffey, Hugh Douglas, George Hart, Brian Hill and all whose anniversaries are at this time.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.

If you or another parishioner are sick and would like to invite the parish to pray for you, please see Fr Allen, so that the record of your permission now needed under Data Protection legislation can be completed.

Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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!*

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Next Sunday is the 33rd in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Daniel 12:1 – 3 / Psalm 16:5, 8, 9 – 10, 11 / Hebrews 10:11 – 14, 18 / Mark 13:24 – 32

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Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme begins Sat 24 November from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

Scripture group Next meeting is **7.30pm, Tues 11 Dec**, in the Benedict Room. We will look at Chapters 7 and 8 Meeting in the Benedict Room. All welcome

Parish Book Clubs (*both meet in the parish house, and all are welcome*)

- **The Daytime Group** Next meeting is at 1030 on Weds 2nd Jan, and the book is *The God who won't let go* by Peter van Breemen, SJ The book is a prayerful invitation to enter the depths of forgiveness, mercy, compassion and resurrection.
- **The Night Time Club** Next meeting is at 8pm on Monday 3 December and the book is *Everyone brave is forgiven*. 'A spellbinding novel about three unforgettable individuals thrown together by war, love, and their search for belonging in the ever-changing landscape of WWII London.'

Blessing of Graves. Rectory Road 1/11 at 2.30pm; New Hall 18/11 at 2.30pm; Witton 25/11 at 2.30pm

Diocese

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Ring 01675 434500 for a chat or to arrange a visit.

Other

A Lifeline for Marriages

Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication?

Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Neighbourhood Network Scheme: Drop-in Events. Local groups and organisations are invited to meeting 4 Dec, 1-3pm at Gracewell, 134 Jockey Rd to learn more about this scheme.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for November is that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostlesh/pofprayer.org/>

The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of *Laudate*.

The Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and **Lamb of God** used in Ordinary Time are nos 101 ff in *Laudate*.

THE FRIENDS OF MARYVALE
PRESENT
SILENT MOVIE NIGHT
A fundraising event in support of recent disasters in the Philippines and Kerala

PROGRAMME

The Immigrant (Charlie Chaplin 1917)
The Freshman (Harold Lloyd 1925)

Saturday 17th November 2018

At Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG

Show starts at 7pm
Tickets £6
Contact 8121 368 8118
Refreshments will be available

With live music from Vincent Byrne (piano)

Follow the Star

Boldmere Nativity Parade
Saturday 15th Dec, 3.30pm
Dress up as your favourite Nativity Character, carry a star, bring a toy sheep or just be yourself.

Starts at Boldmere Methodist Church, Boldmere Road, and takes a route via St Nicholas Church; Wylde Green URC; and finishing at St Michael's Church, Church Rd.

Maybe bring a lantern or torch.
Short Christmas reading and a carol at each church.
Everyone is welcome

