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Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells**

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**32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME                      10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> November    Remembrance Sunday**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm		Buckley family
		6.00 pm	Redmond family
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Mary White
		3.00 pm	Blessing of Graves in St. Joseph's cemetery
Monday		9.30 am	Kay & Dony Healey
	12.30 pm		Funeral Service for Michael Morgan
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 pm	Jade Young    Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday	10.00 am 6.00 pm		Anointing of Youth Ministry Reception of Mary Joyce in Church
Friday Day of Abstinence	11.30 am	11.45 am	<b>Funeral Mass of Mary Joyce</b> Eucharistic Service

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME                      17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> November    World Day of the Poor**

Day	Aston	Nechells	
Saturday	12.30 pm		Anointing of Youth Ministry
		6.00 pm	People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Peter Cleaver & Kathleen Hogg

**Please Pray for the sick;** Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, John Mullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor.

The collection last weekend came to £245.80  
The **Johnson Association** collection came to £250.27

**UNQUENCHABLE DESIRE** – Pray like the saints. Kelly Deutsch, an international speaker, author and spiritual coach is coming to St. Vincent's, Nechells Parkway on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 7-8 pm. She will share with us what the mystics can teach us about prayer. For more information contact Sr. Catherine on 0779 1231 458

**MISSIO BOXES** Please will you return your Missio Boxes (full!) as soon as possible now as the deadline for paying the money over is approaching.

**THE RENEWAL TEAM** will meet after Sunday Mass every Sunday. Do come along, if you would like to join the team.

**SICK LIST** If you or someone you know wishes to be on the sick list which is on the newsletter and hence on the website, then get a form from Sheila McKernan or Fr. Stephen and when signed return it to them.

**The Archdiocese hearing in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)** begins in London on Monday 12 November, and runs until Friday 16 November. The Archdiocese believes that the work being done by IICSA is of great significance and supports the aim of strengthening and improving safeguarding practices and cultures within the Church. The welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults is a fundamental priority for the Archdiocese. Fostering a culture which has safeguarding at its very heart remains a key part of our work. If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**. Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry. Last weekend's Pastoral Letter on this matter can be found on the Archdiocese website <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

**St. Joseph's 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 3.00 pm**

**New Hall Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm**

**Witton Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm**

**The RCIA group** meets on Thursdays at 6.30 pm in the Presbytery at Sacred Heart. You are welcome to join in even if you are already a Catholic. It is good for all of us to do so every few years.

**ENGLISH PRAYER TIME** You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

**DAILY EXPOSITION** There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

**THE KINGDOM WARRIORS** meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

**SILENT MOVIE NIGHT** at the Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, B44 9AG in aid of Keralan & Philippine floods on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm. Tickets £6.

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498.

**St. Paul's Nursing Home** in Selly Park are advertising for a nurse. See notice at the back of Church. Closing date for applications 14<sup>th</sup> November.

**First reading      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.

**Responsorial 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.

**Second reading      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!**

### **Gospel      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.'

### Reflection

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.