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29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

20th/21st October World Mission Day

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Sr. Regina
SUNDAY	10.00 am	6.00 pm	Ya Anna Sarr Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service
Monday		9.30 am	Sr. Regina
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	- Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday	10.00 am		-
Friday Day of Abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Norah Twomey Eucharistic Service

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

27th/28th October

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Billy McClure People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Tommy Read

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

The collection last weekend came to £214.63

The **PACT** collection came to £176.29.

This weekend there will be a second collection for World Mission (APF)

Next weekend we have our October **Fiver a month** collection

NAME TAG SUNDAY Next Sunday we shall have another Name Tag Sunday to help us get to know one another. Do leave time to stay around after Mass having a chat with people over a cup of tea or coffee.

NOVEMBER LIST Next week sees the great Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, and All Souls Day the next Day. Please enter the names of any departed people you wish to remember in one of the books on St. Joseph's altar.

ALL SAINTS DAY MASSES Thursday 1st November 10 am & 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart. 11.45 am at St. Joseph's

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES Friday 2nd November 10 am & 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart. 11.45 am at St. Joseph's.

A TEN MINUTE RULE BILL on 23rd October seeks to remove all obstacles to abortion and completely deregulate it, also allowing abortion in Northern Ireland. There are cards at the back for you to send to your MP to urge him to vote against it. Please take one and send it off, but better still go to see your MP at one of his/her surgeries. Email Fr. Stephen for more details.

THE RENEWAL TEAM will meet after Sunday Mass every Sunday. Do come and join them.

Knights of St. Columba. Francis Prom is being admitted as a knight at this Sunday Mass here.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Oscott Sat 3rd Nov 3pm

Abbey Sun 4th Nov 1pm

St. Joseph's 11th Nov 3 pm

New Hall Sun 18th Nov 2 30pm

Witton Sun 25th Nov 2 30pm

ADOREMUS The Eucharistic Congress took place in Liverpool 7-9th September. All the talks, the Mass and Adoration can all be seen on the internet. The talks are well worth listening to. Go to www.catholicnews.org.uk

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.

A FREE CATHOLIC APP FOR YOUR PHONE www.godcalls.co.uk Also the EWTN app is very good and Catholic Mega app. They are all free.

RENEW OUR PARISH Now that we have renewed our Church Roof we need to renew our parish. Please pray the Renewal Prayer everyday so that we can be open to what God wants us to do and become in this Sacred Heart parish.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? The new RCIA group meets on Thursdays at 6.30 pm in the Presbytery at Sacred Heart. Those who are already Catholics are also very welcome.

40 Days for Life. Two people will be praying outside the Abortion Centre in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8 am – 8 pm every day for 40 days. Can you help? If so phone Isabel on 07773 501721. You won't be left on your own and will be put with someone experienced.

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.

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.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.

St. PAUL'S CONVENT in Selly Park are looking for a part-time Domestic Assistant. See notice on board.

THE PARISH WEBSITE now has a link on its home page to the Diocesan website. You are encouraged to visit it regularly to keep up with all the news about what is going on in the diocese and beyond.

First reading Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement,
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over,
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
No one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Reflection

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honour they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them.

Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles.

Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?