

7th November 2021

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

“...they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had, has put in everything she possessed....”

Mark 12:44

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ALL MASSES ADVERTISED BELOW ARE AVAILABLE TO JOIN LIVE, ONLINE AT

www.churchservices.tv/portswoodchur

Date	Solemnities & Feast days	Mass Times	Mass details & intentions
Sun 07 Nov	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30 am 10.30 am	†Luis Nunes Greaves RIP †Anna Zepler RIP
Mon 08 Nov	Feria	-	No Mass
Tues 09 Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		No Mass
Wed 10 Nov	St Leo the Great		No Mass
Thur 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours		No Mass
Fri 12 Nov	St Josaphat		No Mass
Sat 13 Nov	1 ST MASS OF SUNDAY	10.00 am	†Kevin McGloin RIP
Sun 14 Nov	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)	8.30 am 10.30 am	† Deceased relations & friends of the White family



SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST Reading:

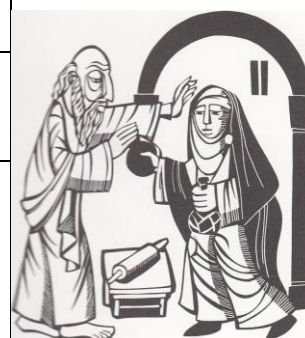
Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 145:7-10

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44



SECOND COLLECTIONS:-

TODAY, SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER – Bamenda – Please see notice below for further details

NEXT SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER – (Remembrance Sunday)

The Parish Bank Account details are:

Name: PRCOTR Immaculate Conception Church

Sort Code: 30-93-04

Account No: 00887995

For donations please give a reference

followed by your gift aid number if you donate in this way. e.g:

GEN = General Fund (offertory collection),

ERF = Emergency Relief Fund

TODAY IS BAMENDA SUNDAY – (2ND COLLECTION)

This Sunday we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon and here in our diocese we



have six priests on loan from Bamenda. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support. Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in our twinned diocese. These are very challenging times.

ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference! Donations can be made as you leave the church and can also be made securely online:

<https://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php>

If you are able to set up a standing order, please download a form from the same Donate page: £6 per month would help an orphaned or vulnerable child attend primary school. Please pray for peace in Bamenda and for the six priests we have on loan here from the Archdiocese. The Bamenda and Portsmouth link website can be found here where you can read the latest newsletter and find out more about the projects we are supporting.

www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9.30 am – 4 pm

A REFLECTION ON THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Prayer and Humility

"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation." [Mark 12:38-40](#)

It's important to note here that Jesus says, "They will receive a very severe condemnation." These words are spoken from Him who is the source of mercy and grace. His heart is full of kindness and compassion, He is gentle and forgiving, and He wants nothing other than our eternal salvation. And yet Jesus is clear that the scribes will be severely condemned.

The first thing we should think is that we do not want to be like the scribes! We do not want to receive similar condemnation. Thus, we should avoid their state of sin. So that begs the question, "What sin of the scribes earned them this severe condemnation?"

The bottom line is that they were frauds. They were consumed with a desire for "places of honor." They clearly treated others poorly: "They devour the houses of widows." What's worse, they presented themselves as people of prayer when they clearly were not. As a result, Jesus severely condemned them.

So what do we learn from their errors? We should learn at least the following two lessons:

- 1) The true "place of honour" is the place of the greatest humility. True honor, in the eyes of God, is found when we serve without notice and give without recognition. In this way, our giving and serving are done purely out of a motivation of love and not self-serving intentions. The humble person does not seek to be praised and honored for the love they give. The act of giving and serving is itself the gift they receive.
- 2) Reciting lengthy prayers is not the same as praying. Prayer is about one thing. It's about entering into communion with God. It's about establishing a relationship with Him in a deep, beautiful and abiding way. It's about love. Prayer is not for show or to gain the admiration of others.

Reflect, today, upon the harsh judgment Jesus issued toward the scribes. Know that this is done, in part, to teach us what to avoid in life. Avoid all selfish pride. Seek humility and true prayer and you will be greatly blessed.

Lord, help me to be a person of true prayer and worship. Help me to remain humble and true. Help me to love You out of love of You alone. Jesus, I trust in You

A reflection for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, B
My Catholic Life (www.mycatholic.life)

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

With a focus on God's Creation and the importance of the COP26 Climate Change Conference taking place at this time, we are challenged to consider what we can do as Catholics within the church, within the diocese, within parishes and the local community and as individuals. There are copies of the letter at the back of the church and at the following link:

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PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

<https://mailchi.mp/portsmouthdiocese/issue342?e=34c55a66ce>



This E news is always an interesting review of so much taking place around the diocese, together with opportunities to get involved or

attend events which may be of particular relevance or interest to you. Here are a few examples of this week's content:

- Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
- Month of the Holy Souls – reflection on the lives of saints whose feasts occur this week.
- Mass for victims of the Pandemic in the Cathedral this Sunday to which all are invited
- Workshops for Parish Readers
- Climate Film Show and Discussion Café in the Cathedral Discovery Centre
- Feedback from the Diocesan Survey 'A thousand voices' – this week views on what people really think about confession, the Eucharist and styles of Masses
- A regular section on Job opportunities working for the Diocese and occasionally other associated organisations.

PORTSMOUTH VOCATIONS NEWSLETTER

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TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND. Please join us in the hall for refreshments **after the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses this Sunday.**

8.30 AM MASS

- **Readers** - Please could all volunteer readers for 8.30 am stay for 10 minutes after Mass this Sunday, 7th November
- **We are in need of a few more ushers and welcomers** for the 8.30 Mass. If you could help, please speak to Mary after Mass or contact the parish office.

ROAD WORKS ON KENT ROAD ARE FINALLY FINISHED! So there is now normal access to the car park and Belgrave Road.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING

Every week at 10.30 am

(Although there is no Tuesday Mass this week, the coffee morning will still take place.)

All welcome. We are conscious that there are many senior members of our community who live alone or have felt isolated over the last 18 months and in particular we would like to encourage you to pop in for a tea/coffee. A friendly welcome awaits you. If you need to talk to anyone about this, please see either Susie Warwick or Fiona Thompson after Mass at the weekends. Otherwise, just turn up!



THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM would like to invite you to their next Breakthrough Workshop, which will be held on **Saturday 27th November** at the Church of the Holy Family, Southampton.



The workshop is for anyone: spouses, clergy, singles, grandparents, friends and/or family interested in supporting married couples at a time where the pressure and stress on family life is enormous. As well as spouses, it would be great to see parish priests, and catechists, due to their regular contact with families. For further details and to register, please contact Aba Shields:

marriagefamilylife@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

BOOKSHOP RE-OPENING



Our parish bookshop will be opening again from this weekend onwards before and after Sunday Masses (if we can get volunteers for Saturday it will open then too). It has been tidied up so that it is easy to find what you are looking for. You will also find some new stock on the shelves. We have:

- 2022 Calendars
- Music CDs
- Advent Candles
- Advent Calendars
- Christmas cards
- Bibles, missals and prayer books
- Rosaries, crucifixes & statues
- Cards for all occasions
- A few small gifts.



We are expecting a few other books and goods for children over the next week or so too! Additionally the usual parish home-made charity Christmas Cards will be available to buy in here very soon. Please do pop in to browse or buy!



We are still looking for volunteers to help in the shop. It is a very simple task – unlocking the door, taking money, giving change (there is a calculator), giving out a receipt, and a quick tidy up before locking

up when finished. If you could help, please call into the bookshop on a Sunday when it is open, speak to Fr Antony or contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS CAKES



Traditional, rich fruit cakes made.

Large cake - £20

Small cake - £12

If you would like to order one please

contact: Lesley Newman on 07504 455925/02380 476989. Please leave message/text if no reply.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

Saturday 27th November, 10 am

Annual Mass for those who have suffered bereavements, especially over this last year.

SUNDAY LUNCHES TEAM

2 people are needed to help with preparing and serving lunches for Homeless people from 10 am – 1 pm on Sunday 21st November 2021 and Sunday 9th January 2022. If you could help, please contact Steve on 07540229973 or e mail jmjsteve@yahoo.com
If this is something you have thought about doing, this would be a great opportunity to try it out without making any immediate commitment.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM PAX CHRISTI



New Christmas cards are now available from Pax Christi: Felt banners were created some years ago for display at a church in Cambridge during Christmas. These banners have now been made into Christmas cards. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus p+p

paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/

A MESSAGE FROM CAFOD:

Please pray for the success of the UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November.

There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

MEDITATION GROUP

6pm Tuesday evenings at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Bugle Street, Southampton. Lasts about 40 minutes. This ecumenical group is linked to the WCCM (World Community for Christian Meditation) in the tradition of Fr John Main. Just turn up or for further information contact 07910345711 or speak to Fiona (02380581109)

GIFT AID : To ensure that your chosen charity receives your donation it is essential that **ALL** purple Special Collection envelopes are clearly marked with the name of the charity concerned.