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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Fri 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sun 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Confessions

Fri 6:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am

Sun 9:30 am



Welcome to you all this weekend, we have just celebrated a Triduum of Halloween...All Hallow's Eve, All Saints day and All Souls day. As you may have seen from our parish's Facebook page, worshippers have historically fasted and prayed on All Hallow's Eve in order to prepare before All Saints Day. Seeing so many young people in the Church dressed as Saints and sharing their knowledge of the Saint made for a beautiful ending to the Vigil Mass on Thursday evening. We all receive a Saint's name at confirmation and are called to be Holy; let's remember to pray to the Saints and to read about them, especially the ones we were named after. All Souls day presents us with the opportunity to remember and pray for our ancestors and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. As we remember and give thanks for what we received through our ancestors, we are challenged to examine our current choices and lifestyle and to adapt them to be more life giving, and life enhancing for the human family. Remembering also that "where they have gone, we surely will follow" (funeral ritual). Leaving the church after Mass is not and should not be the end of our spiritual lives! Even if all we say in our daily prayers is, "I know, Lord, You love me unconditionally, You forgive me, You are with me," we must continue to feed the fire of God's love before giving Him our day. Loving our neighbour as ourselves depends wholly on how we love ourselves. If our mind and heart are at war with each other, then we are going to show our dissatisfaction with our lives to others. But if we are at peace with ourselves and sincere and honest in what we do and say, then we will be able to show others the same respect - the same love - we have for ourselves. As we encounter other people we must always try to recognise the presence of the Lord in them. Our peace comes from the sure knowledge of God's unconditional love for us; our peace is made flesh in the way we love and accept others. Serving them is serving God. Jesus gives us all we need and calls us to make Him present for others in the way we treat them. May the peace of Christ within us help us serve Him in others.

Sat 2nd Nov 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	Sean Kirwan RIP Fr Brian Cuddihy IC RIP
Sun 3rd Nov 2024	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM 18.00PM	Vincent Deery RIP Una Leach RIP
Mon 4 th Nov 2024	Feast of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	10.00AM 19:00PM	Fr Jerry Henry
Tue 5 th Nov 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Robert & R J Larkin RIP (Anniversary) Robert & Melina Simpson (Wellbeing)
Wed 6 th Nov 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Holly Ford RIP Canon John Maguire
Thurs 7th Nov 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Kitty Considine (Wellbeing) Andrey (Private Intention)
Fri 8th Nov 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Fr Brian Cuddihy IC RIP Richard (Private Intention)
Sat 9th Nov 2024	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Souls in Purgatory Margret Moloney

This week's Gospel – Mark 12:28-34
'You are not far from the kingdom of God'

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Responsorial Psalm

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Remembering our Beloved Deceased in November,
The Month of Prayer for the Dead**

*You are in my thoughts
and prayers.*

During the month of November, we pray specifically for the dead. Please take an envelope from the back of Church, into which you put your list of departed family and friends who will be remembered in the masses. An offering in support of the Rosminian Missionaries may also be placed in the envelope. You may then place the envelopes in the Urn on the Altar. If you would like a grave blessed not in our graveyard then let us know.

Second Collection for the Johnson Association

There is a second collection for the Johnson Association who provide for the needs of the clergy in sickness and old age.

The Objects of the Association are twofold:

Firstly, to provide discretionary grants to priests who retire from active work through illness, infirmity or old age. Secondly, to make discretionary grants to those clergy on the active list who are incapacitated by serious illness lasting over one month who need monetary assistance to receive treatment to recover their health, and during a period of recuperation.

St. Marie's Parish Foodbank

Request for items for foodbank that are non perishable and left in the porch please, thank you.

If you or you know of anyone struggling who needs support then please get in touch with the parish office especially as the colder months come with increasing utility bills.

Plenary Indulgences for All Souls

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, for the departed. It is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 {as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day} piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited. To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father while being detached from sin. Praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary.

St. Marie's Media Groups

As you may know we have a fairly active Facebook page which keeps you up to date with Saints feasts and celebrations coming up in the Church and some video's that have been made on the parish. We are looking to form a group who would be interested in helping with this in the form of filming and editing videos which can all be done on your smart phones these days, if you are willing to help please write your name on the sheet at the back of Church.

St. Marie's Social Group

Would you be willing to help and plan social events/evenings within the parish? Do you have ideas that can make our parish more active socially? If so, then please do not wait to be asked and write your name on the sheet at the back of church, thank you for committing your time to this.

As the colder months are upon us can we please remember to keep the main door shut after you enter or leave the Church, as you can appreciate it is a big building to heat which means we have the heating on 2hours before Mass, however this heat is quickly lost when the main door is left open, so please help us keep our heating bills down and you warm. After Masses could you also take the newsletter back from your bench and either take home to pray for the deceased and sick or give to a neighbour or leave it back in the porch as this helps with tidying after Mass, thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Brian Cuddihy IC, Agnes Lynch, Anne Kent, John Edwin Thompson

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Margaret Maloney, Anthony Geehan, Margaret Cave, Edward Courtney, Kathleen Deane, Michael Leydon, James Rogan, Bridget Brown, Jeremiah Anish, Bridget Dempsey, Dennis Farmer, Anthony O'Neill, John O Driscoll, Ronald Price, Honoria Ratley, Jack Pope, Edward Foulds, James Olexa, Teresa Marsella, Natasha Vilos, Theresa O'Donnell, Robert Marriot

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Joseph Deery

News from the Bishops' Conference

We are calling on Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose assisted suicide.

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics to **unite in prayer and compassionate action**. That call is renewed now as on **Wednesday, 16 October**, the House of Commons heard the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. It will be debated on **Friday 29 November**.

This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

Act now! Contact your MP! The charity 'Right to Life' has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law, please visit <https://righttolife.org.uk> Our new **Local MP John Slinger** says he

hasn't made up his mind so it would be good to contact him on this matter to show our strength of feeling about this.

Recently the Senedd members including First Minister Eluned Morgan and Health Secretary Jeremy Miles, have voted against a motion calling for a new law to allow assisted dying in Wales and England. Miles had earlier warned of "huge ramifications" for

Wales if the law changed. In total, 19 Senedd members voted in favour of the motion, with 26 against and nine abstentions - however, the Senedd does not have the power to change the law on assisted dying in Wales, so the vote was symbolic. Among

those who opposed the motion was Plaid Cymru's South Wales East MS, Delyth Jewell. Delyth, the Deputy Leader of Plaid Cymru and an active member of St Peter's RC Church in Bargoed, delivered a deeply moving speech, stating, "My fear with this

motion, my terror is not so much with how it will begin but how it will end." Her powerful intervention resonated deeply, prompting the Archbishop of Cardiff asking for her speech to be shared which can be seen on our Facebook page.

The Pastoral Letter from **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** can be found at the back of church on yellow paper with another article printed in green by a parishioner. There are also a number of resources on

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/oppose-assisted-suicide> for you to read through on this Bill.

Pray

We are a praying Christian community and, as Bishop Sherrington says, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. *"The Catholic Church accompanies those suffering and nearing the end of their lives with hope and affection, but also reminds them that their life is precious until the very last breath,"* he says. *"In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity."*

"Let us also pray for our politicians and our country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions. I also urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide."



Thank you to all the parents for their hard work in organising the costumes of the Saints for All Hallows Eve as we celebrated the Vigil Mass for All Saints Day, it was lovely to see so many Saints represented from Mother Theresa to Carlos Acutis, it made for a beautiful evening, thank you all who helped organise the evening



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? Do you have a friend or work colleague thinking about it? **Classes will commence on Wednesday**

13th November at 7PM in the Coach House

Speak with Fr Aji for more information

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Monday the Church is open and the heating on for adoration every Monday 9AM – 7PM You are all invited to come and spend time in the presence of the Lord; if you would like to dedicate one hour of your time to the Lord, please sign your name on the form at the back of church, if you know you can pledge an hour of your time in advance then please write your name in advance of the day, Thank you

Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025

Archbishop Bernard Longley warmly invites you to join the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes organized from **Saturday 24th to Friday 30th May 2025**. Every year hundreds of people from across the Archdiocese have joined together for the spiritual journey to be with Our Lady.

You can register your interest via the Archdiocese of Birmingham Lourdes website, <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>



UCM Bottle in a bag

We are collecting donations of bottled goods for the annual UCM bottle stall, these can be bottles of alcohol, juice, fizzy drinks (big or small). We kindly request any new or used/unwanted bottle bags that you no longer need. Thank you.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

If you would like to donate any food or drinks, crisps or chocolates, crackers, mince pies, wine etc then these will be put towards making the Christmas Hampers, thank you.

Christmas Cake Raffle

We will be having the annual Christmas Cake Raffle, kindly made and donated by Carmel. Tickets will be sold at the back of Church closer to Advent so keep an eye out for these in the future.

Guess the weight of the Cake

Carmel will be baking up a cake again this year for you to all guess the weight of, can anyone remember last years weight? Again this will be done closer to Advent.

Mass Requests

If you would like a mass to be said for a loved one or maybe a special occasion, please take an IOC envelope from the church porch. Please ensure that the request details (name & date) are printed clearly to avoid any spelling errors or pop into the parish office. Thank you.

Cursillo Weekend - Thursday 7 November (5pm) to Sunday 10 November (6pm)

Cursillo is a Catholic movement with Papal approval, dedicated to spreading the Word of God and helping Catholics to form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

It is a residential short course in Christian living, for everyone at Shallowford House, near Stone. It is an inspiring experience, offering renewal and a deepening of Christian commitment and faith within our own lives.

The three-day weekend provides adult faith formation within the experience of a loving Christian community together with the celebration of the Sacraments. Cursillo serves the Diocesan Vision, by calling participants to deeper prayer, formation and action as disciples, and encouraging Catholics to grow in leadership and co-responsibility in service of our Church. For further details email national@cursillouk.org or call 07947 271 037.

Parish Christmas Market – 23rd & 24th Nov

This will be taking place in Hibberts Hall on Saturday 23rd November 10AM-2PM with Santa's Grotto in the Coach House. As last year there will be a second day on the Sunday 24th November 11AM-1PM

St. Maries Repository

We have religious advent calendars - with and without chocolate, Christmas cards, calendars for 2025, a selection of Christmas statues, along with rosaries statues of the Saints, Sacred Heart of Jesus, crucifixes, holy water bottles, necklaces etc. so please do have a look. Cribs will be displayed from next week, there is also a catalogue in the repository showing available cribs and nativity statues if you are looking for something specific which we can order.

aMAYzing value Stall

Could I please ask for donations of perfume (new and used with boxes if you have them), costume jewelry, fine metal jewelry (even broken gold and silver that I can sell or even if just one odd earring, the stall can make good use of it) or if you have anything that you are unsure about then get in touch and ask me, thanks very much for your continuing support and generosity, Louise.

Santas Grotto

Santa will be visiting and his Grotto will be set up in the Coach House costing £1 per child on the Saturday, please do bring your children or grandchildren along.

Just Dance Competition

On the Sunday there will be a Just Dance Competition for the young and old to take part in after the morning Mass at the Christmas Market, prizes to be won!!

Light for Night

If you would like to sponsor the Light for Night where we light up the outside of the Church in different colours during Advent in memory of a loved one, for thanksgiving, in celebration etc then please contact the parish office or speak with Anne Ormsby with your intention so she can add them to the list on the available date so we can include the intention in our prayers, thank you.

Retrouvaille Residential Weekend

Retrouvaille is the name of a programme designed to help heal and renew marriages. The word "Retrouvaille" simply means "rediscovery". The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your partner, and a loving relationship in your marriage.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next programme, starting with a residential weekend from **8th - 10th**

November, call or text 0788 7296983 or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com