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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 127(128)

R: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 02/10/21	12:30 CTK	27th Sunday in OT	Kathleen Eustace (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Lesley Heaney (RIP)
Sun 03/10/21	10:00 CTK		James Ormsby (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Josie Deasy (RIP)
Mon 04/10/21	08:00 Con	St. Francis of Assisi, Mem	Danny & Darren Fields (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Mary Gavin (RIP)
	12:30 OLAM		Funeral Service - Dwayne Jones
Tue 05/10/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 27	Fr Patrick Joyce (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Special Intention - Sue Nugent
Wed 06/10/21	08:00 Con	Feria in OT – Wk 27	Karen Jameson (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Trisha Carr-Pollick (RIP)
Thu 07/10/21	09:30 Mon	Our Lady of the Rosary, Mem	Josie Deasy (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		The Chambers family (RIP)
Fri 08/10/21	09:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 27	Michael Davoren (RIP)
	10:30 Mon		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:15 CTK		Funeral Service - Janet Clements
Sat 09/10/21	10:00 Mon	St John Henry Newman, F	Dominic Van Thuc Nguyen (RIP)
	12:30 CTK		Maria Thi Ly Pham (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Michale Collins (Birthday)
Sun 10/10/21	10:00 CTK	28th Sunday in OT	Phylis Fields (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		The McEvoy family (RIP)

Holy Hour: In preparation for the feast of St Francis on the 4th Oct, the day of his 'Transitus' on which he embraced sister Death, the Franciscan Sisters hold a vigil with Holy Hour in Christ the King Church on Sun 3rd Oct at 6pm. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Vanda Strlkovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

RIP: Please pray for Nancy Byrne and Bernadette Garvey who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Certificate of Catholic Practice: required by oversubscribed Catholic Secondary Schools can only be signed by Fr The-Quang for those children who have been attending mass with their families in the parish church at weekends and on holydays of obligation over the five years prior to the application to the school. If you intend to ask Fr The-Quang to sign one please make sure that your child sign the attendance book from year 1.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

On the very first page of the Bible, in the Book of Genesis (1:27) there is a beautiful lyrical description of the creation of man and woman: "God made human beings in his own image, in his own image he created them; male and female he created them." (see also 5:2) 'Adam' is not a name like James or John; it means 'the creature made of dust (the word for which is 'adamah' in Hebrew). In the first three chapters of Genesis, 'Adam' means man and woman equally. Obviously, then, man and woman are on an equal footing and both are equally images of God.

All this, of course, is before the Fall! After the Fall, all is changed. Humans are seen as being under a curse, and they suffer differently for it. To the man, God said, "Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:17-19). To the woman he said, 'I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you' (Genesis 3:16).

Not great wedding presents! Nothing like "unconditional positive regard" (someone's definition of love, if you have to have a definition) as they go out into the world to make a living. Scholars regard this Genesis story as a reflection of actual conditions in the ancient Near East at the time that Genesis was written. In particular, it reflects the position of women in society at that time. A woman was subject first to her father, and then on her marriage she became subject to her husband. She was subject to them because she was their *property*. We used to be told that the Ninth Commandment was against entertaining sexual thoughts, and it was quoted only in part: "Thou shalt not cover thy neighbour's wife." But it was actually about property, as is clear when you read the full verse: "You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, you shall not set your heart on his house, his field, his servant - man or woman - his ox, his donkey or anything that is his" (Deuteronomy 5:21).

Divorce was very easily obtained in the time of Jesus. Some Rabbis taught that if a woman ruined a meal or spoke badly about her in-laws her husband could divorce her; some even said that if a man spotted a woman who was more beautiful than his wife he could divorce his wife.

All this was the background to the Pharisees' question to Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" Instead of going into a legal haggles with them about the law of Moses, Jesus harked back to the original state of innocence (before the Genesis story of the expulsion from Eden). He affirmed the *original* state over the corrupted one; he stated God's idea of man, woman, and marriage. The original state was the companionship of equals, not ownership by the man; it was love, not domination and subjection.

Today, wherever husbands and wives respect and love each other, refusing to regard each other as property – disposable or otherwise – the mind of Christ is made visible and human beings are living in a state of original innocence instead of original sin.

Last Week's Collection Ctk

Envelopes	£ 112.00
Loose	£ 149.90
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 468.59

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 131.00
Loose	£ 270.39
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 434.85

Thank you for your generosity

This weekend: Second Collection: CAFOD Harvest Fast

Bible Study with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

RCIA - A course for those who would like to discern the Catholic faith so as to have a better understanding of the Church's teaching that would lead them to seek Baptism and/or full Communion with the Catholic Church – First meeting on Tuesday 5th October at 7:00pm in Christ the King Church.

People with special needs and learning disabilities can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect. To try and see how we might do better in our deanery, a meeting has been planned for Sat 16th Oct at 3pm, at St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road, B73 5US. The meeting is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in this area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come. It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). If you would like to learn more and maybe take part, please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk or ring 0121 354 1763 .

Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sat 9th Oct – Day for Readers; Sat 6th Nov – Day for Ministers of Holy Communion; Sat 4th Dec – Day for Leaders of Prayer. The days take place at St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US, 10:00am till 4:00pm.

Further details and booking forms are available at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers