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

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

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 16/10/21	12:30 CTK	29 th Sunday in OT	Ted McKeown (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Mark Tomlinson (RIP)
Sun 17/10/21	10:00 CTK		Luke Byrne
	11:30 OLAM		Eilish Kearney (RIP)
Mon 18/10/21	08:00 Con†	St Luke – Feast	Fr Ireneusz Chodakowski
	09:30 Mon		Kazimierz Banat (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Mary Cassidy (RIP)
	18:00 CTK		Oscott House Group Mass
Tue 19/10/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 29	Evelyn Riley (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Bridget Walsh (Anni.)
Wed 20/10/21	08:00 Con†	Feria in OT – Wk 29	Aloysius Gunzaga Ikwuka (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Sean Clarke (RIP)
Thu 21/10/21	09:30 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 29	Fr Joseph Tynan (RIP)
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	12:00 CTK		Patrick Glasgow (Anni.)
Fri 22/10/21	09:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 29	Pauline Whitero (Anni.)
	09:30 Mon†		O'Dwyer family of Stourbridge (RIP)
Sat 23/10/21	10:00 Mon	30 th Sunday in OT	Janina Mikula
	12:30 CTK†		Paddy Flannery (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Margaret Bierne
Sun 24/10/21	10:00 CTK		Michelle Ormsby (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Mr & Mrs Connolly (RIP)

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

RCIA meeting on Tuesday 19/10/21 at 19:15 in Church of Christ the King.

Rosary Group; meeting every Wednesday in Christ the King Church at 3:30pm.

Journey in Faith for young Catholics meeting monthly at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Maryvale at 2:00pm, starting on Saturday 30/10/21. If interested please come along. 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 Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

RIP: Please pray for Thomas Graham who died recently. May he rest in peace.

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>)

Jesus is walking deliberately towards his death in Jerusalem (Mk 10:32). It is easy to imagine that procession: Jesus striding ahead, the disciples following in a daze, and the crowd bewildered. Normal prudence would urge us to avoid suffering and death – to go in the other direction. But this scene is telling us something about the wisdom of the cross, which is foolishness in terms of human wisdom.

James and John picked a bad moment. “Their timing was precisely wrong,” said St John Chrysostom, “for this was not the right time for crowns or prizes. It was the time for struggles, contests, toils, sweat, wrestling-rings and battles.” The silliness of their question stands out all the more clearly because of the gravity of the moment. They are looking for preferment. Mark’s is the earliest of the gospels, and it has none of the polish that the others have; it is blunt in several revealing ways. Matthew’s gospel (20:20) edits the story and has *their mother* make the embarrassing request! But he forgot to adjust the rest of the story accordingly. He has Jesus replying in the plural, not the singular; and he forgot to delete the words about the others becoming angry with the brothers. If it had been their mother who made the request, Jesus would have replied in the singular, and the others would have been sorry for the brothers or embarrassed for them, but certainly not angry with them. Why the cover-up? These two were to become great apostles; with Peter they were the inner group. Yet we see how crass they were in this passage. It gives us all some hope!

With irony Chrysostom noted that there were indeed great things in store for the two brothers. “Jesus foretold great things for them; that is, you shall be held worthy of martyrdom, you shall suffer the things I have suffered, you shall end your life with a death from violence, and in this also you shall be sharers with me.”

Look at the others, the ones who were angry with the “Sons of Thunder” for wanting preferment. If you are angry you are involved somehow; you too are in the running. If the others were not also thinking just like the Sons of Thunder, they would not be angry with them, they would simply pity them; they would take them aside and have a brotherly chat with them. But they were angry, they were in no way different from them – except that they were more cunning, less forthright. It is always instructive to look with clear sight at our anger. It always has something to tell us.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 108.30
Loose	£ 241.25
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 556.24

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 178.50
Loose	£ 182.68
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 394.64

Thank you for your generosity

Next Week: Second Collection for the APF

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.

Forget me not Sing-along every Monday, 1:15pm at St John's Centre: for people with Dementia, other disabilities and anyone else who would like to come along for 1 hour of fun, singing and socialising. £5 per session (carers free). No booking required.

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 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

Prayer Intention this month:

17/10/21 - We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their families, friends, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience.

24/10/21 - This week, we celebrated the feast of Pope St John Paul II, patron saint of the pro-life movement. We ask for his intercession as we, the church, seek to support all pregnant mothers through their pregnancies, and that, like him, we would become models of support and charity to all in society.

31/10/21 - As we celebrate all Saints, and their lived examples of loving and supporting the most vulnerable in society, we pray for the courage to follow in their footsteps, by supporting the poor, the helpless and the unborn.