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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145(146):7-10

R: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 06/11/21	12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM†	32 nd Sunday in OT	Isaac Richards (RIP)
Sun 07/11/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM		Grace Deane (RIP)
Mon 08/11/21	08:00 Con 09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 32	Andrew Comeford
Tue 09/11/21	09:30 Mon 12:00 CTK		Special Intention (GT)
Wed 10/11/21	08:00 Con 09:30 Mon	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Mary Cassidy (RIP)
Thu 11/11/21	09:30 Mon 10:15 OLAM 12:00 CTK		Maisy Sue Collins (Get Well)
Fri 12/11/21	09:00 CTK 09:30 Mon	St Leo the Great, Mem	Alan Broth (RIP)
Sat 13/11/21	10:00 Mon 12:30 CTK 18:00 OLAM		Mary O'Sullivan (RIP)
Sun 14/11/21	10:00 CTK 11:30 OLAM	St Martin of Tours, Mem	Deceased of the Campbell's
			Phylis Fields (RIP)
		St Josaphat, Mem	Sue O'Donoghue (RIP)
			Krystyna Mikula Deegan
		Feria in OT – Wk 32	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
			John Farrell (RIP)
		33 rd Sunday in OT	Private Intention
			Stephanie & Alan Holland (RIP)
			Henryka, Lucien, Ela & Krzysztof Czapiewski (RIP)
			Kathleen McClintock (Anni.)
			Veronica Finnerty (RIP)
			Frank King (Anni)
			Mr & Mrs Connelly (RIP)

RIP: Please pray for Kenneth Southern, Michael Fitzmaurice, William P Atkinson, Kenneth Joseph Griffiths, Irene Gloster. May they rest in peace.

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

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

Children's Liturgy at Christ the King Church will recommence on Sun 07/11/21. The children won't be coming on to the altar on their return from the liturgy. Instead, they will go back to their families in the congregation.

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, Teresa Webb.

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>)

Just before telling us about the widow's two coins, Mark (like Luke) lets us hear Jesus denouncing the teachers of the Law "who like to be seen in long robes and love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to take the reserved seats in the synagogues and places of honour at feasts. They even *devour the property of widows*, while making a show of long prayers" (Mk 12:38-40). Widows were the very symbol of the helpless poor. Then when he sees this poor widow putting money ("all she has to live on") into the Temple treasury, he denounces the practice of taking money from the poor to shore up a decaying religious institution. Her very generosity is a judgment on that institution. This incident shows how effortlessly successful that institution had been in exploiting the poor.

Commentators have usually put a pious interpretation on this text, praising the widow's generosity. It bears this interpretation, certainly, but it is her very generosity that condemns the avarice of the Temple authorities.

The scribes were religious scholars, proud of their status, dressed to be recognised. Along with the Pharisees they had contrived to impose *twenty-four* different kinds of Temple tax on the people, thus holding the poor in a terrible dilemma: either to go hungry or to break the law. "They devour the property of widows," Jesus said.

Hidden behind the mask of respectability were the fangs of the predator.

This poor widow did not know that Jesus was watching her. Unlike the scribes and Pharisees she did not do things just to be seen doing them. When any virtue is deeply rooted it is unselfconscious; only superficial virtue is self-conscious. Meister Eckhart wrote, "When a virtue performs itself more by itself and for love of virtue without any why or wherefore – then one has the perfection of virtue, and not before." That poor widow had vastly greater depth than those scholarly scribes. Some things don't change much from one age and society to another. St Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century said that any little old lady (*una vetera*) may have deeper faith and wisdom than the most learned theologian of the day.

The widow's unselfconscious virtue, however, lets us see also how easy it is to exploit the poor; after a time it even seems the respectable thing to do. A couple of decades ago a South American bishop said, "When we defend the poor, Rome accuses us of meddling in politics – but never when we side with the rich." The Good News is as much news today as it was in the earliest times because the world hasn't changed: few care about the poor, and authorities are mainly self-serving. When help comes it comes usually from unexpected quarters.

Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 53.00
Loose	£ 160.44
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 420.13
APF	£ 82.56

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 161.40
Loose	£ 110.58
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 305.44
APF	£ 122.00

Thank you for your generosity

This Week: Second Collection for the Johnson Association

Why has Pope Francis asked for a Synod and how can I get involved?

All are invited to two evening Zoom meetings to discover why the Holy Father has asked for the Synodal Pathway and how to become involved: Mon 8th Nov at 7:30pm with Fr Jan Nowotnik, Mon 15th Nov at 7:30pm with Dr Mary McCaughey. Email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk to book your free place.

General Parish Meeting: Thursday 11th Nov, at 7:00pm in Christ the King Church.

This is an important meeting which is aimed at all parishioners. It is an open invitation. The meeting will commence at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30 at the latest. It would be great to see a good turn out.

What is the meeting about? A chance for us to discuss

- * How we might revive the parish council?
- * Together how can we strengthen and grow our parish
- * How can we all work together to bring to life the gospel values in our parish?
- * What difference can each one of us make?
- * How can we better help each other?

Altar Servers who started serving before the pandemic and would like to serve again please contact Andrew Leadbetter on ctkliturg@outlook.com

Blessing of Graves: Erdington Abbey: 7th Nov, 13:00, Sutton New Hall: 7th Nov 14:30, Oscott: 13th Nov 15:00, Handsworth: 14th Nov 14:00, Sutton Coldfield (Rectory Road): 14th Nov 14:30, and Witton: 28th Nov 14:30.

Dates for your diary: Parish Visit to Oscott College: on Sunday 13th February afternoon, from 3:00pm – 7:15pm.

Christmas Cards and Calendars are available in Piety Stall of both churches. Please do take a look.

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.