

5th November 2023

Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

FIRST READING Malachi 1:14-2;2:8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. So I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 130

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

O Lord, my heart is not proud not haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things to great nor marvels beyond me.

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mothers breast, even so is my soul

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had to come love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you whilst we were proclaiming God's Good news. Another reason while we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it but what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! **Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples, Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy burden and lay them on men's shoulder, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer Tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people calling them Rabbi " You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no-one on earth your father since you have only one Father and he is heaven . Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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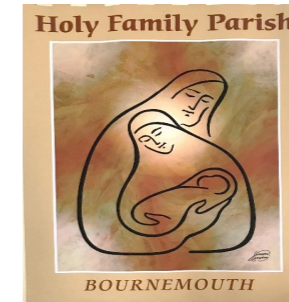
You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence O Lord.

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THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park



GOSPEL REFLECTION



Jesus provides us with profound insights into Christian discipleship and spiritual growth. It's a reminder that our faith should be authentic, characterised by humility and a willingness to serve. As we apply these principles in our lives, we grow closer to God and become more Christ-like.

Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in humility and serving others. Titles and positions should not define our worth; instead, we are called to be servant-hearted. Spiritual growth involves becoming more Christ-like in character and actions.

To be Christ's disciples, we must embrace a humble and servant-hearted attitude. Our identity is found in Christ, not in worldly recognition. As we grow spiritually, our lives should increasingly resemble our servant-hearted Saviour. Spiritual growth is not about becoming more important but about becoming more like Jesus.

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the wisdom and guidance found in Your Word. May we not only be hearers of Your Word but also doers, living out the principles of Christian discipleship and spiritual growth in our lives. Use us as instruments of Your love and grace, and may our actions bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Thirty First Sunday in the Ordinary time!

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We have placed the Book of Remembrance in both the churches. May I request you to write the names of those near and dear ones who have gone ahead of us, and the date you would like to be remembered. Do make it a point to attend a mass, if you can, the date you have chosen.

On November 2nd Pope Francis visited the Italian cemetery of the Commonwealth nations and offered Holy Mass. He prayed especially for the lives “cut short” by the horrendous war in middle east and in Ukraine.

Thanks to Sharon and others who, in the light of the war and conflict unfolding in the Middle East and Ukraine, organised a prayer service, Adoration through the night on Friday for peace in the world, as exhorted by Pope.

Reflection:

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees, saying, “They don’t practice what they preach... They do everything so that people will see them” (Mt. 23:3)”.

An army Major was in his office when a soldier (a Private) appeared at the door. To impress the soldier, the major said, “Come in soldier, I will be right with you after I answer this phone call”. Then speaking into the phone he said , “Well General, good to hear your voice. How can I help you?” A pause followed. Then the Major said. “Well General, I will call the President within an hour”. Then he said to the soldier, who staring at the floor nervously, “Now soldier, what can I do for you?” Without looking up, the soldier said in a low voice, “The Sergeant told me to come in and hook up your telephone for you”.

When was the last time I tried to impress another in some way?

How prevalent is this in my life?

Character is much easier kept , than recovered (Thomas Paine)

Fr. Chacko

Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ



How are you doing with your red box?
If you haven't taken one yet, please do...
There are still some left at the back of the churches.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Antony Panathara, Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman, Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne, Joceleyne & Peter Cotrel Frances & Tony Herbert



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 4	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sun 5	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>9.30 Mass Int: Kathleen Westwood RIP</i> <i>11am Mass Int: Wellbeing of Sebastian Gillman</i>
Mon 6	StB	6pm	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.30pm <i>Mass Int: Fr Dominic Jenkinson</i>
Tues 7	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am <i>St Willibrord</i>
Wed 8			NO MASS
Thur 9	CtK	9.30am	Mass FEAST of THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA <i>Mass Int: Joe Feanagan RIP</i>
Fri 10	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaplet HOLY HOUR— <i>adoration & prayer</i> <i>St Leo the Great</i>
Sat 11	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>St Martin of Tours</i>
Sun 12	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	Masses of The Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

FEAST of THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA– 9th November

“To dedicate or consecrate” a place to God is a ritual that is found in every religion. To “reserve” a place to God is an act of recognizing His glory and honour.

When the Emperor Constantine granted full liberty to Christians in 313, numerous churches were constructed at that time including some by Constantine himself. One of which he was a magnificent basilica on the Caelian Hill in Rome, over the ancient Lateran Palace. Pope Sylvester I dedicated to Christ the Saviour. A chapel dedicated to St John the Baptist was built inside it which served as the baptistry. Pope Sergius III dedicated it to St John the Baptist as well. Lastly, Pope Pius II also dedicated it to St John the Evangelist in the 12th century. Thus, the name of this Papal Basilica is the Basilica of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran. Christians consider the Basilica to be the *mother church of all churches in the world*.



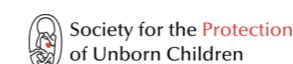
The church was destroyed several times in the course of the centuries, and always rebuilt. The final reconstruction took place under the pontificate of Benedict XIII. The church was rededicated in 1724. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church. This feast day allows us to remember the journey of the people and God’s constant and faithful care. At the same time, we are reminded that each one of us is a “house of God” in the Risen Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells in each one of us. This awareness alone leads us to praise the Lord on the one hand, and on the other, it leads us to say, at times excessively, “O Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof” (Mt. 8:8), forgetting that He is already in us and that He welcomes us and loves us not as we would like to be, but as we are, here, now. All the present distractions are what make the Lord’s face blurry. When we learn to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, our faces will shine with light that flows from a “unified” heart. The serenity required is momentary, but it is needs to develop over a life time of continuous entering within ourselves and heading straight for the “King’s Room” (cf. *The Interior Castle*, Saint Teresa of Avila)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



For November at both churches

Eternal rest, grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in peace Amen



JUSTICE FOR BABY LILY

SPUC has launched a major new postcard campaign calling on the Health Secretary to bring an end to the pills by post abortion policy. Postcards are at the back of church to sign. Please add your name to this crucially important campaign

ADVENT RETREAT DAY

SATURDAY 9th DECEMBER 2023 at ST RITA'S CENTRE
“PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD”
FAITH AND WORKS led by Deacon Nick Johnson.

9.30am coffee/tea
Talks, adoration in silence (with opportunity for Confession)
1pm Lunch and Mass at 3.15pm
£25.00 for the day, including lunch,

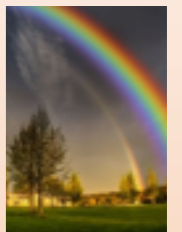
[For further info & to register your name](#)

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A Service of Bereavement and Remembrance

Sunday 19th November 3pm

St Bernadettes



LIFT THE BAN !!

2 of our young people from the Parish attended the Diocesan Youth Social Justice event last weekend & have decided to support this campaign, watch their video on Facebook - to see why.

[Lift the Ban - Refugee Action \(refugee-action.org.uk\)](https://www.refugee-action.org.uk)

Petition is at the back of both churches