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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 26th October 2025

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The readings this weekend remind us that God can see into our heart. He listens to those who are humble and genuine crying out for justice. He does not turn away from the poor or the weak and cares for those who trust Him. The first reading from the Book of Sirach highlights God's fairness and care for the weak and oppressed. It explains that God does not favour the rich and powerful but hears the cries of the vulnerable. True worship is not just ritual but righteous living. In the second reading St Paul is in prison in Rome facing the end of his life. It speaks about finishing his mission on earth and shows his trust in God's promise of eternal life. His letters to his disciple Timothy focus on perseverance and courage, even in hardship for those who follow Christ. Though people abandoned Paul, God gave him strength to spread the Gospel. The Church's Liturgical Year C is coming to an end and in Luke's Gospel we have heard some of the most beloved parables. This is a classic where Jesus surprises his listeners by using a tax collector hated by the Jews as a collaborator with the Roman authorities who collected taxes for them as better than a Pharisee who obeys religious observance but is egotistic, self righteous and judgemental of others. The tax collector is honest about his sins, asks for forgiveness and God's mercy. God values sincerity over outward appearances. It challenges us to examine our own hearts and attitude to God. Malcolm.			

Mass times	Feast Days
2 pm: Baptism	Saturday 25th Forty Martyrs of England and Wales 40 martyred between 1535 and 1679 canonised by Pope Paul VI in 1970. Only 5 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> were martyred in the reign of King Henry VIII but 45 others were martyred, 2 saints, St John Fisher and St Thomas More canonised earlier, 33 beatified and 10 venerated. None martyred during the six year reign of young son of Henry, Edward VI. 300 Protestants were martyred, most burnt at the stake as heretics, during the 5 year reign of the Catholic Queen Mary, Bloody Mary, the daughter of Henry VIII by Catherine of Aragon. On Elizabeth taking the throne in 1558, persecution of Catholics did not start until 1569 with the Northern Rebellion and the Papal Bull from Pope Pius V in 1570 which excommunicated the Protestant Elizabeth. In the last 33 years of her reign, 190 were martyred, 20 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 152 beatified and 11 venerated. In the reign of James I, 25 were martyred, 4 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 20 beatified and 1 venerated. Under Charles I, 23 were martyred, 4 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 15 beatified and 4 venerated. Only 2 died in the Commonwealth St John Southworth from the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> and 1 beatified. 25 were martyred in the reign of King Charles II all linked to the fictitious "Popish Plot" invented by Titus Oates in 1678. 6 of the <i>Forty Martyrs</i> , 14 beatified, 4 venerated, the last martyr being St Oliver Plunkett on 1 st July 1681, the Irishman, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 26th Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Mass for Bincy Jomy
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 27th St Louis Guanella Born in northern Italy in 1842 into a religious and loving family. Ordained a priest in 1866. Interest in developing the youth in his parish. Organised Youth Catholic Action and charitable works for the poor despite opposition from the anti-clerical attitude of the Freemasons. Went to Turin to work with St John Bosco. Bishop ordered him back to his diocese and eventually ended up in a parish with a hospice and orphanage. He worked hard for the sick and dying particularly the disabled in the hospice. Founded a Congregation of nuns to care for the sick and dying, and one for men for youth development and preparing young people for the world of work. He started evening classes and a vocational school. Built an institute for the handicapped. Went with nuns to America to work with Italian immigrants. Had a big devotion for St Joseph and founded an Order named after him for caring for the dying. Also a chapel to St Joseph in a poor area near the Vatican. He died in 1915 just before reaching 73.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 28th . St Simon and St Jude 2 apostles of Jesus. Simon was zealous in keeping the Law of Moses and was referred to a "Simon the Less" to distinguish him from Simon Peter. Jude is also called Thaddeus and was a farmer born in Caesarea Philippi and would have spoken both Greek and Aramaic. He was the son of Mary of Clopas, sister of the Virgin Mary, and brother of James the Less. Martyred together in Beirut (now in Lebanon) in the Roman Eastern Province of Syria
6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 29th St Narcissus of Jerusalem Narcissus is not to be confused with the character in Greek mythology who enjoyed his own reflection in a mirror to such an inordinate degree he turned into a flower similar to a daffodil. This Narcissus was a Greek born about 99 AD and lived in Jerusalem. in his eighties he was appointed Bishop of Jerusalem and decided to change the way for calculating the day to celebrate Easter. He decided it must be on a Sunday and not on the actual feast of Passover. Easter was defined as the first Sunday following the first full moon after the first day of Spring, 21 st March. This radical idea upset many Church members in Jerusalem and he was subject to vicious, open slander. This prompted him to resign as bishop and retreated into the desert as a hermit. As emotions cooled, he resumed as Bishop of Jerusalem and died in post age 110.

10 am Mass

Thursday 30th Blessed Winchester Martyrs Three of the four Blessed Winchester martyrs are depicted in the stained glass window in St Peter's and the Winchester Martyrs Catholic Church in Winchester. The window does not include John Adams as he was martyred in London.

Blessed James Bird, an Anglican born in Winchester. Converted and went to English College in Rheims. Returned to England. Did not accept the authority in spiritual matters of Queen Elizabeth I. Refused to swear the "Ecclesial Supremacy Oath". Hanged, drawn and quartered in Winchester 1593 aged 19. His head was put on a spike at the gate of Winchester much to his father's horror.

Blessed John Adams was born in Dorset. An Anglican Minister who converted. Went to English College in Rheims. Ordained a Catholic priest. Returned to minister in Winchester. Eventually arrested and banished to France with 72 other priests in 1584. Next year returned to Winchester and arrested again. Executed in 1586 at Tyburn in London being a Catholic priest trained in France.

Blessed John Slade was born in Dorset. Studied at New College Oxford. Went to Douai College in France to study Catholic Canon Law. Returned to England as a school teacher in Winchester. He did not accept the authority in spiritual matters of Queen Elizabeth I and refused to swear the "Ecclesial Supremacy Oath". Arrested and found guilty of treason and not obeying Queen Elizabeth. Hanged, drawn and quartered on All Souls Day, 2nd November 1583 in Winchester Market Place.

Blessed Laurence Humphreys was born an Anglican in Hampshire. Very religious. Helped the poor, visited the sick and people in prison and encouraged people to live good lives. Converted by a Catholic priest. Became seriously ill. While delirious called Queen Elizabeth a harlot and a heretic. Arrested. At his trial could not recall his words. Executed 1591 in Winchester aged 20

NO MASS

Friday 31st St Alphonsus Rodriguez SJ Born in 1532 in Spain to a rich wool merchant. Family provided hospitality for Fr Peter Faber, one of the founders of the Jesuits, when he was preaching in the city. Fr Peter prepared Alphonsus for his First Communion. Aged 14 his father died and Alphonsus left school to help run the family wool business. Aged 23 he was left in charge. Found it difficult. Married with 3 children. Mother, wife and two of his children died. He sold the business. Lived with two devout unmarried sisters. When his last child died considered religious life. Tried to join Jesuits but lacked education. Then accepted as doorkeeper and porter as a lay Brother on Spanish island of Majorca. Very respected by the rest of the community that listened to his wise counsel. He advised Fr Peter Claver to go on the missions to South America. Famous for his charitable work locally. Took final vows aged 54. Preached to community during meals

**6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

Saturday 1st November Feast of All Saints When we remember the hundreds of saints recognised by the Catholic Church, those beatified, those venerated, all those known and unknown whose virtues and efforts in life are considered to have earned them an eternal reward with God.

9.30 am Mass Sunday 2nd November All Saints Albert Collinge RIP 20th anniversary on 4th Nov

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Fr Shaun Budden Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Fr Thomas is having a well deserved break to visit family back in India next month.

Consequently there will be no weekday Masses from Monday 3rd November to Friday 28th November

Boiler in St Vincent de Paul needs replacing but there have been some delays

The boiler in the church is the original boiler so has lasted 50 years so we cannot complain. As soon as it gave up the ghost we started to obtain estimates for replacement. We now have 5 quotes, from Advance Heating, Harrison Heating, Heatcomp and two from Prospect Heating. After a parish committee meeting we have decided to take some advice from the diocese who may be considering a heat pump although that would be very expensive despite grants, and might not be the most effective solution. Once it is decided which company we will use, we then have to apply for the money from the diocese. In the old days we had our own account but due to the vast debt in the diocese which runs into many millions, all the money owned by parishes has been pooled into one account. We certainly have enough reserves so please be patient and dress accordingly as the weather gets colder

Mental Health Awareness Saturday 1st November, 10am - 2pm at Immaculate Conception Hall, SO17 3SB

"Looking After Our Minds" session put on by the National Health Service that will shine a light on the experiences of many but particularly people from ethnic minority backgrounds. It will consider issues such as 1. Work being undertaken to address racism in mental health. 2. Common mental health problems 3. Available support for mental health in our communities. Free African Caribbean Lunch. The event is open to all. To register your interest please call St Denys Activity Group on 07399 877141. Alternatively email: ceet@solent.nhs.uk

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 5th November – 1pm to 3 pm

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£77	£19.25	£208.26	£242.54	£51.98	£599.03				£599.03