

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2021

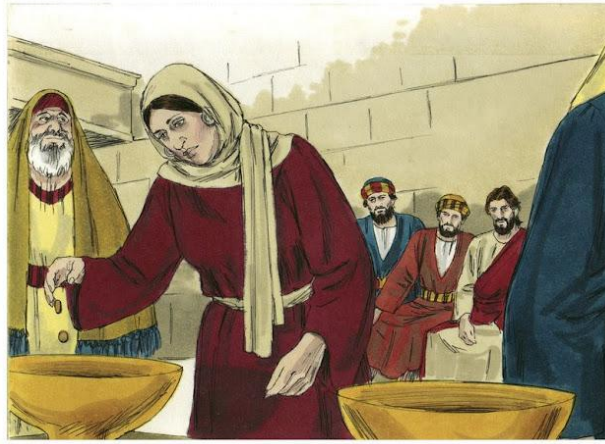
“The widow’s mite”

“The widow’s mite” would be a suitable headline for today’s readings. True generosity is portrayed through the lives of two widows, the most vulnerable people in society. In the First Reading a widow, in the middle of a great famine, shares the last of her resources with the prophet Elijah. Elijah’s trust in God and her generosity in sharing her last meal with Elijah is rewarded with a supply of food that lasts throughout the famine.

Today’s Gospel reading opens with Jesus’ remarks about the scribes and these provide the context for what follows. He is criticizing the Jewish scribes, the legal experts, for being more interested in receiving honour from people than serving them.

Jesus singles out the way “they devour the houses of widows” – a devastating criticism! In contrast to their selfishness, Jesus observes a widow in the Temple who provides an authentic example of sacrificial giving. Jesus draws attention to her putting “two small coins worth a few cents” into one of the thirteen collection boxes. Sadly, this translation has lost the beauty of a long English tradition! Literally, the translation should read: “a poor widow came and threw in two mites that make up half a farthing?!” The coin referred to here as “a mite” (from the Greek word, lepton) is the lowest denomination of a coin that has ever been struck by any nation in history! And yet she is giving to the treasury what in fact she could not afford.

Both readings illustrate the genuine self-sacrificing nature of giving. The widows gave to the extent of hurting! These acts of self-sacrifice by the poorest and most vulnerable offer a beautiful foreshadowing of the genuine self-sacrifice of Jesus, whereby he gave his very life for our salvation.



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday 7th November 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 7 th November	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Tuesday 9 th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Feast
Wednesday 10 th November	St Leo the Great, Priest, Doctor of the Church
Thursday 11 th November	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Friday 12 th November	St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr
Sunday 14 th November	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Remembrance Sunday) (World Day of the Poor)

Timetable of Masses

From the month of November, we will revert back to our prior mass time arrangement: i.e., Sunday Masses 10am and 6.30pm. Holy days of Obligation 9.30am and 7.30pm

All Saints Day 31 st October	10am & 12pm (final noon mass)
All Souls Day 2 nd November	(Tuesday) 9.30am and 7.30pm
Friday Morning Adoration	Begins on 5 th November after 9am mass until 11 am.
Sunday 7 th November	Sunday Evening Mass 6.30pm

Sunday Masses with effect

From Sunday 7 th November	10am & 6.30pm
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Weekday Masses

Mondays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesdays	9am	Eucharistic Service
Thursdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Fridays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Saturdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners

As the pandemic is still not gone away completely, we are still asked to be careful with regard to safety procedures. So please continue wearing masks and keep safe distance and sanitise your hands.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 7 th November	9.00 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP
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Monday 8 th November	6.30 pm 9.00 am	For Parishioners Charles Poddington – RIP (donor – Maria Poddington)
Tuesday 9 th November	9.00 am	Robert Carey – For Healing (donor – Joan Carey)
Wednesday 10 th November	9.00 am	
Thursday 11 th November	9.00 am	
Friday 12 th November	9.00 am	
Saturday 13 th November	9.00 am	
Sunday 14 th November	10.00 am 6.30 pm	Judith Salisbury - RIP

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,
 We praise your name with all you have created.
 You are present in the whole universe,
 and in the smallest of creatures.
 We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us
 as stewards of your creation.
 May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they
 seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.
 Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions
 for the poorest and most vulnerable,
 and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.
 We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.
 Amen

Parish Notice Board

RIP

We were also very sorry to hear of the recent death of *Margaret Mary Tully*. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Her Funeral Mass is on Thursday 11th November at 10 am.

Baptism Welcome

We welcome into the family of our parish Christian Damien Mallen, who will be baptised during our 10am mass today, and we congratulate his parents Damien & Stephanie Mallen.

November Envelopes

Mass is celebrated every day during the month of November for our deceased families and friends. We remember our dead and traditionally write their names on a 'dead list' to be prayed for during all Masses for their eternal rest and peace. It is a beautiful tradition, rich in religious and human symbolism. All are welcome to send in the names of their deceased loved ones by using the brown envelopes available at the back of the church. Please hand your envelope to Graham or post through the presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Parish Finance

Sunday 24th October Gift Aid £55 Loose Plate £49 Total: £104

Second Collection (World Mission Day):

Gift Aid: £40 - Loose Plate : £75.00 Total: £115.07.

Sunday 31st October – Gift Aid £50, Loose Plate £64.11 – Total: 144.11

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish:

Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, and Mary Wright. Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

The Passage,

A Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Thursday 25 November on the theme Bohemian Rhapsody, featuring popular works by Dvořák, Mahler and Smetana. The performers includes Andrei Ioniță, Cello;

Anush Kovhannisyan, Soprano; Streetwise Opera; Toby Purser, Conductor; and the Orion Orchestra. Full details and booking at <https://passage.org.uk/night-under-the-stars-2021/> or telephone 020 75921856.

Advent Carol Service:

You are warmly invited to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol Service on Sunday 12th December. We will have Christmas carols both classic and contemporary performed by our incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings from scripture and Christmas poems & stories. This year we are running two concerts, at 3pm or 7pm, however there will be limited capacity at each

event and this will be dependent on any current Government restrictions or social distancing, in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House manager on josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277 373 959.

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