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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B *World Mission Day*

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My dear brothers and sisters,

Weakness, infirmity, drinking the cup of the Lord—the readings today point us to the necessity of accepting all of the difficulties in our lives in union with Jesus Himself.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Isaiah and tells us that the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity. This is a reference to the Suffering Servant. The Suffering Servant in Isaiah is a figure of a person who was willing to sacrifice all for others. This becomes an image of Jesus. For us, it always poses the question: How much am I willing to suffer for others? Jesus was willing to sacrifice all. What I am willing to sacrifice?

The Gospel from Mark today gives us this wonderful passage about James and John. They want to sit beside Jesus in the Kingdom. Jesus is clear that this is a gift that he cannot give but Jesus immediately used the question as a teaching: whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. So again we are left with a question directed to us: Am I willing to be servant and slave of all? If I want to follow Christ in the Kingdom, then I must be willing to accept this role of servant and slave to all! I might reply: I don't want to be important in the Kingdom, I only want to be in the Kingdom! It does not matter. If we want to be in the Kingdom, we must learn to serve, whether we want to be great or small! We are invited to follow Jesus Christ. Let us walk with Him and learn with Him to accept suffering and even death so that we may be with Him in the Kingdom forever.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 21 st October	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Kathleen Carragher R.I.P. People of the Parish Nicola Mumford R.I.P.	
Monday 22 nd	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 23 rd		No Mass	
Wednesday 24 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Monica Quinn R.I.P
Thursday 25 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	People of the Parish
Friday 26 th	7.30pm	Special Intention: for Catenian wives and families	
Saturday 27 th	9.00am	John Campbell + Exposition	Confessions 11.00am – 11.30am

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 28 th October	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Eric Harborne R.I.P Moirra McDaid R.I.P Martin Gallagher R.I.P
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SUPPLY PRIEST: We welcome Fr Raymond Corbett to our parish this weekend who is supplying for Fr Gerardo in his absence.

SECOND COLLECTION: Today is World Mission day. There will be a second collection this weekend for APF World Missions. Thank you for your support and generosity.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: Unfortunately the Catechetical Course of Instruction in the Faith scheduled to begin on **Tuesday 16th October** has had to be cancelled. This will now begin on **Tuesday, 30th October at 7.00pm** for those who are interested in becoming full members of the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The course is open to everyone, even Catholics who may wish to learn and deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please speak to Fr Gerardo if you are interested and would like to participate. The first meeting will be in Church – please meet in the Narthex.

POPE FRANCIS: The Pope has asked all the faithful to pray more intensely for the Church this October. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis, and to pray each day to St. Michael the Archangel that he defend us against the attacks of the Devil. According to spiritual tradition, Michael is the chief of the celestial armies and the protector of the Church (Revelation 12:7-9). Pope Francis invites us at the conclusion of the Rosary with that most ancient invocation to the Holy Mother of God, “Sub Tuum Praesidium” as well as the traditional prayer to St. Michael ascribed to Pope Leo the XIII. With this invitation, Pope Francis gives us a key to interpreting the current situation: the spiritual combat. It may be good to make known chapter V of Gaudete et Exsultate, on “spiritual combat, vigilance and discernment”. There will be an opportunity for us to pray the Rosary as a Parish Community on **Sunday 28th October at 5.00pm**. Please do try and come along.

BLESSING OF GRAVES: The Blessings will take place on the following Sundays at 2.00pm at the cemeteries listed below:-

Brandwood End and Woodlands:	Sunday, 4 th November	Widney Manor, Kings Norton & Quinton:	Sunday, 11 th November
Lodge Hill and Yardley:	Sunday, 18 th November	Robin Hood, Wythall & St. Nicholas:	Sunday, 25 th November

FRIDAY CLUB: The next meeting is on Friday 26th October. Please remember change of time. **We meet at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre and finish at 3.00pm.** Those who ordered tickets for the children's WW1 Production at Langley School on 15th November can collect them at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH: -change of date and venue - It will now take place in the Parish Centre on **Saturday 8th December**. Tickets at £10 each will be available at the Meeting. Numbers will be limited so please book early.

JOB VACANCY IN SCHOOL: - lunchtime supervisor for Fridays. Contact school office for further details - 0121 744 6852.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019: A programme of instruction for children not attending Catholic primary schools will begin in September. Candidates must be in Year 3 or above. Application forms are available from the Sacristy. Completed forms can be returned to Fr Gerardo ASAP. Thank you.

OUR LADY of the WAYSIDE PRESCHOOL: A small number of places remain for this Pre-School year – September 2018-July 2019. Currently rated ‘Good’ in the September 2017 Ofsted Inspection. We can offer your child a safe and secure environment to play and learn. You are invited to come and see the brand new, exciting natural garden. We are offering a free 1 hour stay and play taster session. Please call to arrange. All children between the ages of 2½-4 years welcome. Opening hours are 9.15am – 12.15pm. We accept 2, 3 and 4 year old funding in addition to 30 hours funding. For further details, to arrange a visit or an application form please contact Pre-School (07474 743744) weekdays 9.00am-12.30pm or alternatively visit our website at www.OLOWpreschool.com or email ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com.

COLLECTION: 14th October 2018. Gift Aid: £300.26. Loose: £533.59; Standing Order: £601.00. **TOTAL: £1,434.85**

Fr. O'Mahony Trust: £121.65.

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16. Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Mark 10: 35-45. The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Dismissal of the Children

Lord, send your blessing down, down upon your children, that they may hear your word, hear your word with gladness.

Lord, send your blessing down, down upon your people, that we may hear your word, hear your word with gladness.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED AND THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Praying for the souls of the faithful departed has been a long standing custom within the history of the Church. The month of November gives us an opportunity to do this as it is right and proper that we should pray for our loved ones who have died. The Parish will host a series of nine Masses celebrated for the faithful departed. At each of these nine Masses, the Mass intention will be offered up for names of the Holy Souls on the sheet for that day. If you wish to have Mass offered for a deceased person, then please write their names clearly on the sheets provided in the side chapel by the statue of Our Lady. Please do not remove these sheets from the church. There are envelopes available for you to place an offering if you so wish and a basket for the envelopes to go in. Thank you. The nine masses will be celebrated on the following dates in November:

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| 1. Sunday 4 th November | 11.00am | 6. Thursday 22 nd November | 9.15am |
| 2. Saturday 10 th November | 5.30pm | 7. Saturday 24 th November | 5.30pm |
| 3. Saturday 17 th November | 9.00am | 8. Sunday 25 th November | 9.00am |
| 4. Sunday 18 th November | 11.00am | 9. Wednesday 28 th November | 9.15am |
| 5. Tuesday 20 th November | 9.15am | | |