

**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK**

Trudy Eastwood, Caroline Williams, Christine Rogers, Craig Millward, David Noble, Patrick Hullinson, Barbara Murphy, Florence Ward, Peggy Sugrue, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Greene, Bernadette Greene, Brenda Neiles, Eileen Butt, Johnny Falloon, Carol Doherty, Frank Colgan, Trudi Ziehaus Corbridge,

**PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE DEAD**

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Brendan Curley, Agnes Kering, Christopher Flynn, Christine Emmerson, Christina Mary Benson, Katharine Moir  
**Anniversaries:** Judith Ruddle, Kevin Gibson, Eileen English, Thomas Allen, Damien Allen, Isidore Grantham, Tom Gahan, Bernard Flood, Elizabeth and Hugh Moore, Albert Gibson

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS**



“Allow me, brothers, to look toward heaven rather than at the earth, so that my spirit may set on the right course when the time comes for me to go on my journey to the Lord.” St Martin.

“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”  
 St Josaphat Kuncewicz



**The Act of Remembrance**  
 They shall grow not old, as we are left to grow old:  
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning; We will remember them.  
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May they rest in peace. Amen.

	Last Week's collection was: £1267.83 Thank you	<b>£££</b>	The monthly figure for Standing Orders: £1373.00
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	This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for all who have died recently.		This week, Our Lady's Lamp burns for a Special Intention.
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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

<b>Sunday 10th November</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	<b>Holy Masses 9am &amp; 11am</b>
<b>Monday 11th November</b> <b>St Martin of Tours, Bishop</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Tuesday 12th November</b> <b>St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th November</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Friday 15th November</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Saturday 16th November</b> <b>Saturday memorial to the BVM</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm <b>Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm</b>

## Service of Remembrance

On Monday 11th November at 7pm in the Church there will be a Service of Remembrance. Principally, this is for those who have lost a loved-one in the last year but anyone can attend. The Service has been organised by Paul Williams Funerals Ltd but is not limited to those who have used his services

## Parish Christmas Fair

This year, the Parish Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 30th Nov**  
A meeting for those who wish to help organise the Fair will be held in the Cottage on **Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Cottage.**

## Christmas Draw Tickets

Draw tickets are available from this weekend. As usual two books of tickets—amounting to £5—have been placed in an envelope for you to take. If you could help us to sell these and return the stubs and monies to the Presbytery when you have I'd be very grateful. There are some wonderful prizes and this is a significant source of income for the parish. This year, all proceeds will go to the re-decoration of the church.

## Choir Concert

The Social Committee are aware that there are a lot of demands on your generosity at this time. We are trying to vary our events to make some more easily affordable. We have arranged for the Manchester Gospel Choir to sing in church at 7.30pm on the evening of Saturday 7th December. Tickets will only be £2. We hope as many of the parish as possible will come. After the concert in Church the Hall and Bar will be open for refreshments and the Christmas Draw will take place. Tickets will be available soon.

## Folk Night

Many thanks to all who came and supported the Folk Night. It was a great night and we raised over £1,000 for the Church decoration fund! Thank you for all your support.

## Synod

Copies of the summary leaflet "Theme 3:Enabling Access" are available to collect at the Church doors. Parish meetings, to explore both this and the 4th theme, will be held in early December.

## Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will be this Monday 11th November. We will be sharing poetry on the theme "Remembrance". For details, contact Vin Allerton on 0161-773 3318 or 07305 727900.

## True Generosity

In today's first reading, we encounter a profound story about the widow of Zarephath. She finds herself in a desperate situation, facing famine and a near-empty pantry. As she prepares to make a final meal for herself and her son, the prophet Elijah arrives and asks her for a small piece of bread. The widow's response reveals her dire circumstances: "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug." Despite her limited resources, she chooses to trust the word of Elijah and the promise of God.

What follows is remarkable. The widow obeys, shares her last bit of food, and, as a result, her supply of flour and oil does not run out. This is testament to God's providence and the power of faith. In her selflessness she finds abundance. This story reminds us that true generosity is not about the quantity of what we give, but rather the spirit in which we give it. It is about placing our trust in God and recognising that our offerings, however small, can be used by God in extraordinary ways.

In the Gospel, we hear the account of Jesus observing people putting money into the temple treasury. Many wealthy individuals give large sums, but it is the poor widow who captures Jesus' attention. She puts in two small coins, a meagre amount, yet Jesus proclaims "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more in than all those who are contributing to the treasury."

Jesus is teaching us a profound lesson: it's not the amount of the gift that matters, but the heart behind it. The widow's offering reflects her total commitment to God. She gives out of her poverty, showing that her trust is not in wealth, but in God's provision. Her act of giving becomes an expression of faith and love.

In these readings we are challenged to consider how we approach our own giving. Are we generous with our time, talents and resources? Do we give out of our abundance or out of our need? Jesus calls us to give with an open heart, recognising that every gift we offer is an opportunity to participate in God's work. Our contributions—be they financial, emotional or spiritual—are vital to the life of our community and the wider mission of the Church. This call to generosity extends beyond the collection plate (although that is important!!). It invites us to consider how we can serve one another in love and compassion.

How can we, like the widow of Zarephath, trust God enough to share what little we have? How can we, like the widow live lives of sacrificial giving? Let us remember that our true treasure lies not in what we possess, but in our relationship with God and each other. When we offer ourselves to God and others, we become instruments of His love and mercy in the world.