

**Holy Souls List.** There are envelopes at the back of church in which to put the names of those you would like to be remembered in the November masses. There will be a mass each week for that intention.

**Diocese Children's Society.** The "Little Houses" have been emptied and the money banked. £136.60 will be sent to help support the essential work of the Children's Society. Thanks to those who are involved especially Thea for all her administrative work. Please collect your empty box from the back of church if you have not done so already.

**Fairtrade** the next opportunity to stock up on fairly traded goods will be after the morning masses this week. Come along, share a cuppa and a chat and buy goods!

**Church cleaning** The next session for cleaning the church will be on Friday 16th November starting at 9.30am. If you have the time and would like to become involved in this ministry then please turn up and join the team. (there are always refreshments and lots of chatting!)

**Body Shop Evening.** Following the successful evening last week to help raise funds for the playgroup, there will be another chance to enjoy an evening being pampered. There will be demonstrations of the Body-Shop range of goods as well as an opportunity to make some stunning savings on Christmas gifts. Come along to school on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm. All welcome. Bring your wallets and purses!!

**Crib Figures** I have been over to the Carrara factory in Liverpool to see what kinds of figures they have available and was very impressed with some of their work. I am looking to buy an eleven piece crib set that will be slightly smaller than the one we have at present. Please come and see me if you have any comments about replacing the old figures.

**Christmas Cards!** Sorry to mention the "C" word so early. The cards we had printed last year are still available. The money we made covered the printing cost. The ones we sell this year will make us a profit. This year's cards will have a printed message.

**Concert** There will be a concert in church given by the **Ifton Brass Band** on **Friday 23rd November**. Tickets will be £5 each and that will include wine and cheese afterwards. The tickets are going very well so don't leave it too late. Thanks to those who took tickets last week. Drop the cash in sometime soon.

**It's Official!!** The weight is still coming off and I am feeling so much better. Less stress on the knees and the back. I am down to 16st6lbs.

**At Your Word Lord.** Sr. Jo is leading this time of prayer and reflection in the convent every Friday starting at 7.30pm.

**Biblical misspellings** Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built the ark and the animals came on in pears.

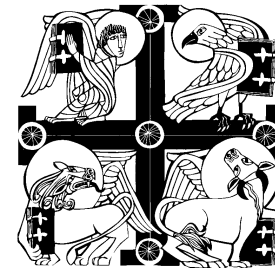
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*In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook our sins so that we can repent. Wisdom 11:22*



How do we see God? What are God's qualities? How does God function with us as individuals? How does God treat sinners? Zacchaeus is a sinner who hides up a tree so that he can see Jesus without being seen. However, Jesus does not pass by the tree; he notices the little man. He initiates a contact and calls Zacchaeus by name. He does shout condemnation at him which might only serve to drive him even further up the tree! Jesus does not exact repentance from him; rather he overlooks the sins of Zacchaeus and invites himself to his home.

Zacchaeus is delighted to welcome Jesus. The crowd on the other hand are enraged. But Jesus is more interested in the outcast than the outraged. The crowd is transfixed by Zacchaeus' sins. Jesus sees beyond the sins to the person that Zacchaeus can become. And Jesus' generous attitude has good results for Zacchaeus changes his ways and amends his public wrongdoing.

Jesus does not demand repentance before sitting down at table. This sequence is important. Jesus overlooks Zacchaeus' sins in the hope that he will repent. Because of Jesus' attitude to sinners in welcoming them and eating with them, Jesus creates an opportunity for repentance in an atmosphere of acceptance.

It is for this reason that Zacchaeus came down from the tree with the courage to face Jesus. That is why we are called from those lonely places that our sins lead us with the courage to face the one who wants to forgive us. It is only because the person who is able to forgive "overlooks our sins so that we can repent"

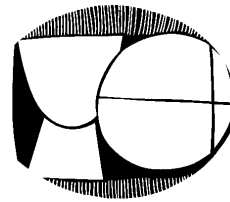
Our God is a God who loves us into forgiveness. Do we do the same?

**Newsletter for Sunday 4th November 2007  
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

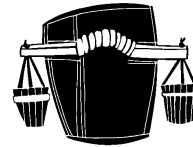
## Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

Sundays Year C: Psalter Week Three

<b>Sat</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Patrick Stanton	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>9am</b>	First Communion Families	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
		<b>11am</b>	Parishioners	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Lawrence Welsh	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>7pm</b>	Holy Souls	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Coxhead	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Jan Hornak	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>12noon</b>	Roy Davidson	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
<b>Sat</b>	<b>10th</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Jim Whittington	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>9am</b>	Parishioners	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		<b>11am</b>	Those killed in warfare.	



**First Sacraments Programme** We welcome the families of our Communion Programme at the 9am mass this weekend. The parents of the children will make a promise to attend mass and help support their children in the journey to Eucharist. In school, the children will be starting to work on preparation for their First Forgiveness. We celebrate this sacrament early next year. Then we will begin to work on the Eucharist which will be celebrated on 8th June at the 11am mass. We as a parish need to support and encourage the children with our prayers.



**Justice & Peace** We are constantly being urged to put our faith into practice and to speak out against political and social injustice. There will be an open meeting on **Wednesday 7th November at 7.30pm** in the school hall for anyone who would either like to become involved in such issues or just to find out what such a group might do. Please give this serious thought and come along to join us.

**Fr. Michael McCormack r.i.p.** Please remember Fr. Michael in your prayers. Michael was 48yrs and died last week after a short illness. He was at the Cathedral for a few years and had just taken up his first parish in Runcorn before he was diagnosed with cancer. He was a warm and caring man and will be missed by many people. May he rest in peace.

**Remembrance Sunday.** Next week we will remember the dead of all the World Wars at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month. We will have a short service by our own memorial.

**Parish website** After getting the parish website up and running it experienced a lot of problems (something technical that I have no idea about!). But it is back on line again, bigger and better and easier to use. The domain name is still the same so why not drop in and see what you think. Last week's newsletter is already posted and there will be a selection of photos from the Rome pilgrimage in the album very soon. Thanks to Tony for all his dedicated work. He will be running the site from now on and it should provide another way of keeping in touch. As well as the parish news, there are links to the Diocese and the Vatican, the Tablet and other interesting Catholic sites. Please let me know if you enjoy it and if you have any ideas then share them with Tony and me.

**Parish Piety Stall** There are many items on sale each week after the Sunday masses. Why not go along and see if there is something special that you could sue or give as a present. If there is anything in particular that you would like it can be ordered. Thanks to all those who work to keep the stall going.

**APF.** The final total for this year's collection for the Africa Missions was £634. Many thanks to Maureen for her continued work with this vital charity. Thanks also to those who help by giving of their time and charity. If you would like to become involved with this work then please contact Maureen on 01691 654983.

**Prayer Sponsors** Many of the sick and housebound feel cut off from the prayer life of the parish. As a way of including them in the work of preparation of our first communion children I am asking for about a dozen of those parishioners who are not able to get to mass each Sunday to become a prayer sponsor for one of the children. All they will have to do is remember that child in their daily prayers.

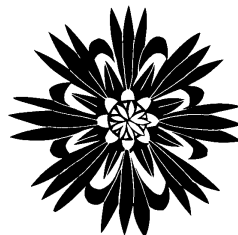
### Liturgy of the Word

<b>1st Reading</b>	Wisdom 11:22-12:2	<b>Next Week</b>	2 Macc. 7:1-2,9-14
<b>Psalms</b>	Psalms 144		Psalms 16
<b>2nd Reading</b>	2 Thess. 1:11-2:2		2 Thess. 2:16-3:5
<b>Gospel</b>	Lk.19:1-10		Lk. 20:27-38

**Sacrament of reconciliation** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Philip.

**Those who are sick:** George Lee, Evelyn Lloyd-Williams, Barbara McDougal, Matthew Walton, Irene Cranage, Fr. Adrian Tate, Fr. Frank McManus, Anna Lumby, Sr. Patricia, David Jones, Joyce Williams, Liam Lynch, Annie Bough, Hughie Crawford, Bob Davies, James Tomley, James McDougall, Richard Burman, Gerald Jones, Joanna Gidge, Kathleen Bebb, Rev John Warnock,

**Anniversaries in November** William Roberts, William Graham, John Wovenden, Kathleen Thomas, Julian Ormsby-Gore, Mieczylaw Lewandowski, Francis McMahon, James McCracken, David Gabb, John Casey, Volodymi Grychuk, A O'Hagan, Joan Pryce, Michael Williams, Edmund Christopher, Stephen Fryer, Aemelia Wilson, Ernest Ford, Mary Moore, Ernest Jones, Mary Williams, Marjorie Morris, James Spiers, Doris Dwyer, Mary Smith, Josephine White, John Roche, Lillian Brown, Anthony Hutchinson, Joseph Roche, Michael Manser, William Fieldhouse, Margaret Quinn.



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