

**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.

**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.

**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!!

**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.

**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.

**St. Cecilia** is the patron saint of music and her feast day is 22nd November. There will be a celebration of Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Sunday 18th at 2.30pm. All musicians and singers are invited to add music and dignity to the celebration. For more information and music details contact Molly at [pad.st-marys@btinternet.com](mailto:pad.st-marys@btinternet.com) or 0151-652-1280

**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 16st3lbs. This means I have lost 1st.2lbs. I wonder where it has all gone? If you find it then please keep it to yourself.

**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**

St. John the Blacksmith dumped water on Jesus' head.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day but a ball of fire at night!

The people who followed Jesus were called the twelve decibels

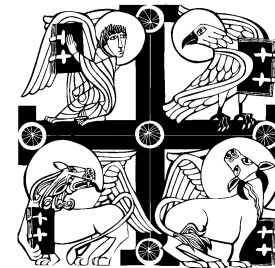
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*Lord, hear the cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer; no deceit is on my lips. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadows of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled with the sight of your glory. Ps. 16*

So who were the Sadducees? They formed a select political and religious party drawing their members from higher officials, wealthy merchants, landowners and priests. They originated in C2ndBC at the time of Maccabean kings when the nation was divided over its attitude to foreign culture and influence. They were tolerant of Greek culture and philosophy and the statesmen and diplomats came from its numbers.

At the time of Jesus, they accepted Roman rule and customs in exchange for retaining control over Temple worship and Jewish Law. They were adept at compromise and were seen by many Jews as collaborators and traitors. It was Caiaphas who, at the time of Jesus' trial enjoyed the security Roman patronage. They were opposed to nationalism and the violence of the Zealot party.

The Sadducees were religiously conservative and they accepted *only* the written Law of Moses. They rejected the oral tradition with its emphasis on angels and spirits. As wealthy aristocrats they worked to keep the status quo and so were not interested in a liberating Messiah. They also rejected the belief in the resurrection from the dead. Instead of resurrection they taught that all men, good *and* bad, went to a shadowy place called Sheol when they died. That meant they were happy to enjoy the present with little regard the afterlife.

In the Gospel today, Jesus appeals to those things that the Sadducees *did* believe in. If the God of Abraham and Moses is a God of the living then he will continue to be God after people die. That relationship does not end with death. It is the Resurrection of Jesus that will be the ultimate argument against the Sadducees.

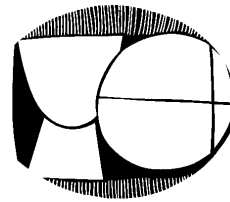


**Newsletter for Sunday 11th November 2007  
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Times and Intentions of Holy Mass

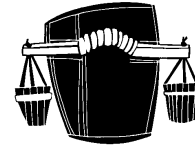
Sundays Year C: Psalter Week Four

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|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>10th</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> | Jim Whittingham          |                              |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>11th</b> | <b>9am</b>    | Parishioners             | 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|            |             | <b>11am</b>   | Those killed in warfare. |                              |
| <b>Mon</b> | <b>12th</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Celeste van Langenberg   |                              |
| <b>Tue</b> | <b>13th</b> | <b>7pm</b>    | Richard Cunningham       |                              |
| <b>Wed</b> | <b>14th</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Holy Souls               |                              |
| <b>Thu</b> | <b>15th</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | Patrick Byrne            |                              |
| <b>Fri</b> | <b>16th</b> | <b>12noon</b> | Barbara Miller           |                              |
| <b>Sat</b> | <b>17th</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> | Parishioners             |                              |
| <b>Sun</b> | <b>18th</b> | <b>9am</b>    | George Gadd              | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
|            |             | <b>11am</b>   | Margaret Hollern         |                              |



**First Sacraments Programme** It was very heartening to see so many families at the 9am mass last week as we start to prepare another group of children on the Sacraments of Initiation. My hope would be that they would all take up the challenge to be with their children at mass every week so that they will develop good habits.

We also had a very good first meeting with the parents on Thursday. It is important that we offer as much support and help to those who have the ultimate responsibility for deepening the children's faith. The parish and the school are there to support, encourage and educate. Please keep all our families in your prayers.



**Justice & Peace** Thanks to those who came to the meeting on Wednesday. We were not a big group but I feel that we started to address some of the issues that the Church are asked to address. We started by looking at what the parish does in this area already, and it was moderately impressive. We are generous with the CAFOD Family Fast appeals. The Fairtrade stall is a constant reminder of what we can do with our shopping.

Bridie and Hilda carry on raising money for orphans in Malawi. The APF raised funds for the Africa missions. The Little Houses helps in the constant appeal to support the families in need in the diocese. We give generously to the annual appeals by the various missionary orders who ask for our help. We assist the Poor Clares in the work of prayer. The school has links with children in Africa and raises thousands of pounds for particular charitable causes. There are individuals in the parish who support the work of Amnesty International. Others are involved in local Ecumenical projects like Homeless in Oswestry Action Partnership. This last charity is a reminder that there are many justice issues that are right on our own doorstep! All in all we are well on the way to recognising our responsibilities to work for justice and peace and so proclaim the Gospel.

We then discussed what new project we could take on and we thought that it would be a good idea to start small and be successful. So I am proposing that we have an Advent project that where we would aim at raising a set amount of money for CAFOD. I contacted them to see if there was a particular project with which we could be involved. They said that it was too wasteful of their resources to try to link a parish with a particular Third World project but that all their parish collections were being directed to works in Africa. We could raise money for this general fund. CAFOD also have a *World Gifts* project where the money we raised would go to buy chickens, goats, medicines or even a classroom (£3000).

There is a mass-going congregation of about 250 each week. Do you think we could aim to give £1 each week for the four Sundays of Advent? This would give a tremendous start of £1000 to help a chosen project. Please think about this, talk among yourselves and then let me know what else you can come up with.

**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** Have you been able to see it yet? Please do drop in and let me know what you think. Thanks again to Tony for his dedicated work in getting this up and running. I have recently been given some very interesting photographs of the church from the turn of the century. If you have any pictures of historical interest may we borrow them and scan them onto the website for many more to share? They could be of buildings, former clergy or parish celebrations of former times.

### Liturgy of the Word

**1st Reading**

2 Macc. 7:1-2,9-14

### Next Week

Malachi 3:19-20

**Psalm**

Psalm 16

Psalm 97

**2nd Reading**

2 Thess. 2:16-3:5

2 Thess 3:7-12

**Gospel**

Lk.20:27-38

Lk. 21:5-19

**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, 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,

**Those who have died.** Anna Lumby,

**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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