



29 October 2023

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

If you lend money to any of my people... you must not demand interest from him.

(Exodus 22: 24-25)

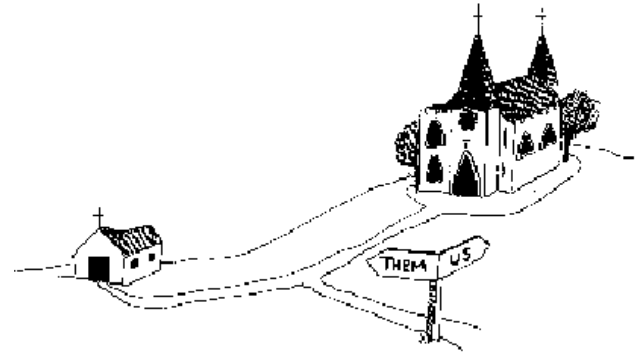
Faith in Focus

Upstairs-Downstairs

There is an English waterside town that underwent great growth in the middle of the nineteenth century. As the rather affluent people made their homes in the area, the Church began to cater for their needs and to build churches where they could worship. In one such parish, where the families were not short of a penny, they decided to build another smaller church. This was not really needed, but it catered for their servants!

The Christian message is that, whatever arrangements society may make, in the Church there can be no upstairs-downstairs divisions. In fact, although we might be tempted to think that loving our neighbour means just that, the Bible is quick to point out that our neighbour may be someone quite removed from us.

So when Jesus demanded that to love God we must love our neighbour as ourselves, he was not thinking of inviting over the Sherrington-Holroyds for afternoon tea. He would have been only too aware of how the Jewish scriptures returned time and time again to three categories of “neighbour” as the yardsticks for our love of God: strangers, widows and orphans.



Strangers (or foreigners) couldn't speak the language, were disoriented from being in a different culture, and often were cheated by money exchangers. Widows and orphans were not only objects of genuine pity but were defenceless. In a male dominated society they had no one to speak up for them, depended on charity and carried no clout when it came to getting justice.

The only way we can be sure of loving God is by loving our neighbour as ourselves, by treating them in exactly the same way as we would want to be treated. And the measuring stick that is used for this love is how we treat the most vulnerable of our world (strangers, widows and orphans), those whom it is not fashionable to champion, those who can offer us nothing in return. Anyone can love “one of us”. The Bible tells us to love “one of them”. Maybe even the Sherrington-Holroyds!

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Readings at Mass

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st reading: Exodus 22:20-26

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my
strength.

Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

2nd reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Psalm Response: Keep my soul in peace
before you, O Lord.

Thank you

Your offerings this week total £1,019.41
and for World Mission Sunday £214.06

First Communion meeting

The preparation meetings for First
Communion in 2024 commence on the
following dates:

St Philomena: Tuesday 7 November

Holy Name: Thursday 9 November

Meetings take place in church from 3.30
pm to 4 pm. Children and parents/carers
may attend either session, this does not
determine where First Communion will be
celebrated. Dates for future meetings will
be advised at the first meeting.

Numbers galore

Numbers are 3 and 10. Rollover.

Baptism

Congratulations to the children who will
be receiving the sacrament of Baptism.

At Holy Name

Oscar Patrick Sutton, Beau Clarke and
Thomas Jack Gary Clarke on Saturday 28
October.

Ronnie Winder, Nellie Lillie Hitchen,
Charlotte Jane Susannah Smith, Alexander
Thomas Ashton, Jake James Mooney, Isla
Brown and James Joseph Connor on
Sunday 29 October.

At Our Lady & St Philomena

Harlow Garnett, Amelia Garnett,
Alexandru Arhire, Matilda Peta Glover,
Delilah Glover and Jacob Piorkowski on
Saturday 4 November.

Lucas Philip M^cCall, Michael John
Frederick Attrill and Rosie Fearon on
Sunday 5 November.

Annual remembrance Mass

The annual remembrance Masses for
those who have died over the past year are.

Wednesday 8 November at 7 pm at Our
Lady & St Philomena

Tuesday 14 November at 6 pm at Holy
Name – **Please note change of date.**

At each Mass the names of all those who
have died during the last year will be read
out.

Holy Souls – Pious List

November is the month of the Holy Souls
when we pray for those who have '*gone
before us marked with the Sign of Faith*'.

If you wish to remember your loved
ones, families and friends at the November
Masses please place their names and any
donation in the envelopes in church.

Parish office

The parish office will be closed from
Monday 30 October to Friday 3
November. Reopen Monday 6 November.

Day	Time	Church	Intention
Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 28th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Margaret M ^c Dermott, lately dead
Sunday 29th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Collette Shudall, birthday remembrance Mary Quirk, lately dead
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Edward Roche, John and Alice Stevenson, anniversaries, RIP
Monday 30th			No service
Tuesday 31st	10.00 am	Holy Name	Betty Stone, RIP Stephen Barlow, RIP
Wednesday 1st Solemnity of all Saints. Holyday of obligation	10.00 am	Holy Name	Tess and Eric White Margaret M ^c Dermott, lately dead
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	James M ^c Donald, RIP Erine Bowyer, RIP
Thursday 2nd	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pious list
Friday 3rd	10.00 am	St Philomena	Eucharistic service

Social evening

The parish social committee are organising a social evening on Friday 17 November at 7 pm in the Russell Room. Tickets £5.

No newsletter next week

There will be no newsletter next week. The Mass times, intentions and readings for the next two weeks are included in this newsletter. Any changes to Mass times or funerals will be announced at Mass.

Children's Christmas party

The parish social committee are organising a children's Christmas party on Saturday 16 December from 2 to 4 pm in the Holy Name parish club. Age range 4 to 11 years. Tickets £5.

My Day by Day

The November My Day by Day booklets are available in church.

Toy request for school

The children in the school council of St Philomena's have asked if anyone has any toys for the children to play with during break times. Such as hula hoops, light footballs etc they would be appreciated. Please see Stephanie or Toby at St Philomena's, or phone 0151 525 8552.

Cathedral on the Isle of Man

The inauguration ceremony at which Archbishop Malcolm will be installed takes place on Friday 3 November at 12 noon. The celebration can be seen online at <https://manxcatholic.org.uk/#livestream>

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Saturday 4th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Pious list
Sunday 5th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Mary Trudy Sinnott, anniversary Josie Sexton, 90 th birthday
	11.00 am	Holy Name	People of our Parishes Graham Woods, lately dead
Monday 6th			No service
Tuesday 7th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pious list
	12.15 pm	St Philomena	Requiem Mass: Michael Gerard, RIP
Wednesday 8th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Pious list
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	Annual remembrance Mass
Thursday 9th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Edward Roche (Ted), RIP Margaret M ^c Loughlin, RIP
Friday 10th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Eucharistic service
Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday 11th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Mrs G Evans, anniversary of death Margaret M ^c Dermott, lately dead
Sunday 12th	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Pious list
	11.00 am	Holy Name	John (anniversary) and Evelyn (birthday remembrance) M ^c Carten
<p>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently Michael Gerard, Margaret M^cDermott, Josephine Molphy May they rest in peace</p>			

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