



*Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
4 November 2018*

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Today's Scripture Readings: Parish Mass Book pp. 152-4 Prf.2 p.54 EP 2 p.24

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Moses promises long life and prosperity to those who keep God's laws and commandments. This means loving the one (and only) God with all their heart, soul and strength

Hebrews 7:23-8 Christ is the one High Priest who offered himself once and for all for the sins of the world. (All ministerial priesthood as well as the priesthood of the laity derive from this).

Mark 12:28-34 Jesus quotes the "Shema Israel" (from Deuteronomy) back to the Scribe who questions him and adds the second command, to love your neighbour as yourself.

SECOND COLLECTION: JOHNSON ASSOCIATION (retired & infirm clergy)

COFFEE AFTER 10.30 MASS

WEEKDAY MASS Mass on Monday (Latin) and Friday 9.30 in Church.

MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP BERNARD: This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese's involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches. The letter is available on the Archdiocesan website (<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>). If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**. If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church, you can contact the NSPCC (**0808 800 5000**). Please pray for all victims of abuse and for all involved in the work of this important inquiry.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DEAD: If you have not yet done so, you may still place lists of those you wish to be remembered at Mass during November on the High Altar.

CHRISTMAS FAIR/ COFFEE MORNING AND RAFFLE (28 November 10am-1.30pm) All offers of help gratefully received. Please call Charlotte **01684 592179**. Parishioners are requested to provide gifts for the stalls: home produce (chutney, marmalade, cakes and treats), "Choir": music, books and small, gifts; Tombola: bottles from shampoo to Champagne. **Gifts for these stalls to be brought to Church by Sunday 18 November**, to allow for those running them to collect, sort and mark up. Perishables best delivered to Welland Hall on 28 November or evening before (4-8pm).

Pray for Leonie Rimmer and Denise Soper who have died, for Norah Lawley, Dom Raphael Appleby of Downside Abbey, Dom Charles Hallinan of Worth Abbey, Michael Noakes, Teresa Fry, Arthur Thurlow, who died recently, for Paul Hothersall, Rosemarie Kay, Christopher Kouwen, and Raymond Turner, who are recovering, and for Ellen Verdult, Dorothy Tennant, Nicholas Ratcliff, and Les Miller who are housebound.