HOLY ROSARY: will be prayed twenty minutes before the weekday Mass
CONFESSIONS: are held after Mass on Saturday morning
If you wish to book a **Mass Intention**, please see the priest after Mass on Sunday or call the office during office hours

PARISH MINISTRIES

Counting	04 Nov	Marie Dewland & Mary Hargreaves
S & S Group	10 Nov	Janet Critchley & Pauline Critchley
Minibus	10 Nov	Dominic Stone & Catherine Jackson
Readers	10 Nov	**9:30am** Terence Donnelly **11:00am** David Fairclough **6:30pm** Linda Corcoran
Ministers of the Eucharist	10 Nov	**9:30am** Jack Knight, Louise Cogan, Clare Meredith **11:00am** Sharon Hobin, Linda Walmsley, Gordon Woods **6:30pm** Anthony Hooson, Ulrika Yeomans
Church Cleaning	w/c 10 Nov	Hayley Brabin, Rita Smith, Ursula Mulkeen

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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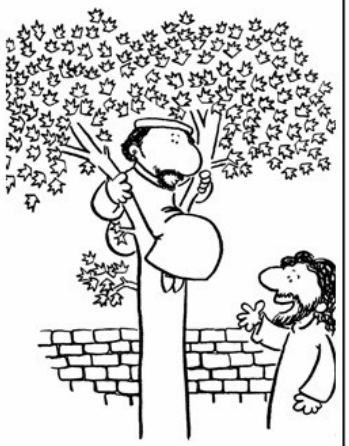

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Gift Aid: **£334.97**
Loose Plate: **£448.20**
Standing Orders: **£180.48**

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish.

The retiring collection today will be for the SVP.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel we hear the story of another tax Collector, Zacchaeus, who is not only a tax collector but a chief tax collector. Tax collectors cheated and stole from whom ever they could and the taxes were paid to the Romans so they were hated, despised and treated as sinners. Since Zacchaeus is a small man, when Jesus arrives in the town with the crowd, he can't see over the tall people, so he runs ahead and climbs a tree because he was anxious to see Jesus and wanted to get a glimpse of him as he passed that way. Zacchaeus knows that he is despised and hated by others - he doesn't really want to meet Jesus - perhaps he feels that Jesus wouldn't want to meet someone with his reputation. But as Jesus is walking by, he looks up and calls this little strange man in the tree by his name! Jesus says to him, *'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.'* Jesus does not condemn or criticise Zacchaeus or demand that he pay back the money that he stole; he does not tell him to sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor. He doesn't ask him to do anything! He simply calls him by his name and invites himself to Zacchaeus' house for a meal. Jesus calls and loves him just as he is. It is because he knows that he is loved and accepted that Zacchaeus changes his way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, we are just the same as Zacchaeus - we all know that we do and say things that we shouldn't. Perhaps like this little tax collector, we too want to keep Jesus at a safe distance. But Jesus knows us, he knows what we have done, he knows our name and calls us every day just as he called Zacchaeus. Jesus loves and accepts us just as we are. Changing our ways is not easy. It takes courage, honesty and great humility. But we are not on our own; Jesus is always with us to encourage, support and help us – if we accept his personal invitation and spend time with him as Zacchaeus did. This week, let us look to Zacchaeus with the big heart. Can we follow his example; can we change our ways?

Please Pray for Our Sick Brothers and Sisters

Gerard McGuigan - Lois Chiasson - Maureen Jackson - Theresa Joyce
Winifred Calderbank - Hugh O'Daly - Margaret Wrennall - Kitty Ellison
Julie Hurley - Danny Harrison - Thomas Moss - Madge Henshaw

Heal thy servants, O Lord, who are sick and send them comfort from thy holy place. Amen.

Please remember and keep in your prayers all those who have died recently.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

MASS OF WELCOME

Today at the 9:30am Mass we welcome the children and their families preparing for Baptism.
Please keep them all in your prayers.

PRESENTATION MASS

Today at the 11:00am Mass we welcome the children and their families who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year.
Please keep them all in your prayers.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Each November, we celebrate our Annual Mass of Remembrance at which we remember all those parishioners who have died in the last twelve months, their names will be read out and a candle lighted in their memory. This year, our celebration will be held on **Tuesday 26th November at 7:00pm.**
All are welcome to attend.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Next Sunday we commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women in the two World Wars and later conflicts.

BAPTISMAL SUPPORT GROUP

In the New Year, we are hoping to launch a Baptismal Support Group whose role will be to visit families in their homes in preparation for Baptism. Anyone interested in joining the group, please let us know. The support will be based on welcome so no prior background knowledge required.

THE MEETING PLACE

The next gathering will take place on **Tuesday 5th November from 2pm - 6pm**, in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to come along and meet our warm and friendly team, learn new skills and hobbies or just chat over a cup of tea or coffee.
If you are adapting to life after bereavement, whenever that was, please come and join us.

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP
CHRISTMAS CARD APPEAL

This year, the Justice and Peace group plan to send Christmas Cards to the Holy Land. If anyone has any spare religious cards, please would they place them in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

REAL CHRISTMAS TREES

'The Friends of St Gregory's (FOSG) are once again pleased to be offering top quality Nordmann Fir Christmas trees, the most luxurious Christmas trees you will find at a fraction of the retail cost. Various sizes available.
Order forms are available in the church porch.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sun 03 Nov	**9:30am**	**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Mary Robinson Bill & Betty Dearden Pious List Intentions	**Mass of Welcome**
Sun 03 Nov	**11:00am**	**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Josephine Riding Pious List Intentions	**Presentation of Children & Family Mass**
Sun 03 Nov	**6:30pm**	**31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Pious List Intentions	
Mon 04 Nov	**8:30am**	St Charles Borromeo	Pious List Intentions	
Tues 05 Nov	**8:30am**		Olive & Jack Farnworth Pious List Intentions	
Wed 06 Nov	**10:00am**		Robert Keane Pious List Intentions	**ADORATION 12:00 - 2:00pm**
Thu 07 Nov	**8:30am**	St Willibrord	Ann Gerrard (F) Pious List Intentions	
Fri 08 Nov	**8:30am**		**EUCHARISTIC SERVICE**	
Sat 09 Nov	**10:00am**	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	In Thanksgiving John Gilgun (A) Pious List Intentions	
Sun 10 Nov	**9:30am**	**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Pious List Intentions	**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
Sun 10 Nov	**11:00am**	**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Maureen Carrington Pious List Intentions	**Baptism after Mass**
Sun 10 Nov	**6:30pm**	**32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Stephen Cartmell (F) Pious List Intentions	