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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

32nd WEEK OF CHURCH YEAR

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sat 09 Nov	5.30 pm SG	Bernadette O'Riordan RIP, and deceased members of the O'Riordan Family.
Sun 10 Nov	9.30 am SG 11.15 am HS	For all the dead of war Deceased members of the Wright and McClelland Families.
Mon 11 Nov	9.30 am SG	For the sick, Paul McAleavey, Paul Rolston, Marianne Power
Tues 12 Nov	9.30 am SG	The family of Evelyn & Ahsoka
Wed 13 Nov	9.30 am SG	Thomas Augustine RIP (in Kerala)
Thu 14 Nov	9.30 am SG	NO MORNING MASS
	12.00 noon SG	Requiem, Anna Kolasa RIP
Fri 15 Nov	9.30 am SG	Jeremiah & Mary Brennan RIP Walter & Irene Sameresinghe RIP Mable & Douglas Dias Bandaranayake RIP
Sat 16 Nov	9.30 am SG	The deceased of the Brennan and Sameresinghe families
	5.30 pm SG	Mary O'Rourke RIP (in Ireland)
Sun 17 Nov	9.30 am SG 11.15 am HS	People of the Parish For all our dead, especially those on the dead lists given.

SG St George's HS Holy Spirit

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

We have a tendency to be distracted. We fail to keep the end in view and are easily consumed by the day to day, the rough and tumble of daily living. Is there a secret? Yes the secret is to view things through the prism of the bigger picture, the *telos*, the ultimate goal and destination.

Today, Jesus teaches about how to avoid getting caught up in the banal and strive to see beyond the tyranny of the urgent. Obstacles are sure to come but the greater problem is if we become the cause of obstacles and scandal. Jesus is speaking about sin, for nothing is more likely to take our minds off the goal than our own sin and the sin of others. That is why Jesus gives a simple solution. It is as if he were saying; sin happens, but deal with it and move on. If someone sins against you, forgive them. It can be hard to forgive even when they say sorry. It seems the disciples had something like this in mind when they said: 'Increase our faith!' Perhaps they were thinking, it is so hard to forgive they needed more fuel in the tank; 'Increase our faith' they cried. Why does our capacity to forgive require more faith! Jesus had been speaking about obstacles. In fact, he had just told them the parable of the rich man and Lazarus – a story about a man whose heart had become so hardened that he was oblivious to the needs of poor Lazarus.

There was a warning in this. Sin can be a great obstacle. The disciples rightly discerned that only in Jesus could the obstacle be overcome. Jesus confirmed this. Faith is the key. Faith in Jesus, faith that unites us to Jesus, is the sure way of overcoming the greatest obstacle, the greatest sin, whether it be our own sin or that of others.

The power is in Jesus himself, and faith unites us to him. Even if the link is weak (faith the size of a mustard seed?), we are nevertheless still in touch with the power to remove obstacles (be uprooted and planted in the sea).

Lord, increase my faith: deepen my capacity to forgive, for surely and truly I have been forgiven.

HOLY SPIRIT: Every Thursday 2.45pm at Holy Spirit, Sinfín, please join the Prayer Group to pray for Divine Mercy, The Rosary and Prayers for peace.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin at St George's after Easter. Forms will be available before Easter from the back of Church or school. Fr. Brentnall.

November copies of Catholic Post and Catholic News available at church. Get your free copy.

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY ONLY: 10:15 – 10:45

ADORATION before the Blessed Sacrament daily before the 9.30 am Mass and then other times as announced.

SAINTS THIS WEEK:

Mon 11 Nov: St Martin of Tours (Bishop)

Tues 12 Nov: St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

Fri 15 Nov: St Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor

Sat 16 Nov: St Margaret of Scotland

TODAY, SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER Fr Alan will visit Chellaston cemetery at 3 pm for the blessing of the graves. So many of our parishioners are buried there. All welcome to attend.

RECENT DEATHS:

The Requiem for Hilary Crosbie RIP is now at 1 pm on 19th November. Reception into church at 6 pm on 18th November.

Please pray for Anna Kolasa RIP, formerly of Pear Tree Crescent, who was a long-time member of St George's parish before moving away to live with her daughter. Requiem Mass on 14th November at 12 noon. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

FROM LIVING FAITH:

The Widow's Might

...she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood. Mark 12:44

How many of us could do that?

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus spots a widow who gives everything she has, "two small coins...her whole livelihood" (vv.42-44), to the Temple treasury. The generosity of that gesture is, frankly, breath-taking. But so is something even more poignant: the widow's unwavering and total trust. Here is a woman willing to throw caution to the winds and give all she has to the Temple, trusting entirely that she would somehow find a way to make ends meet.

This episode is commonly known as "The Widow's Mite." But considering the impact of this moment, maybe we should consider "The Widow's Might."

There is a quiet power in her selflessness – a mighty lesson in faith and a reminder that what we can give God isn't just measured in money. It is also measured in time and attention, in fidelity, devotion and love.

It can even be measure in trust.

How much are we able to give to God?

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In our Masses this weekend we remember all who gave their lives for their country in the two world wars of the last century and in other wars since.

We pray they are now in God's love and care in heaven, the ultimate destiny of human beings. I like the expression written on one of our displays in church. "All gave something, some gave everything".

The outpouring of grief and sorrow in war time is awful to contemplate. Rows and rows of names in the remembrance column of the times, such a sense of loss especially in the carnage of the trenches in 1914-1918, We pray for all the dead of war and pray for an end to war and violence and its inevitable loss. Sincere thanks to those who have done the local Remembrance displays.