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#### THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

DATE	DETAILS	SERVICE	TIME
<b>Sunday 25 October</b>	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)</b>	<b>09.00 10.30 13.00</b>
Tuesday 27 October	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Wednesday 28 October	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Thursday 29 October	St. John Paul II	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass	09.00 09.30
Friday 30 October	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass Mass (Polish)	09.00 09.30 19.00
Saturday 31 October	29 <sup>th</sup> Week of the Year	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Mass <b>Vigil Mass</b>	09.00 09.30 <b>18.00</b>
<b>Sunday 25 October</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>Mass (Polish) Mass Mass (Polish)</b>	<b>09.00 10.30 13.00</b>

#### SUNDAY REFLECTION – MISSIO SUNDAY

**Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40**

In our first reading from the Book of Exodus the Lord is telling the people how they should behave towards the poor and the stranger, towards those who are weak and vulnerable. If they are not honest and upright with the poor and less fortunate then the Lord will be angry for he hears the cry of the poor and will answer their cries for justice. In essence, the Lord is saying that they should love their neighbour regardless of who they are.

In the gospel, the Pharisees are still trying to trick Jesus and yet again they fail. They ask him what he considers to be the most important commandment in the hopes of finding something they can use against him, something to show that he is not a faithful or orthodox Jew. Jesus puts two commandments from the Torah together: one a well-known and key component of Judaism and which was to love God above all else with heart, soul and mind; the second was the instruction to love one's neighbour and which was not traditionally seen as so important. This was not necessarily something the Pharisees were happy to do for they saw themselves as being greater than the majority of their neighbours. Jesus then goes further and says that all of the laws hang on these two statements which was against the normal understanding which saw fulfilment of Torah laws, Temple service, and good deeds as being central. Jesus was saying that the law can be easily lived if the two commands he highlighted are first lived out. These readings challenge us to look at ourselves and to see how we treat our neighbours, particularly the poor.

St Paul continues to encourage the Thessalonians to remain faithful to God in our second reading. In today's passage, he talks about how they converted to Jesus Christ when he brought them the Good News despite the opposition of others. And they took to the Gospel and the new way of life so well that, from them, others were brought into the faith, and others still look to them as an example of Christian faith.

**Patrick J. Breen, O.Carm.**

#### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

- **Sick:** Sandra Cameron, Kenneth Darnell, Kate Hamilton,

#### **NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE REMEMBRANCE**

November is the month when, by tradition, we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased relatives and friends. This year, in all our churches, we remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they loved, for those who were unable to say goodbye, and for those who are suffering the pain of grief. We pray for confidence in the loving mercy of God, for faith in the Resurrection to new life, and for the hope of being reunited in God's kingdom.

If you wish to have any deceased relatives or friends remembered at Mass during November the Month of the Holy Souls, please complete a form and place it in the basket on the table at the back of the Church. Special individual Masses for the departed can be said by placing your intention in an envelope in the customary way.

## **LISTOPAD – MIESIĄCEM PAMIĘCI O ZMARŁYCH**

Listopad jest miesiącem, w którym tradycyjnie modlimy się o wieczny odpoczynek dla naszych bliskich zmarłych. W tym roku w naszych kościołach w szczególny sposób pamiętajmy o tych którzy odeszli do wieczności w trakcie pandemii. Módlmy się również za tych, którzy stracili swoich bliskich, za tych którzy nie mogli się z nimi pożegnać i za tych wszystkich którzy cierpią ból rozstania. Módlmy się o miłosierdzie Boże, wiarę w zmartwychwstanie i nadzieję ponownego zjednoczenia w królestwie niebieskim.

W tych dniach na ścianie kościoła zostanie umieszczony krzyż a przed nim będzie można przynieść i zapalić znicze jako wyraz naszej pamięci i modlitwy za naszych bliskich zmarłych. Przy wyjściu z kościoła znajdują się formularze do zapisywania zmarłych na WYPOMINKI. Za zmarłych będziemy się modlić na zakończenie każdej mszy św. w listopadzie oraz w każdą третią niedzielę miesiąca w ciągu roku. Koperty z wypominkami można składać do specjalnego koszyka z tyłu kościoła.