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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR A, 5 NOVEMBER 2023

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

Last week was the conclusion of Jesus's arguments with people who wish him ill, and this week he turns to 'the people and his disciples.' Matthew's controversies with the Pharisees have a historical basis; around the time he was writing his Gospel (in the 70s-80s AD) a council of Pharisees was debating the relationship between Judaism and the young Christian church. But the strictures that Jesus directs against the scribes and pharisees are valid at any time as an attack on empty religious observance. There have been such people in the Church at every period of history, and no doubt in Matthew's time too. Clergy are particularly visible culprits in this but they are an easy target, and anyone can be mean-spirited, which is another way of saying pharisaical. The first reading is a prophet's attack on bad priests of his time. They had created divisions, and this is a betrayal of the unity of the human race as God intended it. The Psalm is a way of expressing humility, and just by expressing it one can learn to be what we sing. It may be that our heart actually *is* proud and we don't want to consider ourselves as the least (as in the Gospel). Look at the scriptures today in the light of what Paul says in 2R: *God's message and not some human thinking.* LITURGY PLANNER

For Today Mass

Responsorial psalm

Keep my soul in peace
before you, O Lord

Gospel acclamation

Speak, Lord, your servant
is listening: you have the
message of eternal life.

Często mówi się o alternatywie: być lub mieć, ale dla niektórych jest jeszcze trzecie wyzwanie: wiedzieć (choć można to zaklasyfikować jako - mieć wiedzę). Ktoś chce wiedzieć jak najwięcej, coraz więcej dla samego poznania, dla siebie. Jest to wtedy grzech pychy wiedzy i zaniechania. W zależności od tego czy ktoś jest introwertykiem czy ekstrawertykiem, ta pycha może się różnie objawiać. Tak jak u faryzeuszy i uczonych w Piśmie. Chętną się poznaniem Prawa, ale nie potrafią się dostosować do niego. Jakże często doznajemy rozczarowania różnymi politykami, nauczycielami, rodzicami, a nawet duchownymi, których słowa nie znajdują potwierdzenia w konfrontacji z rzeczywistością. Mateusz.pl

**SAINTS DAYS
and SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES THIS
WEEK**

Monday 6th November
31st Week of the Year

Tuesday 7th November
31st Week of the Year

Wednesday 8th November
Blessed John Duns Scotus

Thursday 9th November
**The Dedication of The
Lateran Basilica**

Friday 10th November
St Leo The Great

Saturday 11th November
St Martin of Tours

PRAYERS

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls,
O Lord. May they
rest in peace. Amen.**

FOOD BANK

**You can leave your
food donation in a
Memorial Chapel**

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

12 November 2023

12.00 – Mass in English

FRIDAY

17 November 2023

NO MASS

SATURDAY

18 November 2023

9.30 – Morning Mass

18.00 – VIGIL MASS

**NOVEMBER
MONTH OF
REMEMBRANCE**

We pray for the
eternal rest of our
deceased relatives
and friends. 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 at the
back of the Church.

FOR THE DEPARTED

The Communion of Saints
is the whole family of
God, the living and the
dead, those whom we love
and those whom we hurt,
bound together in Christ
by sacrament, prayer, and
praise. Into your hands, O
merciful Saviour, We
commend to you our loved
ones whose names are on
our November lists.

COLLECTIONS

Sunday's Collection

29 October 2023

Cash – £246.00

Gift Aid – £30.00

Thank you for your donations

**SEPTEMBER 2023
FINANCES**

Income: £255.00

Expenses: £1180.81

Balance: -£925.81

Bank account: £3238.60

**TEA AND COFFE
AFTER MASS**