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**Thirtieth Sunday (A) 25.10.2020**

Sat 24 Oct 6.00pm  
Sun 25 Oct 9.00 (Bampton)  
30<sup>th</sup> Sun 10.15am  
Mon 26 Oct No Mass  
Tue 27 Oct 6.30pm  
Wed 28 Oct 9.30am **Class Mass**  
**Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles**  
Thu 29 Oct 6.30pm  
Fri 30 Oct 6.00pm (Burford)  
Sat 31 Oct 6.00pm  
Sun 1 Nov 9.00am (Carterton) Margot Hince A  
**All Saints 10.15am**

**Bank details for Standing Orders**

Natwest, 23 High Street, Witney, OX28 6HW  
Account: St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Account No: 43009530 Sort code: 60 24 60

**Retiring collection:**

**\*This w/end 24/25 Oct Holy Places  
Red Boxes Please RETURN for counting.**

**Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot**

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions can be corrected.

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

**Please pray for those who have died:** Janet Mansell, Mateo Bantug, Allan Tomkins, Phil Hocknell, Bridget Valentine, Rodney Forder, Joe Lambe, Pauline Leverett, Olive Harcourt, Christopher Murphy, Joan Clements, Monica Owen, Kate Gargan, Anne Jennings, Angela Overton, Marie Drew, John Robinson, John Joseph O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Rose Lane, Mary Hannah, Robert Eszenyi, David Gotelier.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Frances and Gerry McGeough, Andrew Pinto, Joan Handford, Ethan Finnemore, Edith & Michael Carey, Anthony Farrugia, George Leverett, Margot Hince, Dom David Beer OSB.

**Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Pat Hay, Anne Gillick, Wendy Murray, Catherine Robinson, Peter Garfoot, Peter Doran, Lukasz Konieczny, Brendan Reynolds, Marie Whelan, Brendan Farrow, Dominic Martin, Phil Rice, Natalia Romanek, John Middleton, Pat Haddock, Mario Bugeja, Justin Family, Dom Michael Phillips, Kathleen Fagan, Jen Thomas, Ann Heaton, Celia McCauley, Elaine Barry, Miriam James, Rodrigo Bantug.

**Hall bookings: manager needed**

We have just started letting the hall again and need a bookings manager. Could you coordinate bookings which are done online?

**Stewards make Holy Mass possible** If you could occasionally help with stewarding please contact Pauline McCormack-White [mccormackwhite@gmail.com](mailto:mccormackwhite@gmail.com) 845774.

**\*November Holy Souls envelopes available.** To remember loved ones, please place names in an envelope.

**School Class Masses in church**

on Wednesdays. Sadly at present **we cannot invite others** to join us.

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The two parts of the great commandment are inseparable: no love of God without love of neighbour and vice versa. Indeed they are mutually dependent: we love our neighbour to love God and love God to love our neighbour. There is a modern tendency to believe that love and service of one's neighbour actually replaces love of God. If I am serving others in charity, I do not really need to love God and spend time with him alone. Over time, neglect of God inexorably erodes the motivation to love others, and the process starts by becoming progressively more blind and deaf to the real needs of people around us.

How can love be commanded? Love is surely something spontaneous and voluntary? If one is commanded to love, can it be love? But love is not just a feeling or emotion, although these play a part. Love is about the will to be true and faithful, a decision to give oneself freely and without reserve for the good of the other. God is love, and God is eternal, so love must also be eternal; it is meant to last forever.

Since love is the result of a free choice, therefore, it can be commanded. God gave us this command because He was the first one to practise it. 'Love one another as I have loved you' says Jesus. 'Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth' writes St John (1Jn 3:18). It demands everything from us: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.' (Mt 22:37).

Love of God is the origin and the basis of the love of neighbour, which is the concrete expression of our love of God. 'Whoever loves God must also love his brother' (1Jn 4:20-21). We see Jesus in others and he identifies himself so much with the person in need that: 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Mt 25:40).

The first reading gives examples of how we should care for others, not molesting or oppressing the stranger or being harsh towards the widow or orphan. Two years ago (in Nov 2018), it was reported (in The Guardian) that 'only 20 unaccompanied children have been allowed into the UK under a scheme begun more than two years ago (2016) to resettle 3,000 vulnerable refugee children from conflict zones in the Middle East and north Africa.' We should be ashamed of the record of our country in this respect.

'This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' (Jn 13:35). Love of God is inseparable from the love of neighbour. There are visible signs that we love God. If we must love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, it follows we must love our neighbours who bear his image in like manner: with the heart to feel their pain, the soul to be moved with sympathy, the mind to think out the solution to their plight and the strength to move into positive action.