

**ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S**

**ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERY, ST. JAMES' ROAD, ORRELL, WIGAN WN5 7AA**

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**32nd Sunday of the Year (Year B) Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2015**

**Trust in God**

The Old Testament has frequent references to God's special love for widows or those who represent a class in special need of care. The first reading from the book of Kings tells the story of the widow who was prepared to share the last of her food with the prophet Elijah in time of famine. In the Gospel, we reach the climax of Jesus' condemnation of the Pharisees and their attitude to religion. He rejects their hypocrisy and their ostentation as a parody of true religion and certainly opposed to his own teaching.

Yet there is hope for Israel, as personified by the widow and her few pence. She represents God's people—those who place their trust in him and return his love for them by their own generosity and selflessness. In the context, coming just before his arrest and death, her self-giving as a sign of true religion is a prelude to his giving of his own life in obedience to the Father. Like the widow, he gave up everything he possessed, even his life.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and all the patients in Wrightington Hospital. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from your Holy Place.

We pray for all those who have died recently, May God the Father welcome them into eternal life promised by Christ His Son, the Lord of life. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**MASSES**

Saturday	7th November	6:00pm	Tony Darlington
Sunday	8th November	9:30am	Robert James Harvey
Monday	9th November	9:30am	Special Intention
Thursday	12th November	9:30am	People of the Parish
Saturday	14th November	6:00pm	Holy Souls
Sunday	15th November	9:30pm	Holy Souls

**Neighbourhood Prayer**

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Appley Lane North No's 1-65 & 2-104 (below Skull House Lane)

**Mission Intention for November is:**

That pastors of the Church, with profound love, may accompany their flocks and enliven their hope.

**Holy Communion to the sick and housebound**

Appley Bridge Starting next Friday at 10:00am

**CAFOD LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

Winning No. 59 Ken Iddon

**Weekend Masses at Saint James' Orrell**

Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm

Confessions @ St. James' Saturday 10:00am-11:00am

Confessions @ St. Joseph's Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

**Rota for cleaning church**

Please can Group 1 clean the church this week  
i.e. Phil Waterhouse & Valerie Heyes

**Pious Lists**

Please put the names of your dear departed loved ones in the box on the altar, please do not put money in the envelopes as they will be destroyed at the end of the month. If you wish to have Masses said please hand them in to Fr. Gerry. All deceased will have a special

remembrance during each Mass in November—Month of the Holy Souls

**The Brick**

Thank you to all who continue to support 'The Brick' by leaving your items of food and toiletries in the bin at the back of church. We need cereals, soups, toiletries e.g. soap, toothpaste etc. plus tinned meats and fish. Please remember your plastic bags. Thank you.

**Vision Aid**

Thank-you to all parishioners who leave their unwanted spectacles for re-cycling. It is so worthwhile and a great way of helping people in the 'Third World'.

**Visits to the sick and housebound**

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion, please will you let Fr. Gerry know and one of our Eucharistic Ministers will visit them.

**The Call, the Mission, the Journey**

Last year the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invited parishes to reflect, as requested by Pope Francis, on the themes emerging from the Extraordinary Synod on the Family. The Call, the Mission and the Journey aimed "to help people celebrate marriage and family life, whilst recognising the difficulties that families encounter." The document offered material for reflecting on scripture and on the teaching of the Church on marriage and family life, as well as six questions to facilitate parish and family conversations. The Catholic Bishops have issued a report sharing some of the feedback received to the recent process of spiritual discernment. It can be found at <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Family-Survey-Resposes>.

**Rotas**

We will soon be doing the rotas for the six months January to July 2016.

If there are any changes to your circumstances please will you let Joe Lee know on 01257 255978 or Mary Culligan on 01257 421566. Your commitment is greatly valued, and we are always on the 'look-out' for volunteers to help keep the running of our church viable

**Remember it is OUR church!**

**Congratulations and Welcome!**

To: Charlie Baldwin, Isabelle, William and Charlotte Taylor who were baptised here recently. Please pray for them and their families.

**A.P.F. World Missions**

£256: 83 Thank-you for your generosity.

**Catholic Pictorial**

Free copies of the November issue of the Pictorial are now available at the back of church.

**Quote:** Nature does not hurry yet everything is accomplished.