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### **Mark 12:38-44**

In the Gospel from Mark we are presented with the rich and powerful scribes, and the poor widow. The scribes do everything for their own glorification and gain. They seek places of honour and swallow up the property of widows. They have no need of God. They have made gods of themselves. They put money into the temple treasury, but it means nothing to them. They have plenty more money and wealth. The poor widow has nothing and yet from her nothingness she gives all she has to God. She knows and needs God in her life. She does not know where the next meal is going to come from! Jesus tells us, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on'.

What are today's readings telling us? They tell us that God so loved the world that He sent His only son to die on a cross, to be the perfect sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. This is a gift of perfect love. The Gospel also tells us that in order to accept this great gift of our forgiveness and salvation, we must be reliant on God and not ourselves. We cannot do anything to achieve our salvation; everything is a gift from God. We must have the faith, the trust, and humility of a poor widow before the mercy of the Cross. Reliance on ourselves or other gods of power or wealth will not get us into heaven.

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS:** The November Dead List envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. Please place a list of the names of those deceased family members and friends you wish to be remembered during the month of November and give your envelope to Fr Patrick.

**ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Applications for 2025 intake must be submitted to Essex County Council between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025. You no longer require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. You will need to supply the child's baptism certificate to the School. If your child has not been baptised, speak to Fr Patrick as soon as possible.

**VOCATIONS EVENING:** The next enquirers meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.00pm at Brentwood Cathedral. Mgr Gordon Read will be the speaker. Contact Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

**APPEAL FOR PRAYER:** The Bishops of England and Wales have requested that all Catholics join in prayerful solidarity to create a powerful moment of prayer throughout our lands promoting the intrinsic dignity of every person and to uphold the sanctity of life on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 5.30pm.

**NEW CATHOLIC LECTIONARY:** A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. It will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition for the scripture readings and the Psalms and Canticles

for the Responsorial Psalms. The readings in the existing Sunday Missal will not match the new Lectionary. If you wish to order a new Sunday Missal, there is an order form at the back of the church. The paperback version is £11.00 and the hardback version is £21.00.

**KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA:** The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 12th November in No 1 Church Road at 7.00pm. The meeting will commence with the Holy Mass. Any Catholic man is welcome to attend. Fr Patrick.

**DEEP-CLEAN NO 3 CHURCH ROAD:** I would like to thank Angela Cook, Pat Cunningham, Dr Lizzy and Emma Goodson for their help in cleaning the property in preparation for our new Assistant Priest.

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

Saturday 9th November 2024. <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Frank Glynn RIP Ann Aytach.
Saturday 9th November 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 9th November 2024. <i>Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: Pat & Des McQuires Intentions. Joe
Sunday 10th November 2024. <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Wojciech Holeszowska & Family Intentions.
Sunday 10th November 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Daphne Bumstead RIP. Michael Parascandolo.

Wednesday 13th November 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Breda Cunningham RIP. Pat Cunningham.
Thursday 14th November 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Cyril John Avery RIP. Barbara Nunn.
Friday 15th November 2024.	9.00am.	MASS: Mary (Maureen) Avery RIP. Barbara Nunn.
Friday 15th November 2024.	1.00pm	WEDDING: Alexander Parish & Tracey Whelan.
Saturday 16th November 2024. <i>St Edmund of Abindgon, Bp.</i>	9.30am.	MASS: Angela Amsterolam RIP. Tara.
Saturday 16th November 2024.	11.00am to 1.00pm.	EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
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Saturday 16th November 2024. <i>Vigil of Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	6.00pm.	MASS: November Dead List.
Sunday 17th November 2024. <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B).</i>	8.30am.	MASS: Joe Buda & Family Intentions.
Sunday 17th November 2024	10.30am.	MASS: Latto Family Intentions. Mr & Mrs Latto

