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## 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Sunday Mass Readings

#### First Reading:

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 16 (17): 1,5-6,8,15

#### Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

#### Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38

*"Now He is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to Him all men are in fact alive."*



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## Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the readings for children.

## Pray

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus dialoguing with the Sadducees about life after death.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- Have you stopped to consider what your own belief about the afterlife is? What do you understand heaven to be? What does the Church teach about the afterlife? Is it something you prepare for by how you live your life?
- "He is God...of the living; for to Him all men are in fact alive." Pray with this phrase: what does it mean to you to be alive in God? What kind of relationship with God the Father does that lead to?

## Talk

In today's readings we hear Jesus talking to the Sadducees about the mystery of the afterlife.

- What do you think happens when someone dies? What do you think Heaven is like? Spend some time discussing thoughts and beliefs.
- When we die, our lives don't come to an end: they just change. Think of a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis! God the Father wants each of us to be in heaven with Him for all eternity - that's what He created us for! Imagine being loved that much!
- We won't know all the mysteries of heaven here on earth, but Jesus reminds us that our relationship with God is the most important thing.

## Family Challenge!

Set up a sacred space in your home this month to remember those who have died. Maybe you have photos to display there, a nice cloth and a candle. Each day as a family, take a few minutes to pray together, and don't forget to pray for souls in purgatory who have no-one to pray for them!



Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as he is," face to face. CCC1023

## HEAVEN IS....

It's hard to grasp what heaven is like - it's just so far beyond our comprehension and vocabulary, but it's not a complete mystery either. So what is Heaven like?

Heaven is not a place, not somewhere up in fluffy clouds, with angels in long flowing robes playing the harp all day... I don't know about you, but that doesn't sound like my idea of fun for all eternity!

Heaven is God - in heaven we find eternal communion with God. Ultimately our hearts long for that communion, and in heaven that longing will finally be fulfilled!

Have you ever been in love, or just crazy about someone, and when you're with them, time seems to stand still, and fly at the same time? In heaven, we never get tired, or bored, or dissatisfied - it's the constant fulfilling of our deepest longings, ever-increasing in depth and intensity.

That love that we all crave and long for in our hearts - that's what awaits us completely in heaven.

These are difficult concepts, but so hope-filled and beautiful too. Let's strive for heaven with all we have, with every decision we make every day, and let's not take it for granted and miss out on the joy God wants to share with us!

**What is Heaven Like?**  
 **Catholic Theologian Explains Heaven and Earth - Hillsong**

To the Heights Youth Newsletter available also.



## Family Prayer

*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they  
rest in peace. Amen*

## GOD OF THE LIVING

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

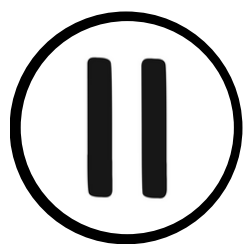
Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."

Loyola Press Sunday Connection

## CHECK IT OUT:

### ONE MINUTE PAUSE APP



*Take a pause. A simple way to connect with God in the middle of your busy day. From John Eldredge, the New York Times Best Selling Author of Wild at Heart and Captivating. Based on the One Minute Pause chapter of his new book "Get Your Life Back", this app invites you into the simple practice of releasing everything to God, restoring your union with God and inviting him to fill you.*

## EVENTS

**The Chosen: Zoom Series, Season 2:**  
TUESDAY nights, 8 - 9.15pm, 4 - 29 October -  
[www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie) for more  
information or [click here to sign up](#)

**Family Day at Holy Family Mission:** Sun 6th Nov, 10am - 3pm. All Saints Costume Party. Bring a packed lunch. Book essential. Email [info@holyfamilymission.ie](mailto:info@holyfamilymission.ie)

**Cherished Women's Ministry: Catholic Women's Ministry (Ages 18+).** Join us at Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh for Rosary @ 7.30pm, Mass @ 8pm followed by tea/coffee and lots of chat and sisterhood! For more info contact Shauna @ 087 137 8364

**Encounter for Young Adults:** Fri 11th Nov, 8pm, St John's Church, Waterford. Testimony / Prayer / Music / Refreshments. More info on [www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry)

**November Remembrance Mass:** Fri 11th Nov, 7.30pm, Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House.

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# Let's dive in!

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## Let's Learn!

Check out this video from Kids Catholic media on this Sunday's readings.

## Let's think!

What do you think Heaven looks like?  
Draw a picture here!

## Puzzle



Can you find these words from the Gospel in the wordsearch?

d	l	i	h	c	b	j
l	o	q	i	o	e	s
o	y	g	c	s	q	e
r	h	a	u	n	n	s
u	j	s	f	n	e	o
y	r	r	a	m	l	m
l	i	v	i	n	g	l

angels  
God  
Jacob  
Jesus  
living  
marry  
men  
Moses



## Celebrate the Seasons!

What colour is the priest's chasuble today?  
Colour it in!

Tick the box for the correct liturgical season!

Advent ☐ Christmas ☐ Lent ☐  
Easter ☐ Ordinary Time ☐



## My Saint Friend



St Martin of Tours  
11 November

## Let's sing!



"Heaven is  
our home"

Hillsong  
Kids



## Let's PRAY



God bless all those who have died  
and bring them to heaven to be  
with You forever. **Amen**

## Let's act!



This week, let's remember  
those who have died and  
ask God to bring them all  
to Heaven to be with Him!  
We can pray especially  
for family members and  
friends, and those who  
have no one to pray for  
them!



You will hear me O God! Psalm 16

**Word of God**

*Eternal rest*

grant  
unto *them*

*O LORD,*

and let

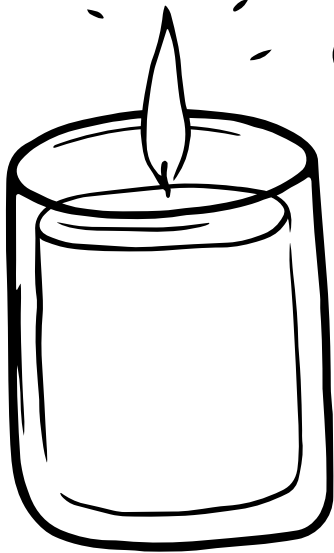
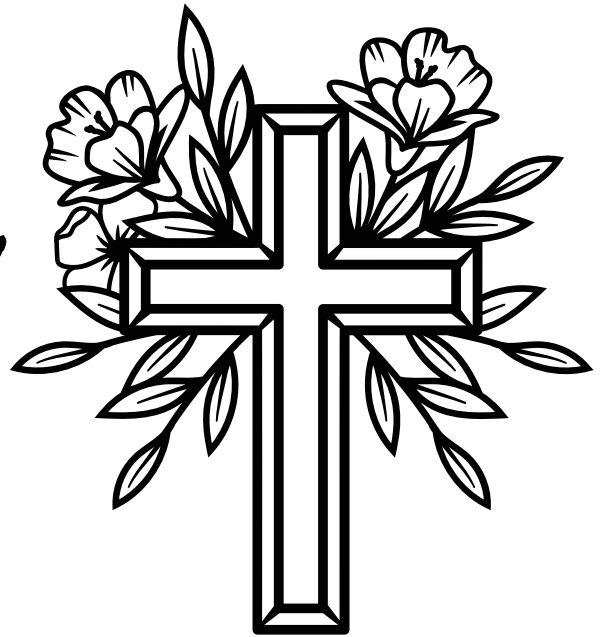
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*light* **SHINE**

**UPON THEM.**

**MAY**

**THEY rest**  
*in peace.*



**Amen**