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SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' (Mark 10:23-25).

The readings of today generally reinforce the fundamental Christian belief that total renunciation of material things guarantees not only temporal blessings, but also the reward of eternal life. In the First reading, Wisdom is prized above all kinds of material acquisition on the supposition that one who has Wisdom, possesses the entirety of God. Solomon recognises the priceless value of wisdom and thus retorted: "all gold and silver are nothing compared to wisdom" (Wis.7:9). The Second reading reminds us that the Word of God, which is Wisdom itself, is alive, active, incisive and pierces the heart. Similarly, in the Gospel, we find that the real wisdom consists essentially in the renunciation of materialism for the sake of the Kingdom of God, and avoiding undue attachment to wealth. Jesus, in no unclear terms, reprimands the rich and influential people in these words: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:26).

Christ does not condemn affluence or being wealthy, but the dangers of excessive attachment to material things. It can separate us from God and may further alienate us from our family and friends. It is only the wisdom of God that enables us to use our material possessions and talents for the betterment of our families and society at large. May the wisdom of God enable us to prize heavenly realities more than anything else.

Confiteor (I Confess)

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
God the Father. Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.



The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89(90):12-17

Response: Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we know misfortune. **R**

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R**

Second reading: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL: A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 10:17-27

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days,' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted. 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them, 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (*all bow*) was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

SANCTUS

English

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord of God of hosts.

Latin

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of
the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

*Dóminus Deus Sábaoth
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.
Hosána in excélsis.
Benedíctus qui venit in nómine
Dómini.
Hosána in excélsis.*

We shall pray **Preface VIII of Sunday in Ordinary Time** and say **Eucharistic Prayer II**

The Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

English

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Latin

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

***O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine (x 3)***

Hail Holy Queen: Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus; O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Priest: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God;

People: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest: Let us pray:

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech you, that meditating on these mysteries of the most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS

Funerals: The funeral Mass of the late Roddy Korateng-Addo will take place at 11.30am on Thursday 21st October at Our Lady of the Crays Parish, followed by committal at Kemnal Park cemetery.

The funeral of the late Jeanne Allen will take place at 11am on Friday 29th October at Our Lady of the Crays Parish followed by committal at Greenlawns Memorial Park, Warlingham.

Second Collection: Further to last week's appeal, this weekend's second collection will be for the proceeds of the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day. You can also give via text. To donate any amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD followed by the amount to 70580. For example, to donate £10 text CAFOD10 to 70580. Thank you, as always, for your support.

October Devotion: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The parish encourages you to say the Rosary in your homes or in the Church. You are most welcome to join us for the Rosary at the following times throughout the month of October – Wednesday 6.55pm, Thursday & Friday 8.55am, Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 8.30am

Confirmation Programme: The candidates for Confirmation will be enrolled at the 11am Mass this Sunday. The first Confirmation class will take place on Sunday evening from 6-7.30pm in the Church Hall.

200 Club: The winners of the latest 200 Club draw are as follows –

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| July | No. 112 | Alton Kane | £50 |
| August | No. 7 | Eamon Murphy | £500 |

First Holy Communion Programme 2021/2022: If you have a child who will be in Year 3 or above, please contact the Parish Office for an application form for the next First Holy Communion programme. Please note that this programme is only open to those who are practicing members of our Parish. Application forms should be received by the 31st of October.

Coffee Morning: You are invited to a coffee morning in the hall immediately after the 9.30am Mass on Thursday 21st October. We are happy to be able to resume this part of our Parish life.

Children's Liturgy: If possible, we would like to restart the Children's Liturgy during the 11am Sunday Masses. This would involve children between the ages of 4 and 7 spending some of the Mass in the hall, where they would follow the week's liturgy in an age-appropriate way. However, in order for this to succeed, we need a rota of regular, committed volunteers to run the sessions. Ideally, volunteers would be required once a month and must be willing to undergo a DBS check. If you are interested in giving a little of your time to help some of the youngest members of our Parish, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr. Cyriacus.

Vulnerable Parishioners: If you are concerned about a fellow parishioner or feel that someone could benefit from some assistance, please speak to Fr. Cyriacus or the Parish Secretary.

Mass Count: The annual Mass Count ends this weekend.

October Birthdays: On the weekend of 30th/31st October, we will be celebrating all those whose birthday falls in the month of October. If your name is not already on the list in the foyer, please add it on.

RCIA Programme: The new session of the RCIA programme will be resuming at the end of October 2021. This group is open to any person who has not been baptised and might like to become a Catholic; anyone who was baptised in another

Christian tradition but would like to become a Catholic; it is equally open to any adult who wishes to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. If you wish to be enrolled in this session, please email the Parish office or the RCIA coordinator Nneka Omo-Idahosa at omoidahosa@aol.com

School Admissions September 2022: We will be accepting **primary** school supplementary information forms (SIF) from Monday 1st November. Please put this form and a **copy** of your child's baptism certificate, in an envelope addressed to the parish secretary and post through the presbytery door. Fr Cyriacus will complete the form and your documents can be collected from the parish office from Friday 26th November.

If you require a SIF to be completed by Fr. Cyriacus, for entry into **secondary** school, you will need to contact him first and then deliver this form, along with a **copy** of your child's Baptism and Holy Communion certificates to the Presbytery.

The Passage: The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people, has its annual opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday 19th October (from 7am to 6.30pm). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people, they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth on 020 7592 1886/07928 [703131/andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:703131@andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

Marriage Care: Marriage Care specialises in helping couples build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy relationships, and in providing support in times of relationship difficulty. Better relationships make for better lives, more stable families and a stronger society. There are local sites in Blackheath, Sevenoaks and Addiscombe. To find out more, visit their website www.marriagecare.org.uk

Bromley Food Bank: If you would like to contribute to the Bromley Food Bank, you can leave bagged donations in the Church foyer. A list of current requirements is shown below –

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| Currently required | |
| Longlife Milk | Longlife Fruit Juice |
| Sugar-Free Sweets | Baby Wipes |
| Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Shower Gel | Washing detergent capsules |
| Not currently required | |
| Pasta and rice | Beans |
| Cereal | Tea |

Covid-19 Precautions: We are still maintaining certain precautions to limit the spread of Covid-19, including the mandatory use of masks (unless you are exempt) and booking for Mass. For full details of these precautions, please see the posters around the church.

Pre-Booking For Weekend Masses: In order to maintain an accurate Track and Trace list, we are still asking you to book your place at the weekend Masses using one of the following methods.

On the internet – search for 'Eventbrite OLOC London' or use the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--london/oloc/> .

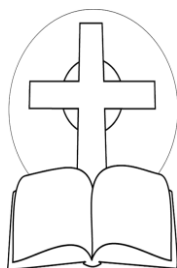
By phone – please call the dedicated booking phone line on 07783 648613 and leave your full name, phone number, details of the Mass you wish to attend and the number of places you require.

Readings For The Week Ahead:

| | 1st Reading | Psalm | Gospel |
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| 11/10/21 | Romans 1:1-7 | Ps 97(98): 1-4 | Luke 11:29-32 |
| 12/10/21 | Romans 1:16-25 | Ps 18(19):2-5 | Luke 11:37-41 |
| 13/10/21 | Romans 2:1-11 | Ps 61(62):2-3,6-7,9 | Luke 11:42-46 |
| 14/10/21 | Romans 3:21-30 | Ps 129(130):1-6 | Luke 11:47-54 |
| 15/10/21 | Romans 4:1-8 | Ps 31(32):1-2,5,11 | Luke 12:1-7 |
| 16/10/21 | Romans 4:13,16-18 | Ps 104(105):6-9,42-43 | Luke 12:8-12 |

REQUEST FOR PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

Please continue to pray for: Alison Hannah, Eleanor Smith, Monica Gallagher, P. J. Connor, Mary Stanley, Janet Sinclair, Marya Misajat, Sheila Santos, Denis O'Donoghue, Paddy (Patrick) Quinlan, Jeanette Miller-Spice, Ivan Muir-Clark, Mary Hayes and all the Sick Clergy of the Diocese and the housebound of the Parish.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE – NAMES FOR OCTOBER

We remember in our prayers: Bernadette Cordwell, William Bell, Charlotte Wickenden, Silvester Gomez, Anna Bartels, Beatrice Juliann, Elizabeth Partridge, Josephine Fernandes, Roy Simpson, Frances Cusack, Joseph Jzuyan, William Hayes, Baaba Arbuah, Asuro Ehiosun, Jane Hemming, Peter Akagbosu, Henry Thomas, Henry Twyman, Andrew Parmiter, Margaret Kisman, Joyce Simpson, Gladys Muriel Beard, Romesh Perera, Pearl Mondesir and Toyin Akinniranye.

CHURCH MINISTRIES

| | 9th & 10th October | 16th & 17th October |
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| READERS 6PM | J Eugene V Martis | Chima P Lobo |
| READERS 9AM | O Clark M Fernandes | M Francis C Meaney |
| READERS 11AM | P O'Halloran J Smith | J Sunshine U Temenior |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 6PM | H Cherry, J Gallagher, D Winter | M Ehiosun, E North, R O'Shea |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 9AM | M Abu, T Meaney, T Wickenden | M Fernandes, I Floyd, K Wingfield |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 11AM | H Anseline, J Boamah, N Akosah | G Greenspan, E Williams, M Alademerin |



Please recycle this newsletter after you have finished with it.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

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| <p>Sun: Oct.10: Twenty-Eighth Sunday Year B</p> <p>6.00pm (Sat. Vigil): Eugene & Family, TG</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo,</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Khwezi Ngobese, 16th BT</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</i></p> | <p>Sat: Oct.16: Vigil of Twenty-Ninth Sunday Year B</p> <p>5.15pm – 5.45pm: Confessions</p> <p>6.00pm Mass: Josephine Fernandes, RIP</p> |
| <p>Mon: Oct.11: Feria</p> <p>Private Mass: Holy Souls</p> <hr/> <p>Tues: Oct.12: No Mass</p> <hr/> <p>Wed: Oct.13: St. Edward the Confessor, King (Feast)</p> <p>6.45pm: Exposition of the BI Sacrament</p> <p>7.30pm: Enid Williams, RIP</p> <hr/> <p>Thu: Oct.14: Feria</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the BI Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Romesh & Raja Perera, RIP</p> <hr/> <p>Fri: Oct.15: St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)</p> <p>8.45am: Exposition of the BI Sacrament</p> <p>9.30am: Jim Hyatt, RIP</p> | <p>Sun: Oct.17: Twenty Ninth Sunday Year B</p> <p>9.00am Mass: Pro Populo</p> <p>11.00am Mass: Chris Moldrich, TG</p> <p><i>(11am Mass Livestreamed & available on YouTube)</i></p> <p>Note:</p> <p>SI means Special Intention SR means Speedy Recovery BI means Blessed GB means God's Blessings WB means Well-Being TG means Thanksgiving PI means Private Intentions BT means Birthday Thanksgiving WA means Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo: People of the Parish Private Mass: Mass to be said by the Priest alone</p> |
| <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Starts at 6.45pm on Wednesdays and 8.45am on Thursdays & Fridays.</p> | |

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Free reservation for weekend masses:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--london/oloc/>

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