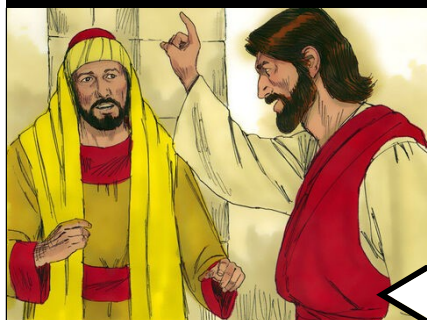


10th October 2021: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



THE POVERTY OF RICHES

Rich people may be too preoccupied with their worldly possessions to follow Christ. He tells us that those with riches find it hard to enter the kingdom of God; but the most important thing is to be wise through God's word and see wealth and material things in their proper perspective. Then we will come to appreciate the richness of poverty for Christ's sake.

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 09	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	The deceased of the Ingram family RIP
Sun 10	✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
09.30	N'Douffou Kouadjo Michel RIP
11.00	Wellbeing of Catherine Palmer & Valerie Wilde
Mon 11	
09.30	Mass Rosary
Tue 12	
09.30	Mass Rosary
Wed 13	<i>Saint Edward the Confessor</i>
09.30	John & Julie Tierney RIP Rosary
Thu 14	
09:30	Eileen Matthias RIP Rosary
Fri 15	<i>Saint Teresa of Jesus [of Ávila]</i>
09.30	Mass Exposition
Sat 16	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> In Honour of the Sacred Heart
Sun 17	✠ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
09.30	Holy Souls
11.00	In Honour of the Sacred Heart

Mary O'Sullivan RIP

The Funeral Mass for Mary will be on Monday 18th October at 12 noon.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided **£150** • Not Gift Aided **£268**
2nd Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day **£482**
Mass Count Sat 18:30 (43) • Sun 09.30 (90), 11.00 (77)
THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **Prisoner's Sunday**
NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **Pew Kneelers**

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Scripture Insights

Legend connects the book of Wisdom with Solomon, who succeeded his father, King David, on the throne of Israel. In the story of Solomon (1 Kings 3:4-9), the young king prays to God, not for riches or power, but for an understanding heart to govern the people. God grants his request and also rewards him with riches and glory beyond compare. In the passage from Wisdom, we hear the narrator tell how he prayed for wisdom, desiring he more than earthly treasure. Unlike the prophets who got their message from visions or the voice of God, the lessons in wisdom literature are drawn from life experience.

Wisdom (in Hebrew, hokmash, and in Greek, Sophia) was paired with understanding and discernment. Wisdom is feminine; she is depicted as the reflection of God and image of God's goodness (Wisdom 7:26). She is also God's master crafter and the first of God's acts (Proverbs 8:22) In Wisdom 10, she is cast as God in the retelling of stories from Genesis and Exodus. Some scholars have called her the feminine face of God. Whatever her identity, ancient writers saw great beauty and treasure in Wisdom. They considered her a pathway to God. Thus the wisdom books are full of prayers for wisdom.

Thank you

I have just come back from Zimbabwe. My mother was given a wonderful send-off by her family and the members of her parish community. I am deeply grateful to all the members of this parish for your support and prayers. I felt I was not alone as I was grieving. The only time when I felt isolated and lonely was the time I was serving the mandatory quarantine in the hotel. The ten days were hell on earth. The whole experience was more than just humiliating and I pray that no human being is made to go through that experience. It felt like being in prison, but with bad food. I still get bad dreams.

First Holy Communion

The programme is beginning this month. On Thursday 21st October, we will hold a meeting of the parents of the children who will be preparing for first holy communion. Between now and then, we are still receiving application forms.

Special Prayers for the Souls of the Faithful Departed

You are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones whom we will remember at Masses throughout November. As from this weekend there will be a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

Catholic Newspapers

The Universe Media Group which publishes the Universe and Catholic Times has closed and gone into administration. We will therefore no longer be receiving these publications.

Repository - CHRISTMAS ORDERS

Please let us know at the end of Mass or leave a note if anyone wants to order Christmas cards, calendars, diaries etc. The order will go in **12th October** and will be the last one until next year.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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.

FIRST READING – 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

R. **Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

SECOND READING – Hebrew 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.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL - Mark 10: 17-30

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 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.' 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.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

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

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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 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.