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13 th October 2024 Psalter Week 4	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	
First Reading	Wisdom 7:7-11 <i>Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.</i>	
Responsorial Psalm	Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.	
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:12-13 <i>The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.</i>	
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 10:2-17-30 <i>Go and sell everything you own and follow me.</i>	
Saturday 12th October +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Pro Populo)
Sunday 13th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Charlie Creed RIP – 1st Aniv)
Monday 14th October St Callistus I – Pope & Martyr	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Lawrence McKee RIP)
Tuesday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus – Virgin & Doctor	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (Laurence Drummond RIP)
Wednesday 16th October St Hedwig – Religious St Margaret Mary Alacoque - Virgin	10.00am	Mass – (Eileen Barrett Int)
Thursday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch – Bishop & Martyr	8.00am	Mass – (Frances Redden Int.)
Friday – 18th October ST LUKE - Evangelist	10.00am 10.30am 12 noon	Mass – (Nan Henry – Healing) Adoration & Confessions
Saturday – 19th October Ss John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues – Priests & Martyrs of Canada St Paul of the Cross – Priest	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration Mass – (John Bond RIP)
Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year		
Saturday – 19th October +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass – (Geraldine O'Shea RIP)
Sunday – 20th October +	10.30am	Mass – (Pro Populo)

WEEK FOUR OF ANNUAL PARISH MASS COUNT

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £536.43

DCP – £25.00

Average Standing Orders: £ 487.00

Total: £1048.43

Many thanks for your continued financial support.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – MISSO

Revised Weekly Mass Times & Confession

Monday	9.15am Adoration – 10.00am Mass
Tuesday	9.15am Adoration – 10.00am Mass
Wednesday	No Parish Mass
Thursday	9.15am Adoration – 10.00am Mass
Friday	10.00am Mass – 10.30am until 12noon Adoration & Confession
Saturday Morning	9.15am Adoration – 10.00am Mass
Saturday Evening	6.00pm – 6.30pm Confessions – 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	10.30am - Mass



Message from the Social Committee - Thank you to everyone for attending and contributing so generously to the buffet at the 'Farewell and Welcome' celebration last Sunday. What a lovely spread of international dishes. It was wonderful that there was sufficient food that we were able to provide party boxes for some parishioners who were unable to attend. A very big thank you to everyone who helped before Mass, during the celebration and at the end.

It was another wonderful example of our Parish Community together. Many hands make light work.

A Special Thank You from Fr David

Dear Fr Biju, Deacon Peter, Denise and all the parishioners

Just a quick note to thank you all for the wonderful celebration last Sunday. It was very much a celebration – and it showed what a marvelous parish you are. I am deeply grateful for your kindness to me over the past five years and for the kindness you showed my Mum on Sunday as well – she was delighted and had a great time, as did I. Thank you also for the kind gift of £1865.00. But the greatest gift of all has been your faith, love, support, and friendship – and such things are eternal. God bless you all. Please pray for me and all at Allen Hall. If you wish to come for a visit, please do let me know – you will always be welcome as you have a special place in my heart. The address is: Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort Street, Chelsea, London SW3 5AA. My email here is davidbarrett@rcdow.org.uk or use my Diocesan email frdavid.barrett@northamptondiocese.org



A BIG THANKYOU!

The Parish SVP Group would like to thank you very much for your tremendous response to their recent appeal – your generosity amounted to a staggering **£1,150.00** – please be assured, this will be put to immediate good use. Thanks also to those who showed an interest in joining us.



Proud to be the Pope's Charity for World Mission

Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together for vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it.

If you have a red Missio Box at home could this please be brought back over the next couple of weeks. Ideally, we would like the box holders to empty them into a plastic bag with a note of their name and to be left at the back of the church.



NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the name of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later than **Sunday 27th October**

The Revised Lectionary - the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The revised Lectionary will be taken into use on the **First Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 1st December 2024**. This will mean that the readings contained in the current Lectionaries & Sunday/Weekly Missals will no longer be used. The new Lectionaries for use in our Parish will be available in good time – **Readers are urged to carefully check the readings for the First Sunday of Advent onwards as they will be different to what you have in your current Missals.**

Sunday Missals - Various publishers are making available the new Sunday Missals which contain the revised readings – these can be purchased online.

Scripture Lessons

Today's readings remind us that we must give priority to God in our lives, not to our possessions. Actually, we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord. These things often possess us, for when we give our "things" top priority in our lives, we become the prisoners of our possessions.

The first reading advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence in order to seek true wisdom and to distinguish it from vanishing earthly realities, like riches or political and social influence. Solomon chose Wisdom before everything else — and he received "everything else" along with it!

In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), we beg God to teach us how to make proper judgments and choices in our lives so that we may live with Him forever.

The second reading warns us that we are accountable to God for our use, or misuse, of His blessings, and that the "living and effective word of God" must be our guide in evaluating our use of His blessings.

In today's Gospel, we find three sections: a narrative about Jesus' encounter with a rich man, Jesus' sayings about wealth as a possible obstacle to discipleship, and Jesus' promise of reward for those who share their material possessions with the needy. Reminding the rich man of the commandments that deal with relationships with other people, Jesus challenged him to sell what he had and to give the money to the poor. The disciples were shocked by this challenge. But Jesus declared that true religion consisted in one's sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding and/or getting inordinately attached to them.

Firstly, we need to accept the invitation to generous sharing. Initially, Jesus, in generous, sacrificial love, gave us His very self; in response, we find rising in our hearts the desire to give Jesus our own total selves, and so to enter the Faith relationship which Jesus offers us. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service, not allowing them to gain control over our hearts. God gives us time, talents, health, wealth, and riches so that we may use them as good stewards in the service of others. Secondly, let us make a checklist of our priorities and attachments, and give God top priority: Are anger, lust, gluttony, evil habits, addictions, jealousy, holding grudges, infidelity, or cheating among our habits as priorities? Let us invite God into our lives daily by praying for His strengthening grace and the anointing of His Holy Spirit so that we may give God top priority, keeping the Bible as our guide.

Fr Biju

Thought for the Week: *"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ."*

St. John Paul II's Apostolic Letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae'

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Walsingham, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Rita, pray for us.

With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter