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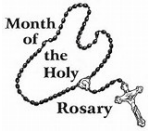
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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

13th/14th OCTOBER 2018

Readings: Parish Mass Book Year B, Volume 2: Page 143: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30
Next Week: Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year: Page 146: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45



Dear Friends

In today's Gospel the wealthy young man approaches Jesus and asks "What must I do to gain eternal life?" I guess he was essentially saying, "I haven't killed anyone, I haven't robbed anyone, I've been faithful to my wife and I value the succinct wisdom that is given to me by my parents." "Even though I say so myself, I'm a decent bloke!!"

Jesus, in his classical Rabbinic style advised the young man to sell everything he owns and give the money to the poor, and only then could he become a disciple of Christ. I don't think Jesus was against wealth per se, but he was against wealth for the sake of showing off. I don't know what wealthy living meant in Jesus' time but in our 21st century I dare say the young man would have driven off in his Bentley back to his house on a gated development in an affluent area.

What Jesus did do was acknowledge that in keeping the commandments the young man would get to heaven, but in reality the young man was only doing the bare minimum to achieve this. Jesus challenged the young man to do so much more than merely avoiding evil, and to use his wealth to actually do some good. Sadly, the young man didn't accept the challenge and returned to his comfortable lifestyle.

This coming week, 14th to 20th October is Prisons Week, where we are invited to pray for people in prison, but also for victims of crime, the families of those in prison, and the families of victims, for the communities that prisoners come from (including our own), for those who work in prison and for all who work in the Criminal Justice System.

We have within our parish boundary HM Feltham Young Offenders Institution (HMYOI Feltham). This institution houses around 500 young men between the ages of 15 and 21, some on remand and some who have been convicted. I would suggest that there are about 500 different reasons as to why these young men have ended up there. I don't feel it is for us to judge why they are there, or what circumstances led them to offend in the first place. I would however say that we have all made decisions that we regret, and that Jesus never said "I come to save humanity except those in prison". In fact in his death and resurrection he washed us in his precious blood for all our sins, no matter how small or large.

There is an active chaplaincy at HMYOI Feltham and our former Pastoral Assistant Bridget is part of it. If unlike the young man in today's Gospel you feel you are able to accept Jesus' challenge to do a bit more then please contact Bridget by email (bridgetbrinkley@rcdow.org.uk). There would be some necessary background checks and Bridget would be able to discuss these and the needs of the chaplaincy with you. If you are unable to help then please join me in prayer for the prisoners, their families, their victims and the staff.

I finish by sharing this prayer that I saw on the Prisons Week website.

God of justice and mercy. You are always willing to forgive. Have mercy on those in prison. Bring hope to the broken and be present through the hours, days, weeks, months and years. May all know that you alone are holy and that you alone are perfect in forgiveness, newness and fullness of life. Amen.

Have a blessed week,
Deacon Colin

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Protecting your Privacy:

In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which became effective in May this year the Parish requires your permission to hold your data for Parish/Diocesan use. You can read our full privacy policy on www.rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Matthew Dance and Miles Bracey who will be baptised this weekend and we offer our warmest congratulations to their families.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

There will be a Baptism Preparation Course on **Saturday 20th October** from 2.00 to 4.00pm in the Parish Centre for all those who are expecting their first child and for parents who have a child that needs baptism.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

There is still time to register your child for Sunday School if you have not already done so. Your child has to be in Year 2 or above and not attending a Catholic School. Please see Fr John if you require more details

TUESDAY GROUP

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 16th October** at 4.30pm but as discussed there will be an additional meeting on **Thursday 18th October** at 4.30pm for those who are unable to attend on Tuesday.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, 17th October** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. This course is designed to help you explore the Catholic faith and to become a member of the Church if you wish.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Enrolment for Confirmation will take place after the half term break from 29th October 2018.

PARISH NOTICES

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY

The Ukrainian priest is away therefore the Mass scheduled for this Sunday has been postponed to **Sunday 21st October** at 3pm.

LINE DANCING

The Line Dancing Class will commence on **Monday 15th October** at 7.30pm. £4.00 per session. See notice board for future dates.

CONNECT@FELTHAM

Connect@Feltham provides a safe place for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities who would like to take part in Art, Music and Dance activities as well as learning basic cooking skills. The next session is on **16th October**.

RETREAT AND HEALING SERVICE

Dr D Jayanand, an international and inspirational preacher for over 30 years will be holding a retreat with prayer and healing over 2 days at St Lawrence's on **Friday 19th October** from 6pm to 10pm and on **Saturday 20th October** from 7pm to 10pm. We are fortunate to have him here for the 2 days enabling as many people to come for one or both days.

ZIMBABWEAN ORPHANS COFFEE MORNING

This will take place on **Sunday 21st October** after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Parish Centre. If you are able to help with providing cakes and also helping on the day, please speak to Helen Hurley.

POST SPANISH PILGRIMAGE MEETING

There will be a meeting/get together following the Spanish Pilgrimage on **Saturday 20th October** at 7pm. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see flyers on the notice board for Open Day information at local schools for Sixth Form entry in 2019.

Gunnersbury Catholic School is holding an **Open Evening**, for pupils currently in Year 11 and looking to join our Sixth Form in September 2019. This, will take place on **Tuesday, 30 October 2018** (5.30-7.30pm). We ask that prospective Sixth Form students are accompanied to the Open Evening by their parent/carer.

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK

Thank you for your generosity with items for the foodbank. However, please check the dates on your products before bringing them in as many are out of date (some even 2 years out of date) and have to be thrown away.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's collection:

6-7 October: Envelopes £1,057.56; Loose: £974.78;
Standing Orders: £667.00 **Total: £2,699.34**

PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL

For the health and safety of everyone at St Lawrence's, bearing in mind our duty of care for one another, and to ensure access for emergency vehicles to the Church, School, Presbytery and Parish Centre at all times, please take care where and how you park. Parking around the Church is very limited at weekends and weekdays. Parking is not permitted along the tree fencing or by the entrance to the Church or on The Green. Double parking is not permitted. The Church ground is not to be used as a parking area during the school run. Please seek alternative parking.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for your generosity, a total of ££1689.52 was raised for CAFOD plus £190 in Gift Aid.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR READERS

A day of reflection has been planned for all Readers for **Saturday 10th November** starting with Mass at 12noon then proceeding to the Parish Centre for talks, reflection and back to Church for practice in reading and projection of voice ending at 4.30pm. You are welcome to attend the Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am which finishes with Benediction at 11.30am. There will also be an opportunity for Confession. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. Teas/coffees and soft drinks will be available.

ARE YOU GOING TO HOSPITAL?

If you know you are going to be admitted in to Hospital, Please contact your parish priest/parish office for the sacrament of the sick either at home, in the church or any other convenient place.

Or if you find you are already in hospital, the nurses may not ask you your religious needs, please request to see a chaplain and inform him/her that you are a Roman Catholic and would like to see a Catholic chaplain.

CHURCH CLEANING

The Church cleaning will take place on Wednesdays from now.

REST IN PEACE

GABRIEL D'SOUZA RIP

We pray for the repose of the soul of Gabriel D'Souza RIP who died during the week. Please remember in your prayers his wife Mary and children Anthony, Arthur, Trudie and Tessy and all the family that mourn him. Funeral arrangements to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 th	11.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Cornelio & Feliciano Braganza RIP
	12.45	Baptisms of Matthew Dance and Miles Bracey
17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	18.00	Sabina Alvarez RIP
Sun 14 th	09.00	Barbara May Light RIP
	11.00	Gabriel Danladi & Felicia Araba Forson RIP (Anniversary)
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish
Mon 15 th	09.30	Fredy Britto RIP
Tues 16 th	09.30	Francis and Alex Soares RIP
Wed 17 th	09.30	Avelina Edwards (Birthday Intention)
Thurs 18 th	09.30	Bernardine Doran (Intention)
Fri 19 th	09.30	Deceased members of the Tunha Family RIP
	18.00	<i>Retreat by Dr Jayanand</i>
Sat 20 th	11.00	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
	11.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	12.00	Philo and Theresa Pereira RIP
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	Valerie Gill RIP
19.00	<i>Retreat by Dr Jayanand</i>	
Sun 21 st	09.00	Dermot Doran RIP
	11.00	People of the Parish
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	15.00	Mass in Ukrainian
18.00	Carafino Braganca RIP	
Sanctuary Lamp: Mary Vanderpuyve (Intention)		

Sunday Mass: 6pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9am, 11am, 1pm (Polish) & 6pm; Weekday Mass: Monday-Friday 9.30am; Saturday 12noon; Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday 9.15am, Saturday 9.15am, Novena to Our Lady: Tuesdays 10am; Exposition and Benediction: Saturdays 11am; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession): Saturday 11am & 5pm