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~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

10 OCTOBER 2021:
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Year B (I); Psalter: Week 4)

Mass Readings

1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11
 Resp. Psalm: Ps. 89 (90): 12-17
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13
 Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

| Date | Details | Liturgies | Time |
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| Sunday 10 October | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (p. 931 – Year B) | Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass | 9.30 am 11.00 am |
| Monday 11 October | St. John XXIII, Pope | NO LITURGIES | --- |
| Tuesday 12 October | Tuesday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time | Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 6.45 pm 7.30 pm |
| Wednesday 13 October | Wednesday of Week 28 in Ordinary Time | Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 8.45 am 9.30 am |
| Thursday 14 October | St. Callistus, Pope, Martyr | Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 6.45 pm 7.30 pm |
| Friday 15 October | St. Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor of the Church Mass Intention: Isabel Watson, RIP (Recently Departed) | Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 8.45 am 9.30 am |
| Saturday 16 October | St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin | Rosary & Adoration Live-Streamed Holy Mass | 8.45 am 9.30 am |
| Sunday 17 October | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ CONFIRMATION MASS (9.30am) ~ (p. 935 – Year B) | Live-Streamed Holy Mass Holy Mass | 9.30 am 11.00 am |

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wisdom and Riches

The rich young man in today's Gospel wants to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He seeks what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviours to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Second Reading. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us." (Scott Hahn).

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Today's Liturgy (CTS New Sunday Missal): 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (p. 931)

p. 521: Introductory Rites
p. 931: Readings & Proper Prayers
p. 541: The Creed

p. 569: Preface IV: The History of Salvation
p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II
p. 631: Communion Rite

CONFIRMATION MASS NEXT SUNDAY, AT 9.30AM: please continue to pray for our young people who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday. The Sacrament will be conferred by Fr. Domenico, with official delegation from Bishop Hugh, who is unable to attend. Our Candidates are: Alison Macmillan, Anna Kelly, Cameron Wilson, Jamie Wilson, Jessica Mitchell, Nuala Parker, Sophie-Maree Rusk. May the Lord who has begun this good work in them, bring it to fulfilment!

Piety Stall: Confirmation? We have many new items in stock to mark these special Sacrament. Are you in need of a diary for 2022? Our new Catholic Diaries are now in stock, with Mass readings indicated for every day. How about a Rosary for the Marian month of October? – We have all sizes and styles! Looking for a children's prayer book? Look no further! Plus, we have many other tempting gifts and holy items. Why not browse our well-stocked stall? Christmas cards and gifts will soon be available too!

Novena and Litany of St. Columba: This Novena and Litany were composed to mark the 1500th anniversary of Saint Columba's birth and it can be used by the faithful all year round. It puts us in touch again with the roots of our faith, and the trilingual format reconnects the Irish, Scottish and English communities among which Saint Columba and his missionaries lived and worked. As we celebrate this anniversary, let us seek the intercession of this holy man of God for the needs of our own times. **Copies will be available in the Entrance Foyer of the church, priced £3.95 each.**

St. Columba's Culloden: Pilgrimages in 2022! – Fr. Domenico will be leading two pilgrimages next year: one to the **Holy Land**, on behalf of All Saints Travel, **16-23 May 2022**; the other to Germany and Austria, to see the great Passion Play in the small alpine village of **Oberammergau**. This trip is courtesy of McCabe Pilgrimages, and is **18-25 July 2022**. For further details, see the respective pages on our parish website, or contact Fr. Domenico directly for more information.

Catenians: The next meeting of the Catenian Association will take place this **Monday, 11 October, at the Craigmonie Hotel, beginning at 7.00pm**. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.thecatenians.com>

Safeguarding: our Parish Safeguarding Coordinator, Helen Macdonald, has produced an annual statement, which was forwarded to everyone on our parish mailing list. If you did not receive it, and would like to do so, please inform Fr. Domenico.

Altar Servers: happily, we are now permitted to have Altar Servers on the Sanctuary once again. Any child who has received First Holy Communion is encouraged to consider helping the Parish Liturgy by serving at Mass. It doesn't matter if you are a new Server, or if you are one of our 'old hands'; if you would like to assist during our Sunday Masses, just let us know. Full training will be given! Please speak to Fr. Domenico to register your interest.

90 Club: Next draw on Sunday 31 October: plenty of time for you to join our parish fund-raiser! For details, please speak to Father Domenico.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Katie Mary Fraser, Norman Wood, Ian Macdonald, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett

RIP: Theresa Keil, Ross Taylor, Gail Schmitz, Frank Burnett, Isabel Watson

Anniversaries: Eva Giubarelli, John Campbell