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Twenty - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th October 2024

Welcome to our new Parish Administrator Lina Maria Speigal

Fr Thomas is going to India on Thursday 17th October and is back on Friday 15th November

Page 143	Wisdom 7: 7-11	Hebrews 4: 12-13	Gospel Mark 10: 17-30
<p>The Book of Wisdom was most likely written in Alexandria, Egypt, many centuries after King Solomon to strengthen the Jewish faith against Greek cultural influence. It relates how King Solomon, when given a choice by God, chooses the gift of wisdom rather than wealth, health, power and authority. God is very pleased as divine wisdom is far more precious than material things of the world. As is typical in the Old Testament, wisdom is personified as a woman. Therefore in choosing wisdom, Solomon chose God over all the riches of the world, a theme reflected in this weekend's Gospel reading from St Mark.</p> <p>The second reading from the Book of Hebrews tells us that God's world is alive and powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. This reminds us of the power of God's word in our lives. God's word is not just written text; it is active and speaks to us personally. It reveals our innermost thoughts and guides us in the right path. We must read and reflect on the Scriptures, allowing them to shape our hearts and minds, embracing God's word.</p> <p>In St Mark's Gospel Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give it to the poor and follow Him. This is a difficult command which highlights the challenge of detachment from worldly riches. It shows us that clinging to wealth can hinder our relationship with God. Discipleship requires letting go of material attachments and trusting fully in Jesus. Material wealth is not inherently bad but how it is managed. Pope Francis addressed these issues in "Laudato Si". In today's fast-paced and materialistic world, consumerism encourages the relentless pursuit of material goods and services. It fosters individualism and selfishness, leading to environmental harm and negative impact on society. Malcolm.</p>			

Mass times

Feast Days

**6pm: Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

Saturday 12th St Wilfred of York Born a Northumbrian noble in 634, the year King Edwin of Northumbria, a Christian, was killed in battle. The pagan king who replaced him was overthrown by the Christian King Oswy and as a youth, Wilfred joined his court. He studied theology under the Celtic rite. Studied the Latin rite in Rome. Sent to Ripon monastery to change them from Celtic rite to Latin rite. Some left including Abbot Eata and St Cuthbert. Wilfred made Abbot of Ripon. Spokesman for Roman rite at Synod of Whitby called by King Oswy. Wilfred was arrogant and argumentative. Upset those who supported Celtic rite including St Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, St Cuthbert and St Colman. Wilfred won the day. Decided on Latin rite. Chosen as Bishop of York but ungraciously went to France to be consecrated. Away so long King Oswy made Chad Bishop of York. On his return Bishop Wilfred set up schools, monasteries and churches using Latin rite. Rebuilt York Minster using Frankish masons. Archbishop Theodore of Canterbury divided large diocese into 4 parts. Wilfred went to Rome to appeal decision. Pope ruled in his favour but new the king would not comply. Went south to Selsey. Made Bishop of Selsey and founded Benedictine monastery. After death of king, returned as Bishop of York, now a much smaller diocese. Quarrelled with new king and banished. Made Bishop of Hexham. Died in 709 aged 75

9.30 am Mass

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6.30 pm Mass

Monday 14th St Pope Callistus I Born a Roman slave. Put in charge of collecting alms for widows and orphans. He embezzled or lost the money. Fled the city but captured. Released in the hope he could recover money. Then arrested in the synagogue for fighting to regain money from the Jews. Convicted and sent to mines in Sardinia. He was released by mistake with a group of Christians. Ordained a deacon and put in charge of the Christian cemetery on Appian Way. Very good at the job and gained prestige for his meticulous work. Still called the *Catacombs of St Callistus*. Became advisor to Pope Zephyrinus. He was the natural successor. Made Bishop of Rome in 218. Liberal Pope who always forgave sinners and heretics. Allowed marriage between Romans citizens and slaves. Opposed by Roman antipope Hippolytus and the North African theologian Tertullian, who was in schism with the Church in Rome, who held that certain sins were too serious to be forgiven. The antipope Hippolytus was harsh, uncaring, lacked social skills and disliked. Pope Callistus was charming and a very likeable person. Preferred resolving disputes than causing conflict. Pope Callistus was martyred by a pagan uprising.

10 am Mass

Tuesday 15th St Teresa of Avila Spanish noble born in Spain in 1515. Her father was a wool merchant, one of the wealthiest men in Avila. Fascinated by the stories of the saints, age 7 she tried to run away from home with her brother to fight against the Moors. Educated by the Augustinian nuns. Aged 20 became a Carmelite nun. Keen on religious reading and contemplation. Zeal for mortification which made her very ill. A year in bed and nearly died. Then experienced religious ecstasy. Read and studied medieval mystics. Wrote autobiography "The Life of Teresa of Jesus". Known for her wisdom and advice. Contemplative who thought Carmelites should be more austere. Started new branch of *Discalced Carmelites*, meant without shoes. Was in contact with John of the Cross who founded similar branch for monks. With help of her sister and her husband started a new Convent in Avila. New form recognised. Over the years 14 new Convents founded. Despite being plagued with poor health due to mortifications she directed building work, carried out the administration with little sleep. *The Way of Perfection* was written on mysticism and meditation and *Interior Castle* on her spiritual discoveries. Travelled a lot between her Convents. Died in 1582 aged 67. Doctor of the Church, one of the few females.

SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm	Wednesday 16th St Marguerita d'Youville French Canadian born in 1701 in Quebec. Father died when she was 7. Attended Ursuline Convent. Helped her widowed mother. Taught her siblings. Mother married below her class. Marguerite married a bootlegger who sold liquor illegally to indigenous people and soon became a heavy drinker who died in 1730. At age 29 Marguerite had been poor, lost her father, husband and four of her six children. Ran a small store to pay off husband's debts and helped the poorest in the area. Did more charitable work. Educated her two sons who later became priests. With 3 young women, cared for the poor and in 1744 founded <i>Sisters of Charity of Quebec</i> later known as <i>Grey Nuns</i> . Took over a ruined and in debt hospital. Renewed as <i>Hotel Dieu, House of God</i> . New standard for medical care and Christian compassion. Hospital was destroyed by fire but raised funds to build better one. Nuns used slaves to staff hospital, many of which were British prisoners of war. Order expanded across Canada. "Mother of Universal Charity". First Canadian saint.
6.30 pm Mass	
10 am Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Renee Sharp	Thursday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch _Born in 1 st century in Province of Syria, the area in present day Turkey, part of the Eastern Roman Empire. Converted with friend Polycarp by John the Evangelist. Third Bishop of Antioch. St Peter had been the first Bishop of Antioch. Early Christian writer and skilled in pastoral care. Inspired hope and strength against persecution by Roman Emperor Domitian. So cruel that his memory was banned from all Roman documents. Period of peace for Christians until new Emperor Trajan demanded worship and thanks to his gods after a famous victory in battle in 107. Ignatius refused to obey and accepted punishment on behalf of members of his diocese. Arrested and slowly taken to Rome so he could preach and send 6 letters to churches, one to his friend Polycarp. Entered Rome in 108. Martyred in Roman Coliseum killed by lions.
NO MASS	Friday 18th St Luke A Greek doctor from Antioch. He travelled with St Paul as his doctor. The third evangelist who also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Possibly one of the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus. He wrote in Greek for the non-Jewish community. Brilliant storyteller. He obtained a lot of his information from Mary or the other women who followed Jesus. Wrote about them more than the other 3 evangelists. He emphasised the importance of Jerusalem as the start of evangelisation. In the <i>Acts</i> he used "we" in three sections as he was involved and was with Paul to the end. In his <i>Gospel</i> on the ministry of Jesus he stresses concern for the weakest, the action of the Holy Spirit, the role of women, detachment from material things and providing for the needy and the importance of prayer. Many beautiful narratives and parables are only related in <i>Luke's Gospel</i> .
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 19th Canadian Martyrs St John de Brébeuf, St Antoine Daniel, St Isaac Jogues, St Gabriel Lalemont, St Noel Chabanel and St Charles Garnier all Jesuits. St René Goupil and St Jean de la Lande were lay missionaries. First Jesuits arrived in Canada to help the Franciscan missionaries 1625 to convert indigenous Huron Indians. Fr John de Brébeuf had health issues. Wrote a dictionary of the indigenous languages. Fr Antoine Daniel attracted to the missions by one of his students in France. Fr Isaac Jogues, ordained in 1636 at Rouen, Fr Charles Garnier, son of the secretary to King Henry III of France, joined them. Lay brother Jean de la Lande and René Goupil, who had left training as a Jesuit for health reasons, arrived. In 1643 Fr Noël Chabanel, who had studied the Algonquian language, arrived. Last was Fr Gabriel Lalemont. All 8 martyred between 1642 and 1649, first being René Goupil, killed by rival Iroquois Indians who were sworn enemies of the Huron Indians.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 20th October Twenty – Ninth in Ordinary Time

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker	
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our new Parish Administrator

Lina Maria Speigal, who works in the parish office of St Edmunds and St Josephs in town, has kindly agreed to help us out for a few hours on a Thursday and started last Thursday 10th October.

Best wishes to Fr Thomas for his stay in India to see his family from Thursday 17th Oct to Friday 15th Nov

St Vincent de Paul Parish Raffle for repairs and refurbishment of church:

Amount collected was the great total of £467.50. Very many thanks to all who donated money and prizes

Special Second Collection last weekend for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

Total of £258 15 made up of £93.15 loose and £165 gift aided from which CAFOD can claim an extra £41.25

Fr Michael is offering free a voucher for £20 towards a driving lesson which he won in the Parish Raffle.

Fr Michael has decided to donate an extra voucher of £20 for a second driving lesson as well.

SVP Social is on this Wednesday 16th October – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

Diocesan Formation Day for Readers (from Director of Liturgical Formation) Saturday 19th October

Fr Anthony Fyk, is running a formation day for readers on Saturday 19th October from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. This will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke. Registration to the email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish collection for last weekend 5th and 6th October

							CAFOD Fast Day		
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	3 uses of church	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£52	£13	£131.24	£242.54	£51.98	£490.76	£180	£165	£93.15	£928.91