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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27



As the October School Week begins, I wish all our teachers, staff, parents and pupils a well-deserved break. If you are getting away somewhere, I hope that you have a relaxing, fun time that enables the batteries to recharge. I'm hoping to have some time off myself in the near future.

It has been great to see many of our parishioners since things have eased a little. While attending Mass "virtually" is a great help when needed, there is nothing like being here at Mass and being able to receive Jesus in Holy Communion to strengthen us and to renew our spirits. While many people are rightly still cautious, I look forward

to seeing more of you when the time is right for yourself.

Various adaptations are being made here just now, and in the weeks ahead, to help us to be safe over the winter months. Soon there will be more windows able to be open in the Church, to allow for better air flow. In time this will mean that we will be able to close the internal doors at the entrance and still get fresh air in. During the winter it will be good not to have to experience the full force of the elements! When the heating is on then all the air coming in is fresh air so that allows us to completely change the air in the Church between Masses and for a period during a Mass. Unfortunately this is quite noisy but we are also expecting to increase the number of speakers in the Church, which will help during the periods that the heating is running.

Ventilation in the toilets is being improved to help airflow. When that is completed they will be more open for use. New sanitisers and antibacterial soap units are already in the toilets.

In the course of the coming weeks, some groups will begin using the hall again. Initially this will be established groups who have provided us with risk assessments. Some of our regular parish activities will be able to start once we have determined a safe way of working for that activity. In the meantime, however, the hall will be unavailable to hire for a private function.

In a few weeks time, I'll be speaking to you about the new format for the Parish Pastoral Council. I am really excited about the possibilities this will provide as we journey together in faith. This will build upon the great work of the outgoing Pastoral Council, that has been at the heart of so many great things over many years here in St Charles'. I am pleased that we are going to be able to continue to draw on the experience and insight of many of the former Council, and that the new format will allow also for the inspiration and talents of many more parishioners to help us to journey into the next few years of the life of this great parish community.

Finally, I wish to thank all of you, for your continued, faithful support of the parish over the past 18 months in so many ways. Firstly by joining in our worship of God, even when the Church Building was closed, through to all the tremendous work that has been done through the many, varied stages we have gone through since lockdown. The efforts and support of the whole parish community through your prayer, your volunteering and by your financial support are testament to greatness of this faithful and faith-filled parish community. God bless you!

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF 10TH OCTOBER, 2021

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL REFLECTION

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

Today's reading presents wisdom and prudence as life's most precious gifts. Why do you think these virtues were held in such high regard by ancient Israel?

Second Reading:

Hebrews connects the power of the word of God with divine judgement — one day we must all "render an account" of our lives before the Lord. How often do you think about your own judgement day?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the rich man and the disciples that while wealth can often hinder one from entering the kingdom of God, self-sacrifice and discipleship can earn eternal life. How well do you balance these realities in your life?

DIOCESE OF PAISLEY

CEMETERY ASSISTANT – PART TIME – THREE DAYS (09.30AM-2.00PM) 13.5 HOURS PER WEEK - SALARY - £10.50 PER HOUR

Paisley Diocese is currently recruiting for a Part- time Office Assistant based at St. Conval's Cemetery office, Barrhead. The post-holder will support general office administration, ensuring the smooth running of the cemetery office.

The ideal candidate will have the ability to deal with a varied workload while working with the public. You will possess excellent administration, interpersonal and organisational skills. Previous experience of working in a busy office environment would be preferred. A good working knowledge of Microsoft packages. You will have a willingness to help others and a real "can do" attitude.

To obtain an application pack for this post please either email recruitment@rcdop.org.uk or write to Recruitment, Paisley Diocese, Diocesan Centre Cathedral Precincts, Incle Street, Paisley, PA1 1HR. Closing Date for receipt of applications is 12:00 noon on Friday 22nd October

CHECK-IN AT MASS

You are free to come to any Mass now. All our Masses are Public Masses.

We are still required to take people's details for Test & Protect. If you can, please check-in by smartphone, using the QR code which is at the entry to every bench. *If you have a problem just give your details to the Welcome Team as you leave.*

Otherwise, we ask you to give our welcome team one name, a contact number and the number of people in your group as you come in.

While there is no requirement for physical distancing, please do spread out through the whole church.

THANK YOU!

For your continuing donations to support the parish.

Donations can be made in various ways -

- many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.
- envelopes can be posted in the white collection box at the entrance to the church

- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website
- Or through the Church House letterbox.

OCTOBER EVENING FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

This will take place on **Wednesday 13th October at 7.00pm** in St Mirin's Cathedral. This month, we pray and celebrate the work of those involved in the Arts and Professions. These includes artists, musicians, actors, craftspeople, lawyers, the financial sector, architectures, designers and all other aspects of the arts and professions. We will pray for, and with them, commending them to St Joseph, Patron Saint of Workers. **All welcome to attend this devotion.** There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Evening Prayer of the Church. There is no need to book for this celebration, simply turn up and give your details for track and trace.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR CHURCH VOLUNTEERS – PART ONE

As part of the safe recruitment procedures for the Catholic church in Scotland, new volunteers undertaking regulated work should complete an application form for their role, apply to become a member of the PVG

scheme and attend Safeguarding Part One Training. Part One Training is now available to book through 'Eventbrite'. Below are the details of each of the sessions available and the link to book your place through Eventbrite.

Diocesan Centre, Paisley – Tuesday 19th October at 7pm, Tuesday 26th October at 7pm and Wednesday 17th November at 10.30am - <https://dop-sg-paisley.eventbrite.co.uk>

St. John's Parish Hall, Port Glasgow – Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm - <https://dop-sg-portglasgow.eventbrite.co.uk>

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Clarkston – Tuesday 9th November at 7pm - <https://dop-sg-clarkston.eventbrite.co.uk>

VOCATIONS

"I prayed and wisdom was given me." Are you seeking to know what God's will might be for you? Pray for wisdom in discernment and speak to someone about it; ask advice of a priest or religious. Perhaps contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. John Morrison e-mail: vocations@rcdop.org.uk or tel: 01418895056.

PASTORAL FORMATION OF YOUNG ADULTS (18-30)

Join us on **Wednesday 27th October** at 7pm for our next event at St Mirin's Cathedral. Fr Jonathan Whitworth will speak about the Eucharist as 'the pearl of great price' (Mt 13:45-46). Afterwards, we will adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and receive the Benediction of the Church. Finally, we will get together over drinks. Connect with us on social media: @DoPYoungAdults (Facebook and Twitter); @rcdopya (Instagram).

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION - THE MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST. 4-9 NOVEMBER

You are welcome to visit this Exhibition in the Glasgow University Catholic Chaplaincy (Thu 4 - Sat 6 Nov) and St. Columba's Church, Glasgow (Sun 7 - Tue 9 Nov). See the Poster for viewing times, blessing with relics, Mass, Adoration, and Talks or for more information email anthony272913@hotmail.com

ONLINE MARRIAGE COUNSELLING AVAILABLE DURING COVID 19 CRISIS

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence counselling@rcdop.org.uk

WALSINGHAM PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 23rd October. **'The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel of Life on Post-Pandemic Britain'** A Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life. The Pilgrimage commences with midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the day's programme can be found on our website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org> To watch livestream go to the Shrine livestream ([Watch Livestream - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady](#))

INSPIRED FAITH ACTION TOWARDS COP26

Interfaith Scotland warmly invites you to join us for the 'Inspired Faith Action' webinars on Monday 27 September. Please note that UK time is **one hour before** CEST time as advertised: Registration link for **Webinar #1** (morning CEST): <https://lutheranworld-org.zoom.us/join/WNksoFzqyeTgizqD4ibusTqA> Registration link for **Webinar #2** (afternoon CEST): https://lutheranworld-org.zoom.us/join/WN_Ufwmeaq3S5WSw28PH-1K8g

COP26: THE ROAR OF MANY WATERS CONFERENCE

Saturday 23 October 2021, 1.00pm in the Eyre Hall in the Glasgow Archdiocese Offices, searching for God's voice amidst all the noise; no matter how concerning the crisis is Jesus will be there to guide us and give us hope. Speakers are: **Anna Blackman - Creation & Nonviolence** (Lecturer in Catholic Religious Education at the University of Glasgow). **Nicolette Burbach - Living Simply** (Social and environmental justice lead at the London Jesuit Centre and research associate at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice). **Bishop William Nolan - Where Is God In All Of This?** (Bishop of Galloway and President of the Bishops Conference of Scotland Justice & Peace Scotland Commission). To book go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-roar-of-many-waters-searching-for-the-voice-of-god-at-cop26-tickets-172748715057>

GLASGOW MULTI-FAITH DECLARATION FOR COP26

Interfaith Scotland, along with many faith communities and organisations in Scotland have produced the (attached) historic **Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration for Cop 26**. Please send out widely within your communities and God-willing the power of

Interfaith engagement will make a difference during the critical climate negotiations of COP26. Please see the press release, including a link to the full Declaration, and recording of religious leaders reading the Declaration at **Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration for COP26 – Interfaith Scotland**

Here is a link to the recording: **The Glasgow Multi-Faith Declaration for Cop26 - YouTube**

Also, here are links to our **Facebook post** and **tweet** about the Declaration.

CATHOLIC TEACHER EDUCATION: HISTORICAL AND

CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES

A discussion on "Catholic Teacher Education: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,"

Dr. Leonard Franchi. This new seminar series draws on the expertise of the St Andrews Foundation staff to present some innovative and challenging thinking on the aims and purpose of Catholic Teacher Education. To register for the seminars please visit <https://bit.ly/3jRMCOs> and indicate which seminars you would like to attend. Zoom joining details will be emailed beforehand.

Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

Cross-Word Puzzle answers: Across: 3. light 5. silver 7. good 10. her 12. chose 13. was 14. gold 15. me 16. splendor Down: 1. things 2. wisdom 3. loved 4. the 6. riches 8. prayed 9. throne 11. hands

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The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10th, 2021

Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

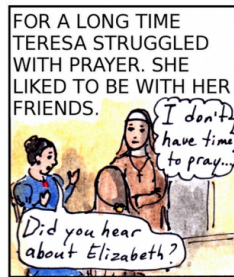
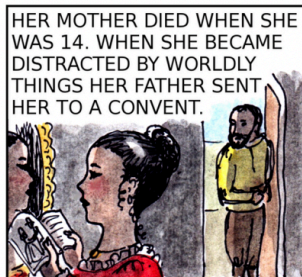
Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?

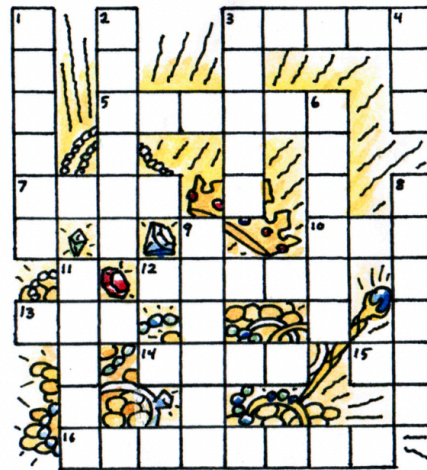
Saint Teresa of Avila

October 15



WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG SAINT TERESA HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING GOD FIRST IN HER LIFE. SHE WAS DISTRACTED BY FRIENDS AND NICE THINGS. BUT SHE KNEW THAT GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT, SO SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO HIM. WHAT ARE YOU DISTRACTED BY? WILL YOU LET IT KEEP YOU AWAY FROM GOD?

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Wisdom Cross-Word Puzzle

Wisdom 7:7-11

Unscramble the words in CAPITALS and fit them into the puzzle!
A=Across and D=Down.

I DEYPAR (8D), and prudence SWA (13A) given me;
I pleaded and HET (4D) spirit of MSODWI (2D) came to EM (15A).
I preferred her to scepter and ONTHRE (9D), and deemed ERSIHC (6D) nothing in comparison with her,
nor did I liken any priceless gem to her;
because all DLGO (14A), in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, VELSIK (5A) is to be accounted mire.
Beyond health and comeliness I OELVD (3D) her, And I SECHO (12A) to have RHE (10A) rather than the HGLTI (3A),
because the DORSPLEN (16A) of her never yields to sleep.
Yet all DOOG (7A) NSGTIH (1D) together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her SDHNA (11D).

MASS SCHEDULE

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BOOKINGS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ATTEND MASS

PLEASE JUST COME TO MASS!

For Test & Protect, Please use the QR Code outside or on the benches, otherwise please give your name and a contact number to the welcomers. This is to comply with Government guidelines for Places of Worship

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass

5pm

(Confessions from 4.20-4.50pm in the hall)

Sunday

10am, 12 Noon, 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday (except Thursday)

Mass at 10am

Thursday

Mass at 7pm

(Confessions from 6.30pm in the hall)

Saturday Morning

Mass at 10am

(Confessions 9.20-9.50am in the hall, unless the Mass is a Funeral)

Rosary before weekday morning Masses, beginning at 9.20am
(except before Funerals)



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PASTORAL LETTER ON THE LOCAL CONSULTATION FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Ahead of the next Synod of Bishops in Rome, Pope Francis is calling the Church to begin a synodal journey which includes each and every Catholic – clergy, religious and lay faithful. The theme of the 2023 Synod is: *A Synodal Church of Communion, Participation and Mission.*

Pope Francis wants our journey to begin this month with a listening phase in every diocese across the world.

We are being asked to give our thoughts on questions the Pope has sent us, which we will discuss first at parish level through our Parish Pastoral Councils, and then at diocesan level through our Diocesan Pastoral Council. Our Diocesan Pastoral Council is made up of a representative from each parish and has its first meeting on Saturday 27th November.

You may remember how, five years ago, we held our own Diocesan Synod on *Evangelisation and the Role of the Laity*, a theme which is similar to what the Pope wants us to think about now in this Universal Synod.

Our Diocesan Synod created a Charter which blossomed into nine diocesan Commissions: on Evangelisation, Education and Formation; on Youth, Marriage and Families; on Liturgy, Structures and Collaborative Ministry; and on Communications, Caritas and Ecumenism, and it is wonderful to see so many of our lay faithful now taking forward the life and mission of our diocese through them.

Our own synodal journey showed us how our Church needs all of us, the whole People of God – clergy, religious and lay faithful – joining together on the same journey, with each of us playing our unique part, all of us united in collaboration. It was a precious time for our diocese to see how we all share a common dignity and vocation through our Baptism to be active participants in the life of the Church.



This is what Pope Francis means by a synodal Church where we all move forward together as one, carrying out one common mission, built up by the gifts and charisms of every member.

Getting everyone involved, of course, means getting as many of us back to our common celebration of Sunday Mass in our parish communities and I urge you to reach out to your families and fellow parishioners, to encourage them to come back to church and welcome them again to our parish families as we move out of COVID restrictions.

As we now look to the renewal of our diocese, I also encourage you to participate in this unique Synodal opportunity of listening to *what the Spirit is saying to our Church* through shared dialogue. I hope it will be a journey that not only guides our current pastoral mission at diocesan level but which can open up new pathways for the Church worldwide in the spreading of the Gospel and the salvation of souls.

With every good wish and blessing,

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