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13th October 2024 is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year.

The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, tells us that the Wisdom that comes from God is the greatest gift human beings can desire, if only they could recognise it as such. In the Gospel, from Saint Mark, we hear the story of the rich young man, who, though desiring to serve God, is unable to give up the last obstacle that stops him serving God completely, namely his wealth. The message from both readings is very simple: the things of God are to be preferred to the things of this world.

While few of us will do what Saint Francis did, that is, live as completely poor people for the sake of the Kingdom, nevertheless we must strive to be detached from our worldly goods.

This Sunday, after the 10.30am Mass, there will be a consultation in the Hall kitchen on the structure and fittings for the new kitchen. We particularly want to hear from those who are going to be using the new kitchen, about matters such as dishwashers, surfaces, hot water heaters, etc, etc.

This Sunday there is a retiring collection for **Prisons Sunday**, which is to help finance the Church's ministry to those who are in prison and their families.

Next week there is a collection for World Mission Sunday, with a few words about this after Holy Communion.

There will also be a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Richard.

Liturgical notes.

We are in the month of October, dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is also the month of prayer for the missions.

On days when there is no feast, we shall celebrate either a Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin or the Mass for the Propagation of the Gospel. On weekdays, we shall recite the Rosary after the morning Mass. We have reprinted the Rosary leaflets and we still have plenty of sets of Rosary beads, so please do take some for yourself, or for your friends.

Monday is the feast of Saint Callistus I, pope and martyr. He was martyred in 222. Prior to being elected Pope, he had care of the catacomb that bears his name. He is the patron saint of cemetery workers.

Tuesday is the feast of Saint Teresa of Avila, doctor of the Church (1515 – 1582). A major figure in the golden age of Spain, Teresa reformed the Carmelite Order and is the author of several spiritual classics, such as *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection*.

Wednesday is the feast of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647 – 1690). A nun of the Visitation order, she is largely responsible for fostering devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Thursday is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr, who was thrown to the lions in the early second century. He wrote a series of letters on his way to execution to various Christian communities, which tell us a great deal about the early Church.

Friday is the feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist. The author of the third Gospel that bears his name, according to tradition he was a doctor, an artist and a companion of the Blessed Virgin.

Saturday is the feast of Saint Philip Howard, martyr, patron of our diocese. A convert to Catholicism, the Earl of Arundel was imprisoned in the Tower for the crime of attempting to leave the country without permission. His cell is preserved there. On the wall, he wrote, still legible: *Quanto plus afflictiones pro Christo in hoc saeculo, tanto plus gloriae cum Christo in futuro* ("The more affliction [we endure] for Christ in this world, the more glory [we shall obtain] with Christ in the next"). He died in the Tower in 1595, and his relics are now enshrined in Arundel Cathedral. Our church has a painting of him.

The results of the count last week are as follows, with the previous two week's counts in brackets: 6pm – 82 (89,72); 8.30am – 66 (74,76); 10.30am- 198 (147,143). The total Sunday attendance was 346 (310, 291). Many thanks for allowing yourselves to be counted, and to the clickers for counting you! This will be done again for the 4th & final time next Sunday.

Many thanks to our team – Nora, Lil and Sheila – who catered for the clergy on Tuesday for the Deanery meeting. They were all very happy with their food and drink!

Last Saturday we held the Refresher Day for Readers.

The talk was put up on our Facebook group, which all are encouraged to join. We discussed the importance of reading as a ministry of the Church and the centrality of the Holy Scriptures for salvation. On a practical level, we discussed the issue of putting in a rail so readers can access the reading stand more easily. Moreover, at each Sunday Mass we shall aim in future to have two readers. We are also glad to have some child volunteers.

Fr Alexander has decided to run a course, though that is probably too grand a term.

This is not an introduction to Catholicism or a RCIA course, but rather a series of encounters to which one can dip into and out of at will, and will be 'An A to Z of Catholicism'. The gimmick is to talk about a series of Catholic topics in alphabetical order, starting with Angels, then moving on to the Body, then Communion, then the Devil, etc. All are welcome. This will take place after the 7pm Mass on Thursdays, starting this Thursday, but not on the 14th November, which is the meeting of the Core Group. The purpose of this exercise is to deepen our knowledge of Catholic lore.

Welcome & Baptism

This Saturday at the 6pm Vigil Mass, Albert Martin, son of Charles & Grace will be Welcomed into St Clements church followed by his Baptism next Saturday at 1pm. Please keep Albert and his family in your prayers at this joyful time.

Confessions are on Saturday mornings at 10.30am, until 11am (at the earliest).

During Confessions, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration.

Catholics are urged to contact their MPs today to stop the legalisation of Assisted Suicide.

On Wednesday 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater; the timing of the bill makes it probable that MPs will have a vote on assisted suicide before Christmas this year. The Catholic Church teaches that life is a gift to be cherished and cared for from conception until natural death. While the bill may have the support of well-known figures, it is not supported by the Church's teaching which is consistent with regard to the dignity of life. To find out more about the Bill and contact your MP please visit:

www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/act-now

We are outlining the proposed new Baptism course.

which is over several sessions (mostly on Zoom, for the convenience of parents with small children) and which needs the involvement of a team of parishioners. The sixth session is about belief, and the profession of faith that is made in the baptism ceremony. What does this mean? As we no longer live in a Christian country, belief is a conscious choice to live differently. We constantly need to revisit and strengthen this choice. In so doing we make progress in the spiritual life.

We are all baptised, but how do we live out the vocation we received at baptism?

There are numerous ways, but here are eleven, two more than previous weeks:

- ◆ By welcoming others into the Church, by word, action, demeanour. This could mean helping with the Baptism course.
- ◆ By proclaiming the Word out loud, that is, by reading in church. Any more takers?
- ◆ By being conscious that in our baptism we have received a vocation to be our best selves, to be transformed in Christ, and this vocation lasts our entire lifetime.
- ◆ By being conscious that you are called by name, which you received from your parents and which was mentioned at our baptism, and that your name is important, being known to God, your Guardian Angel and your patron saint.
- ◆ By doing works of charity.
- ◆ By living the Church's year, and following the Church's calendar.
- ◆ By having hope in the future, being one called to glory.
- ◆ By reading the Bible.
- ◆ By having a vivid picture of God in our minds, and by knowing that we are living a life shared with Him.
- ◆ By choosing to believe, I chose to live differently from the world.
- ◆ By constantly striving to make progress in the spiritual life and in prayer.

Dates For Your Diary

Thurs	17 Oct,	A to Z of Catholicism - Angels, 7.30pm
Sat	19 Oct	Meeting of the Finance Committee
Sat	19 Oct	FHC 2nd Session, 11am-12pm
Sat	19 Oct	Parish Quiz
Thurs	24 Oct	A to Z of Catholicism - the Body, 7.30pm
Thurs	31 Oct	Vigil Mass of All Saints, 7pm
Thurs	31 Oct	A to Z of Catholicism - Communion, 7.30pm
Fri	1 Nov	Mass of All Saints, 10am
Sat	2 Nov	Feast of All Souls
Sun	3 Nov	Parish Open meeting, 11.30am
Thurs	7 Nov	A to Z of Catholicism - the Devil, 7.30pm
Sat	9 Nov	FHC 3rd Session, 11am-12pm
Sat	9 Nov	FHC Catechists Meeting, 12pm-1pm
Thurs	14 Nov	Parish Core Group meeting, 7.30pm
Sat	16 Nov	FHC 4th Session, 11am-12pm
Thurs	21 Nov	A to Z of Catholicism - the Eucharist, 7.30pm:

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone

in the parish for their generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific **£941.73** which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 49 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you all.

Christmas Card Sale

16th & 17th November
(in Narthex)

Parish Quiz Saturday 19th October 7pm

Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to come along for another fun & sociable evening. Bring your own drinks. £1 entry per person includes Nibbles, tea & coffee. There will be a raffle. For details contact the Hannan's or phone Robin (our quiz master) on 07810 647733.

Mass Intentions October 2024

Sat	12	6pm	Vigil Mass	People of the Parish
Sun	13	8.30am	28th Sunday in OT	Michael Haigh RIP
Sun	13	10.30am	28th Sunday in OT	Paddy McGloin RIP
Mon	14	10am	St Callistus I, Pope	John Ramsay RIP
Weds	16	10am	St Margaret Mary Alacoque	Mary Schneider RIP
Thu	17	7pm	St Ignatius of Antioch	Kay & Jon Higgs
Fri	18	10am	St Luke, Evangelist	Fr Ronald Robinson RIP
Sat	19	6pm	Vigil Mass	Ints: Elizabeth Kasamki
Sun	20	8:30am	29th Sunday in OT	Jacinta Fahy RIP
Sun	20	10:30am	29th Sunday in OT	People of the Parish

Recovery and Well Being



Please pray for: Louise Charge, Kitty Cusack, Steve Kamm, Chris William-



son, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Martina Savage, Mel Alvarez, Shona Dane, Elpedio Travares, Nicholas Ward, Marcia Brancroft and Sally Mason.