

# ST MARY'S & ST PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**THEME:** The kingdom of heaven is far more valuable than riches.

Possessions can be a severe obstacle to entering God's kingdom because they encourage getting rather than giving, defending rather than trusting. With all his wealth the young man still lacked something: the capacity to give his wealth away; his possessions were more precious to him than the lasting treasure Jesus has promised to any who give anything up for his sake.

**MASS TIMES: St Paul's:** Vigil Mass Sat 6-00pm. Thursday 9-00am

**St Mary's:** Sun 9-30am, 11-00am. Mon, Weds, 9-00am. Saturday 10-00am

**St Mary's School Mass Friday 9-00am. Parishioners are welcome.**

**St Paul's:** Tuesday 10-00 am Requiem mass for Marie Susca.

**RECENT BAPTISM:** Jack and Harry Sharkey were welcomed into God's family last Sunday

**ATTENDING MASS:** If you are intending to attend mass, please book with John Storey. email [john.storey6@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.storey6@btopenworld.com)

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Before the Saturday morning mass at St Mary's and before the vigil mass on Saturday evening, St Paul's and Sunday morning masses St Mary's.

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: Mark: 10:17-30.** It sounds as if the young man had put off his question to Jesus until the last minute, and just as Jesus is setting out on a journey, he throws his misgivings to the wind and invites a calling by expressing his desire to follow.

Yet when the calling comes it has strings attached. Following Jesus will mean abandoning his wealth, and that he finds too hard. Perhaps he had half expected Jesus to suggest this, and that is why he delayed approaching him

Don't we do this too? We offer our day for Christ to use, and then when he accepts our offer and gives us some unpleasant job instead of what we had planned, we moan about how tiresome our day has been! Our wealth may be our time, energy plans, and comforts. Our routine, favourite programme, relaxing company or even the biscuits we were saving. And God asks us to be prepared to give them all away joyfully in his service.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS:** You can use this link to access the Sunday readings for this weekend. <https://universalis.com/20211010/mass.htm>

**PRISONERS' WEEK:** This week we are invited by the Church in England and Wales to pray for prisoners and their families. Prison week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind.

Growing year by year, prisoners week currently sees 25 Christian denominations and organisations working together. The organising team includes expert representatives from Churches Together in England member Churches such as the Catholic Church, Church of England, the Free Churches Group and the Salvation Army. They are joined by prison ministry organisations including Prison Fellowship, Prison Advice and Care Trust, Caring for Prison Leavers, and specialists from the likes of the Bible Society, Mother's Union and Youth for Christ.

**FEAST OF THE WEEK: Friday: St Theresa of Avila (1515-1582).** Theresa was born in Avila (Spain) and died in Alba de Torres. She left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of 20, but it was after two decades of dryness in prayer that she felt the inner conversion to Christ. St Theresa is honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described prayer life.

**ST MARY'S GOVERNING BODY:** The Governing body are seeking to appoint a community Governor to represent the parish of St Mary and St Paul. If you are interested in this post, please contact Mrs Claire McManus for further details 368 4824.

**THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** Key words for the synodal process: Communion., Participation, Mission. These three dimensions are profoundly interrelated. They are the vital pillars of Synodal Church. There is no hierarchy between them, rather each one enriches and orients the other two. There is a dynamic relationship between the three that must articulate with all three in mind.

**Communion:** By his gracious will, God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith, through the covenant that he offers to his people. The communion we share finds its deepest roots in the love and the unity of the Trinity. It is Christ who reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit. Together, we are inspired by listening to the Word of God, through the living tradition of the Church, and grounded in the *sensus fidei* that we share. We all have a role to play in discerning the living out of God's call to his people.

**Participation:** A call to all who belong to the people of God - laity, consecrated and ordained – to engage in the exercise of deep and respectful listening to one another. Listening creates space for us to hear the Holy Spirit together and guides our aspirations for the Church of the third millennium. Participation is achieved, since all the faithful are qualified and are called to serve one another through the gifts that they each have received from the Holy Spirit. In a synodal Church the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on making pastoral decisions which correspond as closely as possible to God's will. Genuine efforts must be made to ensure the inclusion of those at the margins or who feel excluded.

**Mission:** The Church exists to evangelise. We can never be centred on ourselves. Our mission is to witness to the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. The synodal process has a deeply missionary dimension to it. It is intended to enable the Church to better witness to the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world. In this way, the synodality is the path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfil her mission of evangelisation in the world, as a leaven for the service of the coming of God's kingdom.

**THE BURKE FAMILY:** The Burke family would like to thank everyone for their messages, flowers and cards of condolence received at this very sad time and to everyone who was able to attend the Requiem mass. The family take great comfort that Keith was fondly thought of by all who knew him.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** For CAFOD. Next Sunday for the building fund.

## BIDDING PRAYERS for the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Priest:**

Let us come before God our Father, offering our hearts and our prayers for ourselves and for those who are in need at this time.

We pray for the Pope and all religious leaders as they work to bring hope to our beautiful but often traumatised world; may their inspiration give courage and strength.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all politicians, and everyone involved in local and national governance: may they exercise wisdom, understanding and thoughtfulness in order to bring about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for families struggling to cope with difficulties which seem to have no straightforward answers: may they find the peace and practical solutions which they need

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for families who become more closely united as a result of the difficulties they have experienced: may the love for each other grow ever stronger and more meaningful.

**Lord, hear us**

We pray for those who are working to nurture respect and care for the environment that they will succeed in building peace in our beautiful but often broken world.

**Lord, hear us**

We pray for our own special needs.

We ask Mary the Mother of God to join us in our prayers as we say:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Priest:** God our Father, we ask you to hear our prayers and in your great love, help us to spread your love in our world, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

