

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 10th October 2021

Beyond Good Intentions *Source of content: mycatholic.life*

This story starts out looking quite good. Here is a young man who is quite wealthy who comes to Jesus with a question grounded in faith. By asking Jesus what He must do to inherit eternal life, this man most likely believed that Jesus had the answer. And in his excitement, he wanted direction from Jesus.

Jesus tells him that he must keep the Commandments, to which the young man responds that he has observed them from his youth. But then Jesus says something that this young man never expected Him to say. He says, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Ouch! This must have stung this rich young man in the heart. The passage continues by stating that this young man walked away sad as a result of what Jesus said.

The young man started with good intentions, that is clear. But good intentions are not enough. Following Jesus and gaining eternal life is an all-consuming and radical commitment of every part of our lives. It's not enough to tell Jesus that we will keep the Commandments but that's all. Sure, that may get us into Purgatory, but what we should desire is Heaven! So how do we obtain Heaven?

We only obtain Heaven through a life of perfection. Yes, it's true. If we want Heaven, we must ultimately become perfect in every way. Every worldly attachment must disappear, and every sin must be overcome. Our good intentions must turn into a radical and total gift of self to Jesus, seeking Him and only Him.

The rich young man walked away sad because he failed to realise that Jesus' invitation to him to give everything away was actually an act of love. He did not understand that he would find happiness in this radical commitment to follow Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

Lord, I love You, and I want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realise that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachment in life that keeps me from following You. Jesus, I trust in You.

Do remember the Covid-19 motto 'Hand, face, space'. In Church, your nose AND mouth should be covered when in the Church. We are responsible for one another's health. Please do not come into the Church if you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or have been asked to self-isolate.

See also:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2020-02/sunday-reflection-vatican-news2.html>

Readings: Wisdom 7: 7-11, Psalm: 89, Hebrews 4: 12-13, Mark 10: 17-30

Today's readings can be found at universalis.com/mass. Please set your devices to silent mode during Mass.

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PARISH DIARY

See back page for regular Mass & Liturgy schedule

Sunday 10th October 2021: **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).**

Monday 11th October: *Feria*

8.30 am- Church Cleaning ✦

12 noon - The Angelus

Tuesday 12th October: *Feria*

12 noon - The Angelus

Wednesday 13th October: *St. Edward the Confessor; Patron of the Diocese*

12 noon - The Angelus

Thursday 14th October: *Feria*

12 noon - The Angelus

Friday 15th October: *St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor*

12 noon - The Angelus

Saturday 16th October: *Feria*

12 noon - The Angelus

Sunday 17th October: **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B).**

✦ Church **UH** Upper Hall **LH** Lower Hall

PARISH LIFE

Parish Office - has temporarily moved to the room next to the kitchen. The office will be permanently relocated to the ground floor once the works to the new office have been completed.

Car Parking Arrangements - The management of the car park has been handed over to external agents. The arrangements for the weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday up until the 12.15 pm Masses remain the same, i.e. the gate will be open around Mass times). If you attend Mass during the week, you will have to book a space, which can be done online at <https://parkbee.com.uk>

November Month of the Holy Souls - Lists and envelopes are available from the back of the Church, Repository or Parish Office, for you to write the names of your deceased relatives, friends and for all those you wish to pray for. Holy Masses will be said for them on All Souls' Day and during the month of November. Please post the envelope together with your donation in the white box under St. Rita's statue. Thank you.

Sunday Obligation - The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a statement. "It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church". The full statement can be found on the parish website.

Covid-19 Route Map Step 4 Guidance - From the 19th July, there will be no legislation on social distancing in England and Churches may increase their capacity.

The following practices, however, will continue;

- Face coverings continue to be worn in the Church.
- Sanitising your hands upon entry and exiting the Church.
- Continue with the track and trace as you enter the Church. Churches will continue to keep a record of parishioners attending the church for prayer/Mass. This is mandatory. These records are kept locked for a period of 21 days before being destroyed. **Alternatively**, scan the QR code (on the notice boards) with your NHS COVID-19 app to check in.
- Maintaining social distancing when seated in the Church.
- The one way system is still in operation when going up to receive Holy Communion.
- Offertory Collections will continue to take place after the Mass. Please consider using the contactless machines or donating online.
- The Church will be left open for individual prayer from 7 am to 1 pm. On Sundays, the Church will open at 8 am and close at 1 pm.

The guidance states that:

- Ventilating the Church especially during and between services remains important.
- Stewards will no longer be necessary to show people to designated seats. The stewards will still assist in the cleaning of frequently used touch points within the church building.
- Holy Water stoups will continue to remain unfilled.
- The physical Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind and the ministers will continue to sanitise their hands beforehand and wear a face covering

whilst distributing. Communion is recommended to be distributed in the hand.

- Indoor congregational singing is now permitted. The recommendation is that this should be phased in gently as part of worship over the summer period and that face coverings should be worn by members of the congregation whilst singing together, until infection levels reduce.

Thank you - to all of our ushers who have generously given their time during the pandemic, without which, the Church would not have been able to remain open.

More Volunteers Required - We need more volunteers to help clean the Church after the Masses. Please contact the Parish Office.

Readers - We thank our current readers for their continued help over these last few months. As we have introduced more Masses, we really need more readers especially at the 9 am Mass where there are few readers. Contact Annabel if you are interested and would like more information on staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk. You can also contact the parish office and your details will be passed onto her.

Live Streaming Masses and Services - To view, either click on the link on the parish website or visit: www.churchservices.tv. To make a donation towards this service, please either; donate via The Virgin Money Giving donate button on the parish website, place your donation in an envelope marked "Live streaming Masses" or you can use the details given in this newsletter under Stewardship and Giving, using your name/Live Streaming Masses as a reference.

The amount received so far is **£3,745.46**. Thank you all for your generosity.

Church Cleaning - More volunteers required to help clean the Church on Mondays after the 8 am Mass. Please speak to Antonia.

LITURGY

Prisoners' Sunday - Today we mark Prisoners' Sunday, the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families. This is an opportunity for us all to direct our thoughts to the needs of prisoners, their families, and their children, to pray for them and to reflect on the ways we can make a difference to the lives of those who are affected by the criminal justice system. Please visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk to volunteer, donate or find out more information.

Candlelit Procession of Our Lady of Willesden on Sunday 10th October 2021 at 7 pm

- Join them at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX to pray to Our Mother for her protection, that she may wrap her mantle around London. The Preacher will be Bishop Michael Campbell OSA.

Mass Times - Please note that the Sunday 6.30 pm Mass has resumed.

The Angelus - Every day at 12 noon.

Rosary - The rosary (led by parishioners) will be recited after the 12.15 pm Mass Mondays to Saturdays.

Annual Mass Count - Would the stewards count the numbers at Mass this weekend. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Confirmations 2021 - The classes will start this month. Parents have been advised accordingly.

Marriages - If you would like to get married, we need at least six months notice, longer if you wish to marry abroad. You also need to attend a Marriage course. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

First Holy Communion 2022 - If your child is currently in Year 3 and would like to apply for a place for your child on our course next year, application forms are available at the back of the Church or Parish Office. The completed form should be completed and returned to the Parish Office with accompanying documents by **Monday 15th November 2021**.

SCHOOL

Certificate of Catholic Practice Forms for SECONDARY SCHOOLS - Fr. Tomas will be available in the Centre on the following dates:

Tuesday 19/10/21

10 am to 11.30 am and 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Wednesday 20/10/21

10 am to 11.30 am and 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Thursday 21/10/21

10 am to 11.30 am and 2.30 pm to 4 pm.

Primary School Applications - Information regarding arrangements for signing of Certificate of Practice Forms will be published in the parish newsletter/website towards the end of the year.

COMMUNITY MASS LIST

Recently Deceased:

Blanca Crisanti, Mary Diamond, Peter Coward, Maureen Mitchell, Muriel Lewis, Pete McKennan.

Anniversaries:

John & Kathleen Crowley.

Intentions:

Margo Stack RIP, Holy Souls, Minnie Lambe, Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity, Private Intention, Bishop Michael Campbell.

Birthday:

Freda Murphy, Maria Moffat, Mary O'Mahoney, Bishop Michael Campbell.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these difficult times.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Office or use the following details:

Name: WRCDT - Hammersmith
Acc No: 11308262 **Sort code:** 40-05-20
Bank: HSBC **Ref:** Your name

If you are a UK Taxpayer you can complete a Gift Aid form from the porch, website or from the Parish Office. We can claim back 25p in every £1 you donate.

Contactless Payment Machines - Two machines have been installed at the entrance and exit of the Church for donations. The machine is very easy to use and allows you to support the Church at this time by online giving. Please use the hand sanitiser and touch screen to begin. It is good to see that many of you are using them. Thank you.

Gift Aid Envelopes - Please collect your box from the Repository.

Caritas Foodbank - As life gets back to normal for most of us, many families will continue to live with the economic impact of the pandemic through losing jobs or facing cutbacks. So, we will be collecting items for the Caritas Food Bank that can help some of these people. A box will in the porch to take your gifts of dried, tinned and packet foods (especially fish, vegetable and fruits) and toiletries. If we can all manage just one item each week, together we can make an enormous difference and share God's bounty with others. Thank you.

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 12.15 pm, 6 pm (Vigil) ■ **Sunday:** 9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm & 6.30 pm

Monday-Friday: 8 am & 12.15 pm

SACRAMENTS, DEVOTIONS & PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Reconciliation (Confession): Available by appointment.

Parish Priest: Fr. Tomas Banayag, O.S.A. ■ **Parish Administrator:** Monica Hamilton

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