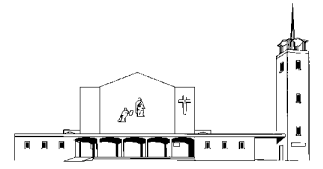




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YEAR B TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 13TH OCT 2024

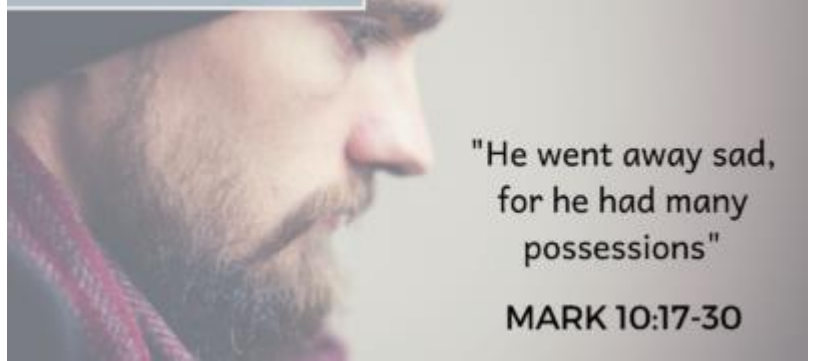
Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

This modern age does not like facing the truth, nor martyrs for the truth. Fake news, conspiracy theories, false identities abound. The truth is dismissed as a matter of opinion, a personal conclusion. St John Henry Newman, on whose feast day, I am writing this, has some pertinent words to say to this way of thinking. Newman said that, 'No one is a martyr for a conclusion, no one is a martyr for an opinion, it is faith that makes martyrs'. Rather than disheartening and weakening the early Christians, persecution made them even stronger, and drew them even more deeply into the profession of the truth. Faith begot martyrs and martyrs begot faith, and it was their blood which is the seed of the

Church. Such faith stood in marked contrast to the claims made by classical philosophy or religion on someone's life. St Justin Martyr pointed out no one bothered to die for Socrates, nor 'undergo death for faith in the sun'. Across the world today Christians are the most persecuted religious group. Often ostracised for their faith, many are treated as second, or third-class citizens. Some are imprisoned and some will shed their blood before this day is out. The resolute obedience to Christ of our brothers and sisters in the face of pressures to compromise or conform should always encourage and inspire us. And what of ourselves? For us in the west, the temptation to sidestep the cost of discipleship, to preach a watered-down version of the faith palatable for our indulgent age is great. If we are not discerning, we can easily buy into a relativizing world view focused more upon pandering to our egocentricity than God's truthfulness. It becomes just another opinion, another conclusion. We are not called to peddle cheap grace, offering a half-baked gospel. If we buy into a consumer mentality which believes in instant gratification, that we can get all you want now instantly, our self-centred piety will have little relevance to say to a world crying out in long term need. Jesus promises prosperity, as long as we remember that that his prosperity gospel comes only through the death of self-gratification. Untold riches are promised to those who surrender all 'for my sake and the sake of the gospel'. They would be repaid 'a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land'. His offer of 'eternal life', encompassing all riches, is not just for the future but for the present also.....'now in this present time and, in the world to come'. And if we follow him, he assures us, it will not be 'without persecutions'. Mercifully God alone knows the nature of those persecutions, and the kind of martyrdom that they would solicit. Conventional Jewish piety taught that riches were a sign of God's favour. In Job's case they were, but only after he lost everything. The rich man, who asked Jesus, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life', as religious as he was, was yearning for more. Religious observance nor his personal wealth ultimately satisfied him. He could never experience fulfilment because his riches were suffocating him. Jesus told him to sell everything that he had and then to follow him. His face fell and he went away sad. He glimpsed Jesus' offer of eternity but instead of embracing it, turned his back for a life of diminishing returns. For him it was his great wealth that was the obstacle to his life. For others it may be somebody or something else which needs to be surrendered into the Lord's hands. But in our consumer orientated society, I would not be surprised if our wealth (and we are wealthy in comparison to most of the inhabitants of the world) would not be a conditioning factor in our response to the overtures of heaven. From the vantage point of heaven such wealth is not wealth at all, but impoverishment. The writer of the Book of Wisdom today reminds us that compared with heavenly wisdom 'I held riches as nothing... all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud...In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered'. Our faith is priceless and worth dying for. What or who might be the obstacle in our relationship with Christ? That person cannot save us, nor can our pockets.

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"He went away sad,
for he had many
possessions"

MARK 10:17-30

Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Luca Capparelli, Alessio Castronovo and Oliver Centauro who will be baptised this weekend.

JOANNA DESILVA of New Road died recently. Her Requiem will be on **Friday 25th October at 1.30pm.** *May she rest in peace.*

ROSARY: As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, there will be a decade of the rosary recited before each Sunday Mass.



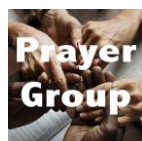
POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER is for a shared mission. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Joanna Desilva and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Maureen O'Neill, Patrick Morrissey, Anna Curaba, Antonino Cusumano, Catherine Stockwell, Helen Sherman, Christopher Ayerst, Daniela Ruggiero, Filippo Adamo, Luisa Maria Di Palma and Domenico Guarino. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **13th & 27th October at the 9.15am Mass.**

The children's choir has been singing at the 9.15am Mass and have done so well. Last May, the choir supported children making their First Holy Communion with great enthusiasm and commitment. As last year, the run up to Christmas will include a Charity Concert, our St Augustine's Carol Service, Children's Nativity Mass and our Christmas Party. Please get in contact if your child would like to join us, or to find our more please contact Gabby 07875221543.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at the 9.15am Mass on **20th October, 3rd & 17th November.**



PRAYER GROUP will be meeting on **Thursday 7th November** at 7.30pm in the crypt and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will take place on **Saturday 16th November at 11.30am** for all servers and anyone who is in year 3 and above who would like to



become a server. You must be attending Mass on a regular basis to qualify. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTAS: The next rotas for the period November 2024 - February 2025 will be drawn up shortly. Please therefore advise of any dates that you are **NOT** available during this period by **24th October AT THE LATEST** to Pat Kavanagh for 9.15 am Mass (telephone 07485 284007 or 01992 449282 or email patandcarolkav@btinternet.com) and Dawn Bates for 6.30pm and 11.15am Masses (tel 440986 or email hoddesdon@rcdow.org.uk). Please also advise of any changes in personal contact details e.g. address, telephone number etc. Once drawn up, all rotas will be dispatched by email unless requested otherwise. Thank you.

NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends will be attached to the newsletter next weekend. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR **Saturday 2nd November 6.30pm** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY: Fr Julian will lead the annual visit to the Ware Road cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Saturday 2nd November at 11.30am.** Please meet inside the main gate. Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 9th November at 11.30am.**



PARISH TRIP TO ST ALBANS ABBEY will be on **Friday 13th December.** The coach will leave the church at 9am and leave St Albans at 3pm. We will have Mass at the Abbey at 12 noon. The price of the coach is £13 per person. If you would like to come, please contact the presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and

receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain. Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

CATECHETICS

COME AND SEE will continue on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm for all who want to learn more about becoming a Catholic, or if you missed one of the Sacraments or if you simply want to renew your faith.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: The next meeting will be on Monday 21st October from 7-8pm in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting will be on Sunday 20th October.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026: If your child is in year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2026, please do contact the presbytery to register your interest. The register will start this weekend and can be found on the blue board at the back of the church.



BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on Wednesday 23rd October from 7.15-8.15pm in the church. The

course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.

SCHOOLS

GOVERNOR VACANCIES: St Augustine's School are looking for two Foundation Governors. Training is provided to help Governors fulfil their very important role. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested please let Fr Julian know. More information can be found at www.rcdow.org.uk/education/governors/serving-a-governor.



ST CROSS SCHOOL - RECEPTION INTAKE 2025/26 ADMISSIONS: If your child reaches five years old between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, you should apply for a place within 2025-2026 Primary Admissions. Prospective parents are invited to come and join a small group of other parents for a tour and insight into the life of our school. During your visit you will be made welcome and be able to talk to the Executive Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. If you would like to book a tour, please call the school office (01992) 467309.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ASSISTED SUICIDE: The UK is on the verge of legalising assisted suicide for the terminally ill. This bill puts vulnerable lives at risk. The terminally ill need care and support, not pressure to end their lives. Sign the petition to stop this dangerous bill and demand that Parliament focuses on providing real

support, not a fast track to death! Click here: <https://cgo.ac/scgpl743>

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

THE CATENIANS will be giving a short presentation after all Masses next weekend.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you've experienced a bereavement



please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. We are not a counselling service, but can always point people in that direction, if it is necessary. The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th November at 2pm in the presbytery.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting for

those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on Wednesday 23rd October from 4.30-6pm in the presbytery. Participants should be attending Mass.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will be held on Saturday 26th October at 8.30am in the crypt. There will be a short talk at 9.00am (Bishop Robert Baron), Mass at 10:00. An opportunity for men to share and get together. Do join us at any time, when and if you can.

WARM SPACES need a portable sewing machine that they can use on Tuesday afternoons. If you have one that you can donate, please contact Mary Briggs on 07759 504406.

CHURCH CLEANING: Michele & Pelle De Luca, Sophie & Angelo Lenguito & Alex Thomson. Thank you for your help.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you to all who continue to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
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NO CASH? You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 12th October St Wilfrid, Bishop 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Zulu's Birthday intentions</i>	Page 143 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11 <i>Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 89 — Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.
Sun 13th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>Maureen O'Neill RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Domenico Guarino RIP</i>	2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13 <i>The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.</i>
Mon 14th October St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Giovanni Lenguito RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!
Tues 15th October St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Dr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Daniela Ruggiero RIP anniv</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30 <i>Go and sell everything you own and follow me.</i>
Wed 16th October St Hedwig, Religious 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Dan Beary RIP anniv</i> followed by coffee in the crypt 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Isaiah 53: 10-11 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 14-16 Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45
Thurs 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Private intention</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 18th Oct ST LUKE, Evangelist (abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Julianni Medina RIP</i> 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Prayer for healing	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Saturday 19th October St John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Patrick Walsh RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Robert Cullen RIP</i> Sun 20th Oct TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am Mass <i>Thanksgiving Nsonwah Family</i> 11.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date. Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 15th 1pm Lunch Club, crypt Tues 15th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	Tues 8th 7.30pm Come & See, crypt Wed 16th 6pm Brownies, crypt

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO.
— NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio