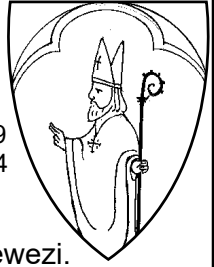
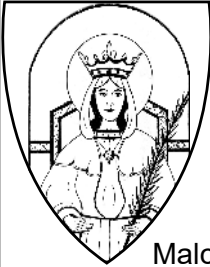


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Week 28

15th October 2023.

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

In the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah we are told that those who hope in the Lord will be raised up and will receive salvation. In this all their shame and troubles will be taken from their and happiness will be theirs. Our gospel text contains the parable of the king who held a banquet for his son's wedding but whose guests did not turn up. The banquet is the kingdom of heaven and the guests are men and women of every age and time. Those who do not heed the call of God and who ignore him will be left out in the dark when their time on earth comes to an end. It is a reminder that the message of God and places in the kingdom are offered to all but only those who are worthy will be allowed entry to the kingdom when the time comes. In the second reading, St Paul tells his readers that he can master anything that may come his way because he has the Lord to give him strength. We are challenged today to live lives worthy of the invitation which the Father extends to us, knowing that he is with us to strengthen us just as he did St Paul.

Journey Into Prayer Course

There are many different ways of praying, but many of us stay with the few methods we learned years ago. It is good to try other ways, as they may lift us out of the dry place we sometimes find ourselves in. The Journey Into Prayer course aims to give a taste of a variety of ways of praying, not just by talking about them but by giving us space to experience them. The course will begin at The Cennacle on 16 January 2024 and continue for 12 sessions. For more information and application form, please see notice board.

JOHN SMITH'S SPONSORED SWIM

18th November 2023, 9.30am Ellergreen. John is doing a sponsored swim to raise money for ACROSS and Marina Dalglish Appeal.

Please consider sponsoring John. His forms are at the back of church.

Feast of St Teresa of Avila

Virgin & Doctor of the Church. 15th October.

Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada was born in Avila in Spain in 1515. She entered the Carmelites and made great progress in the way of perfection and was granted mystical revelations. At this time religious life in Spain, and across Europe, was in need of reform and Teresa began this work with the monastery in which she was living. She also founded other monasteries under her strict reform and enlisted St John of the Cross to reform the male branch of the Order of Carmelites. After her death the reform she began eventually separated from the Carmelite Order to become the Order of Discalced Carmelites. She wrote a number of books which brought her to the attention of the Inquisition but which she persevered in writing and which show a profound insight into prayer. For Teresa, prayer was a conversation with a close friend and this can be seen in her many references to Christ. Her letters also show a tremendous humanity while gently bringing people back into line. Her best known works are 'The Way of Perfection' and 'The Interior Castle.' She died at Alba in 1582 and was canonized in 1622. Her writings have earned her the title of Doctor of the Church.

Saint Luke 18th October

Luke wrote one of the major portions of the New Testament, a two-volume work comprising the third Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. In the two books he shows the parallel between the life of Christ and that of the Church. He is the only Gentile Christian among the Gospel writers. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, and Paul calls him "our beloved physician." His Gospel was probably written between 70 and 85 A.D.

Luke appears in Acts during Paul's second journey, remains at Philippi for several years until Paul returns from his third journey, accompanies Paul to Jerusalem, and remains near him when he is imprisoned in Caesarea. During these two years, Luke had time to seek information and interview persons who had known Jesus. He accompanied Paul on the dangerous journey to Rome where he was a faithful companion. Luke's unique character may best be seen by the emphases of his Gospel, which has been given a number of subtitles:

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| 1) The Gospel of Mercy | 4) The Gospel of Absolute Renunciation |
| 2) The Gospel of Universal Salvation | 5) The Gospel of Prayer and the Holy Spirit |
| 3) The Gospel of the Poor | 6) The Gospel of Joy |

Reflection

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works.

Luke is the Patron Saint of: Artists, Brewers, Butchers, Notaries, Physicians/Surgeons.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

God Calling - A Love Feast 21st October

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. — Revelation 3:20.

See, My children, the knocking rests upon no merit of yours — though it is in response to the longing of your heart for Me.

Keep, keep that listening ear. "If any man will hear My Voice." Again no merit of yours. Only the ear bent to catch My tones, and to hear the sound of My gentle knocking.

Then listen: "If any man hear My Voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me."

What a feast! You think it would have been Joy to have been present at the Marriage Feast of Cana of Galilee, or to have been one of My disciples in the Upper Room, seated with Me at the Last Supper or one of the two at Emmaus, or one of the few for whom I prepared that Lakeside feast!

But oh! at each of these feasts, God-provided and God-championed as they were, you could not have known the rapture you may know as you hear the knocking and the Voice, and, opening, bid Me welcome to My Feast.

A Feast of tenderest companionship, of Divine Sustenance, truly a Love Feast.

Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live. Isaiah 55:3



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Liturgy for the Week

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin

Saturday 14th	6.00pm	Alice Magee (B'day) David McLoughlin (1st Ann)
Sunday 15th	11.30am	A Private Intention
Tuesday 17th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm
Saturday 21st	6.00pm	Stephen Rooney, George Ford
Sunday 22nd	11.30am	Paddy Coan L.D.

BAPTISM



*Thomas Daniel Wilson,
George Paul Wilson,
Arayah Maria Kellett.*



Your prayers are asked for those who have

Died recently

Tony McComish, Sandra Fleming,
Michael Salter, Tony Jones,
Jimmy Molyneux, June Jackson,
Jen Darracott, Ann Campbell.

Anniversaries and Birthdays

Patricia Broadfoot

Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.

Diane Bell Eileen Guy Moya Russell Bernie Boyde Angela Adlen David Holgate Margaret Lace Marie O'Connell	Paul & Kate Ellen Cook Josie Dunne Joan Turner Julie Pearce John Murphy Angela Gregory G., + MP., + TC.,	Toni Dal Joan Foster Robbie Ross Peter Fraser Ann Shreeve Peter & Jane Kelly Marie O'Shaunessy	Christine & David <u>Fitzsimmons</u> Margaret & <u>Joseph Maloney</u> Vassilis <u>Alamaniotis</u> Joan, Andreas <u>Samaras</u>
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