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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 October 2018

“Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Mark 10, 17

MISSIO COLLECTION

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Next Sunday, 21 October there will be a second collection for MISSIO after all Masses. Gift aid envelopes available this weekend.

CAMINO SPONSORSHIP

Thank you to everybody who has supported Eddie Moran who has returned safely from his Camino walk. If you sponsored Eddie but have not yet paid, please could you find him at the back of church after Mass?

RED APF BOXES The counting team have kindly agreed to count the money in the red APF boxes during October so that we can send a cheque off in November. If you have a box at home please bring it to Mass with you before the end of October and give it to one of the welcomers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£127.30	Loose	£509.85
Standing Orders			£484.00

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PRO PATRIA FLOWER FESTIVAL & CONCERT

Churches Together in Caversham have asked the flower team at Our Lady & St Anne's to take part in the flower festival which is being organised to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1.

This will be held at Caversham Heights Methodist Church, Highmoor Road on Saturday 20th October. The team are busy designing a display which will be on view from 10am - 2pm on Saturday 20th

October and from 2pm - 4pm on Sunday 21st October. Further details available on a poster in the narthex.

The concert is at 7.30pm on the Saturday. Proceeds to Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes.

Tickets and info on 0118 947 0903

LOST PROPERTY

A key on a very distinctive key ring was found after the Sunday evening Mass last weekend.

If you have lost a key and think that it might be yours, please ring the office on 0118 947 1787.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you help to serve tea and coffee after Mass? This is a real opportunity for people to get to know each other better but at the moment it is a very small team that organises it. If you are new, speak to somebody who is serving coffee or if you already know the drill, just put your name on the list near the serving hatch. The more the merrier.

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Currently in Rome a synod of bishops is underway. Its theme is the calling of the young and the role of vocation in their lives. The aim of the synod is not to elaborate a strategy for fostering vocations to the priesthood or religious life. For generations that was how the concept of calling was understood in the Catholic Church. This synod is inspired more by the idea of the universal call to holiness which is the fruit of baptism and which was elaborated on by the recent apostolic exhortation issued by Pope Francis in Easter Week *Gaudete et Exultate* (Rejoice and be glad). It attempts to address how to propose to the young people of today a life and lifestyle which is consonant with the values of the Christian gospel. How does the young person of our age understand the invitation from Jesus to be his disciple and what are the concrete steps a young person can take to see that whatever talents they have, whatever dreams the nurture, whatever plans they might elaborate for life can be consistent with and sustained by their Christian convictions. A minority of today's young people may feel called to the priesthood or to consecrated life, and the Church will always encourage them in the pursuit of their vocation. But young people embarking on marriage or those who live a single life also see their lives in terms of calling to holiness and the pursuit of discipleship with the Lord. Today's scripture readings focus on the invitation which Jesus issues to everyone: if you aspire to eternal life, then this is what you do! With the man who knelt before him, Jesus keeps upping the ante. He keeps the commandments faithfully – and how many of us could say that! – so Jesus asks him to sell all he owns, give the proceeds to the poor and follow him. This dialogue is frequently misunderstood. Jesus is issuing an invitation and an invitation can always be declined. Major decisions in life require courage but they often need the application of wisdom. The OT set great store by wisdom and certainly the wise man or woman was always deemed to be a person of virtue and close to God, with an appetite for things divine. One can imagine that the bishops meeting in synod in Rome and anxious to assist young people find their way to a meaningful life would want to share the Church's wisdom with them and direct them to Jesus who is *the Way, the Truth and the Life*.

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 7, 7 – 11: This extract is a hymn of praise to the gift of wisdom. It does not define what wisdom is, yet it makes clear how precious it is considered and how life-enhancing its possession is.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 4, 12 – 13: The word of God can penetrate anywhere, it can take possession of us. The author of the letter to the Hebrews – and they were a people of the Book and the Word – strives to point out how God's word, once we hear it with an open mind and heart, can mould us and shape us in the very depths of our being.

Gospel: Mark 10, 17 – 30: This lengthy extract from the Gospel of Mark highlights the demands the call to sanctity make on those who answer it.

The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 144-145

Masses and Intentions

Twenty-eighth week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 13th October 10.00 People of the parish
Feria in Ordinary Time

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Year B (Mark)

Saturday 13th October 17.30 Deceased members & benefactors of
 Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Sunday 14th October 10.00 Isabel Valadez Jiminez
 18.30 Derek O'Donnell RIP

Monday 15th October 08.00 Maureen O'Sullivan RIP
Memorial: St Teresa of Jesus

Tuesday 16th October 09.15 Aleykuty Mathew RIP
Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 17th October 09.15 Faith, peace & health
Memorial: St Ignatius of Antioch

Thursday 18th October 08.00 Eileen Leahy
Feast: St Luke

Friday 19th October 12.30 Catherine O'Brien RIP
Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 20th October 10.00 People of the parish
Feria in Ordinary Time

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 20th October 17.30 Neil Campbell RIP

Sunday 21st October 10.00 Tessa (Wheeler) Allan RIP
 18.30 Bridie & Jimmy O'Sullivan RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
 16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
 & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45