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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9/10 October 2021

“The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely.”

Hebrews 4, 12

WEEKEND MASS

There is no longer a need to book for Sunday Masses. Please use the QR code to book in if you can so that you can be reached should anybody test positive.

If you are at all uncomfortable, you are welcome to leave a small piece of paper with the date and your name & number with a steward each time you come to Mass so you can be contacted if anybody tests positive.

SCHOOL MASS

There is a full school Mass (OL & St. Anne) Monday 11 October at 09.15.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy has returned to face to face sessions from Sunday 12th September, and will take place in the Cenacle during the 10am Sunday Mass each week. For safety reasons, spaces are limited for now and you will need to book before arriving. Email childrensliturgy.stannes@gmail.com for details about how to book. Children's Liturgy welcomes all children of all ages up to when they make their First Holy Communion. Pre-school children must be accompanied by an adult.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tess Carter who died recently. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Thursday 21st October. May she rest in peace.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is now an option to sign up for the newsletter on the front page of the website.

"ST ANNE'S VEGGIE

COOKBOOK!" Eating less meat is good for the environment. God's creation. Share vegetarian recipes by emailing damianrporter@gmail.com, copy

to ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk. We will build a library of recipes, and aim to share in the future in a 'St Anne's Veggie cookbook', with a little credit of course to each contributor.

OFFICE

The office will re-open Mon 11th October.



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit:
for Peter Lennon. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): Since the Second Vatican Council Catholics have been called upon to read and pray the scriptures for, as St. Jerome said, ‘Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.’ Thankfully many have responded to this call and have found their faith life enriched beyond measure and have discovered that the word of God is indeed alive and active. Sadly, for many others the Bible is still a closed book. Last year Pope Francis launched a Year of the Word but the pandemic cut short whatever enthusiasm for the project there might have been. Still, the challenge is there. The liturgy of the Word is an essential ingredient of our Mass and the word is addressed to all of us. The homily at Sunday Mass is designed so that our understanding of and appreciation of the word of God might increase.

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 7, 7 – 11: This is one of the last books of the OT and dates from sometime around 60 BC. It was probably written for the Greek-speaking Jews in Alexandria (Egypt), where there was a flourishing Jewish community, and presents their faith in a way that would speak to people in a culture which gave pride of place to philosophy. It makes a claim to have been written by King Solomon but this is only to give it the ring of authenticity since Solomon was considered the great wise man of the biblical tradition. In this extract he is extolling the gift of wisdom which he had received in answer to his prayer (1 Kings 3, 4 – 10). In keeping with the themes of wisdom elsewhere in the Bible, it is acknowledged as the most precious treasure, more to be desired than wealth, health and beauty. In the gospel for today Jesus, who is the wisdom of God made flesh, points out to the rich young man that the treasure he owns is keeping him from the true wisdom that Jesus offers.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 4, 12 – 13: In the verses preceding this reading we have had a number of quotations from the OT which the author has been using to show how God’s plan has been unfolding. Central to that plan is a willingness to heed the word of God and this is what leads to this very powerful and inspiring piece on the nature of God’s word. The first point to be made is that this word is not some kind of dead letter recorded in a book from long ago. Rather it is alive and active. What we read is a reflection of how God has acted in the past and continues to do, right up to the present. This means that he is making himself known to every generation and if we are open then his word goes to the deepest core of our being and elicits a response from us.

Gospel: Mark 10, 17 – 30: It is a good-living and observant Jew who poses this question about eternal life to Jesus. He really knows the answer already. Jesus puts a radical challenge before him. He must rid himself of the attachment to wealth, wherein lies his security and social status, and trust completely in God by following Jesus. For people like the Jews who considered wealth and property a sign of divine favour, the demand made by Jesus is a very rigorous one. Here again Jesus goes beyond the strict rule of the Law and proposes the standard of perfection.

Mass Intentions for Twenty-eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	9 th October	17.30	Rene De Sola RIP
Sunday	10 th October	10.00	Rosaleen Ryan RIP
Monday	11 th October <i>Memorial of St John XXIII</i>	09.15	Private intention
Tuesday	12 th October <i>Memorial of St Wilfrid, Bishop</i>	09.15	Martin Ward RIP
Wednesday	13 th October <i>Memorial of St Edward the Confessor</i>	18.30	Our Lady & St Anne
Thursday	14 th October <i>Memorial of St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr</i>	08.00	Private intention
Friday	15 th October <i>Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</i>	12.30	Private intention
Saturday	16 th October <i>Memorial of St Hedwig, Religious</i>	10.00	Aleykudty Matthew (8 th anniversary)

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	16 th October	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	17 th October	10.00	Marjorie Obradovic RIP