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**11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year**

**Psalter Week 4**

<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10
<b>Psalm:</b>	<i>In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.</i>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14; 19-20
<b>Gospel Alleluia:</b>	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!</i>
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 22:1-14

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> ( <i>The People of the Parish</i> )
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Oliver O'Neill RIP</i> )
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Wilfred of York, Bishop</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Paddy Burke RIP</i> )
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Edward the Confessor</b> – <i>op memoria</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Marjorie Ritchie RIP</i> )
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Pope St Callistus I, Martyr</i> – <i>op memoria</i>		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Teresa of Avila</b> , <i>Virgin &amp; Doctor</i> - <i>memoria</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Mark Barrett Int</i> )
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Pauline Murray Int</i> )
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b> , <i>Bishop &amp; Martyr</i> - <i>memoria</i>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>10.30-11.30</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Patrick Corrigan RIP</i> ) <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Confession</b>

<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> ( <i>Thanksgiving for safe delivery of great-grandson</i> )
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> ( <i>Patrick O'Riordan RIP</i> )



**PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES** – The obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday continues to be dispensed, by the Bishops of England and Wales, at this time, therefore we will continue to ‘Live Stream’ all Masses except on Wednesdays. Those of you that do attend the church for Mass are asked to carefully follow the guidance of the Stewards.

**Government Guidelines require the wearing of a Face Mask in all places of worship.**

### **IMPORTANT**

As the coronavirus continues within our community, there is a need for us to refresh the booking procedure for Mass attendance. Regardless of whether or not you have previously contacted Denise to book in for your preferred Mass, can you all please make renewed contact with Denise to let her know which Mass you will be attending. Due to the strict limits on the numbers that can attend each Mass, it is most important that you attend the Mass of your choice, if for any reason you need to change this you must first contact Denise to ensure that there is available space. Please ring between 10.00am and 6.00pm.



**Fr David** will be continuing with a series of talks **This is our Faith** to help us deepen our faith. The second of these will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** starting at 7.30pm.

This talk will look at **Human beings – where we came from and what we are made for.**

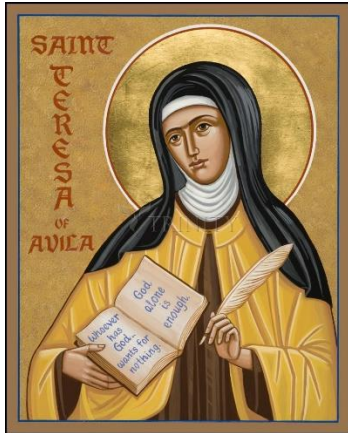
The talks will be conducted live through Zoom, with time for questions at the end. If you would like to attend through Zoom, please email me on [olneyparishpriest@icloud.com](mailto:olneyparishpriest@icloud.com) I will send you a link to click on so as to gain access to the talk.



### **NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

Holy Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex. Can you please print clearly the name of the deceased on a piece of paper and place in the envelope, together with any offering, and return to the church no later than 27<sup>th</sup> October

**The APF Red boxes are due to be emptied.** Normally the boxes would be returned to the church but with the current situation Missio have asked that the box holders empty their donations into a large envelope or plastic bag ensuring that their name and address are recorded on the envelope. The money can be returned over the **next 4 weeks** to the church where a basket will be available. Thank you.

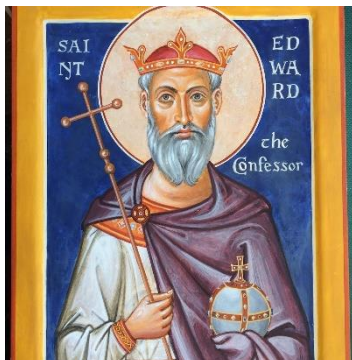


### St Teresa of Avila 1515 - 1582

This coming Thursday we celebrate the memoria of St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa was born in Avila, Spain in the year 1515. She joined the Carmelite Order and made great progress in the way of perfection and enjoyed mystic revelations. St Teresa undertook the reform of the Order and in this she had to endure great trials but overcame them all by her indomitable spirit. She wrote works which are renowned for the depth of their doctrine and which showed her own spiritual experiences. She died at Alba in the year 1582

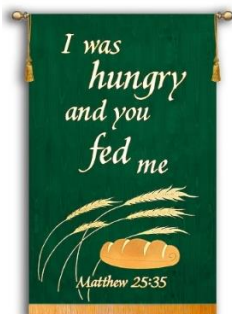
One of the great quotes attributed to St Teresa of Avila is most appropriate in these difficult times in which we find ourselves:

*"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass – God does not change, patience achieves everything"*



### St Edward the Confessor

On Tuesday we celebrate the memoria of St Edward known as 'the Confessor' who came to the throne of England in 1042. 'Then was seen', says an early biographer, 'how great is the influence of a king who is truly the father of his people'. He was remarkable for his generosity to the poor and was never happier than when giving alms. He died on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1066 just one week after opening the Abbey Church of Westminster, which he refounded and endowed.



We continue to be very grateful to all of you who have been supporting the Food Bank – Catholics, Anglicans and others. The donation box remains outside the presbytery door and is checked frequently. The Food Bank continues to need donations of:

Long Life Milk – Long Life Juice – Tinned Rice Pudding – Tinned Custard – Tinned Meat – Tinned Vegetables – Tinned Tomatoes – Pasta Sauce – Spreads  
 Many thanks to Pauline and Leo for their generous work in transporting the donations to the Food bank. The Food Bank have sent a letter to the parish to thank us for our continued support.

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEM FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO DEACON PETER - DEADLINE – 9.00am FRIDAY**

St Ignatius of Antioch was born some time between 35 and 50 AD. He became a believer and ended up being Bishop of Antioch. He would have known some of the Apostles and disciples of Jesus. Probably between 107 and 110 he was arrested and transported to Rome for trial and execution. On his journey he stopped at a number of places where he met local believers and their bishops. He wrote a number of letters to the churches in the area, seven of which have been preserved for us – including one to the Church of Rome. His letters are rich and beautiful, showing a mixture of humility and deep passion for Christ and for the Faith. You can easily find translations of them online and they are useful to see the life and faith of the early Christians. In his Letter to the Smyrnaeans, Ignatius insists that Christ – the Son of God – really did become a man, with real flesh – since some were saying that the Son of God would hold aloof from the flesh. He also insists on the reality of the Eucharist as the flesh of Christ and the importance of celebrating the Mass in union with the Bishop:

*Pay close attention to those who have wrong notions about the grace of Jesus Christ, which has come to us, and note how at variance they are with God's mind.*

*They hold aloof from the Eucharist and from services of prayer, because they refuse to admit that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ, which suffered for our sins and which, in his goodness, the Father raised .*

*Flee from schism as the source of mischief. You should all follow the bishop as Jesus Christ did the Father. Follow, too, the presbyters (i.e. priests) as you would the apostles; and respect the deacons as you would God's law. Nobody must do anything that has to do with the Church without the bishop's approval. You should regard that Eucharist as valid which is celebrated either by the bishop or by someone he authorizes. Where the bishop is present, there let the congregation gather, just as where Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.*

In his Letter to the Romans, Ignatius gives us a glimpse of the depth of his own spiritual life:

*Let me be food for the wild beasts, for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread. Pray to Christ for me that the animals will be the means of making me a sacrificial victim for God.*

*No earthly pleasures, no kingdoms of this world can benefit me in any way. I prefer death in Christ Jesus to power over the farthest limits of the earth. He who died in place of us is the one object of my quest. He who rose for our sakes is my one desire.*

*For though I am alive as I write to you, still my real desire is to die. My love of this life has been crucified, and there is no yearning in me for any earthly thing. Rather within me is the living water which says deep inside me: "Come to the Father". I no longer take pleasure in perishable food or in the delights of this world. I want only God's bread, which is the flesh of Jesus Christ, formed of the seed of David, and for drink I crave his blood, which is love that cannot perish.*

In his Letter to the Ephesians, He writes how even the silence of Jesus teaches us something about the importance of silence – especially in our prayer where in silence we can encounter God:

*It is better to be silent and be real, than to talk and not be real. It is good to teach, if one does what one says. Now there is one such teacher, who "spoke and it happened"; indeed, even the things which he has done in silence are worthy of the Father. The one who truly possessed the word of Jesus is also able to hear his silence, that he may be perfect, that he may act through what he says and be known through his silence.*

He ends this Letter with words of encouragement which I think could easily be written to us today:

*Continue to gather together, each and every one of you, collectively and individually by name, in grace, in one faith and one Jesus Christ, who physically was a descendant of David, who is Son of man and Son of God, in order that you may obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undisturbed mind, breaking one bread, which is the medicine of immortality, the antidote we take in order not to die but to live forever in Jesus Christ.*

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, St Joseph, St Lawrence, St Ignatius of Antioch and St Rita pray for us all.

With our love and prayers,  
Fr David and Deacon Peter