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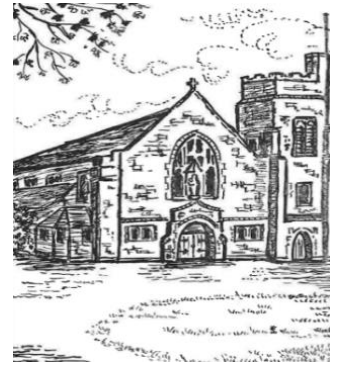
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## **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In the first reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Solomon prays for wisdom, asking for it above all other things. He says that wisdom is more valuable than power, wealth, and even health. This teaches us that true wisdom comes from God and is more precious than anything we can possess. Solomon's choice shows that seeking God's wisdom should be our priority. Worldly riches and honors are temporary and can lead us away from God. But wisdom helps us live according to God's will and leads us to eternal life. As we reflect on Solomon's prayer, let us ask God to grant us wisdom. Let us value it above all else and use it to guide our decisions and actions. Wisdom will help us to live faithfully and grow closer to God.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks how to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to sell all he has, give to the poor, and follow Him. This is a difficult command, but it highlights the challenge of detachment from worldly riches. The young man is saddened because he has many possessions. Jesus' words show us that clinging to wealth can hinder our relationship with God. True discipleship requires letting go of material attachments and trusting fully in Jesus. Jesus assures His disciples that while it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God, nothing is impossible with God. This gives us hope. If we trust in God and seek His help, we can overcome the obstacles that keep us from following Jesus fully.

## **POPE FRANCIS WED. AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICIES 12**

Dear brothers and sisters: in our continuing catechesis on the virtues, we now consider *prudence*, one of the four "cardinal" virtues that, together with the "theological" virtues of faith, hope and charity, are the pillars of integrated Christian living. Prudence is the ability to combine intelligence and creativity, simplicity and shrewdness, understanding the complexity of situations and evaluating possible solutions, applying wisdom gleaned from past experiences while anticipating future needs. In this sense, Saint Thomas Aquinas calls prudence "right reason in action". Jesus, in his parables, often encouraged his disciples to exercise this virtue. May we also practice prudence daily on the journey towards the fullness of life in the heavenly Kingdom.

## **OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE**

In early September 2024, when parliament returned and a Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – started its passage through the House of Lords, our Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bishop John Sherrington, called for Catholics **to unite in prayer and compassionate action**. That call is renewed now as on Wednesday, 16 October, the House of Commons will hear the first reading of a new bill on assisted suicide tabled by Labour MP Kim Leadbeater. This is another attempt to legalise assisted suicide and we need you to contact your MP to voice your opposition.

**Act Now! Contact your MP** The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online mechanism to do this. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. You can contact your MP via the *Right to Life UK* website.

**Pray** We are a praying Christian community and, as Bishop Sherrington says, the legalisation of assisted suicide undermines the sanctity and dignity of human life. “The Catholic Church accompanies those suffering and nearing the end of their lives with hope and affection, but also reminds them that their life is precious until the very last breath,” he says. “In preparation for these challenging debates, let us offer our prayers for those facing the end of their lives, that they may receive the care and support they need to live their final days with respect for their dignity.

“Let us also pray for our politicians and our country that wisdom and compassion may guide their decisions. I also urge all Catholics to become better informed about the serious problems associated with the legalisation of assisted suicide.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December** in the Parish Hall. **Please save the date.** We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be given in to the Parish Office.

**SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:** We raised a total of £557.51 for Cafod Harvest Fast day- thank you for your generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** for World Mission Day.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL FORM- CURRENT YEAR 6:** For those parents with children who are now in Year 6 and who have been on the Year 5 register since last academic year, please come along with your child on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October between 6pm & 8pm when Fr Mark will be issuing Certificates of Catholic Practice. Please bring with you the child’s Baptism certificate & First Holy Communion certificate. Just come into the church and Fr Mark will be in the Sacristy.

**YEAR 5 REGISTER- CURRENT YEAR 5:** The parents of current Year 5 children who are applying for Secondary Schools next year (October 2025) are invited to sign up for the Year 5 Mass attendance register which will begin next weekend 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October. The register facilitates a fair approach to the signing of Certificates of Practice which confirm that a family is coming to Mass each Sunday/or Saturday night in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of the ‘sign-up’ this year, we ask you to email us the following details – child’s name, parents names and email address no later than 16<sup>th</sup> October.

**CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS:** Our young people will be starting their faith journey through Confirmation which will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025. With this in mind, they need your support, and we ask if you could do this with your prayers. We are looking for members of the parish to become their prayer partners. All that would be required of you is to put your name on the list in the porch; we will then allocate a young person to your name and ask if you would pray for them during this time.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** To avoid disappointment, please book Masses at least 4 months in advance. We currently have no Mass availability until late January 2025.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Church cleaning takes place on Friday mornings from 10am and we are always looking for more helpers. *Our Lady will be with you as you help to keep clean the house of her Son.*

**RETREAT MANAGER AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE:** Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**YOUTH GATHER, ESSEX OUTDOORS, EAST MERSEA, 26<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at [www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/](http://www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** Eddie O'Mahoney who has died recently. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH** at home and in hospital, especially:  
Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Margeruite Nolan, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm, Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Eileen Ronan, Anne Sullivan, Melona Vigo, Josie Walsh, and Evelyn Ward

**FINANCES:** You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



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To donate £10



To donate £20

## **SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b> Vigil Mass	12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>6.30pm</b>	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	John Gormily RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	Olatunde Onyeacholam RIP
		<b>11.30am</b>	Eamon Commins RIP
<b>Monday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Norah, Mary & Paddy Lenehan RIP
<b>Tuesday</b> St Teresa of Jesus	15 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Frieda Sach RIP
<b>Wednesday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>7.15pm</b>	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		<b>7.30pm</b>	Marie Tweedie RIP
<b>Thursday</b> St Ignatius of Antioch	17 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Olivia Francesco RIP
<b>Friday</b> St Luke	18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Michael Reilly RIP & Hannah Brennan RIP
<b>Saturday</b>    Vigil Mass	19 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>9.15am</b>	Luke Maguire & Family Int
		<b>9.45-11.15am</b>	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		<b>10.30-11.15am</b>	Confessions
		<b>5.30-6pm</b>	Confessions
		<b>6.30pm</b>	Anthony, Josephine & Paula Camilleri & Alfred Farrugia RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.00am</b>	Mary McCarthy RIP
		<b>9.30am</b>	All Parishioners
		<b>11.30am</b>	Jack Hughes RIP
		<b>5.00pm</b>	Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction

**Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890**

*Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.*

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### **NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:**

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