

Surrender to God for a happier life

The second reading for this week's Mass is from the Letter to the Hebrews, and it speaks of the nature of the word of God. We're told that it is something alive and active, which cuts like a double-edged sword, judging secret emotions and thoughts; nothing can hide from it.

We're all used to the idea of having aspects of our lives that are private, that we keep to ourselves. We would all think it a little odd if someone went around telling all their inmost thoughts and feelings to any passer by! We'd rather that others didn't know everything there is to know about us. Part of the reason for that is that we have insecurities, failings, secret attachments and vices and so on which we are ashamed of, and we worry that others would run a mile if they actually knew what we were like.

However much we try and hide such things from others, there is no such hiding from God. God sees every aspect of us. And when we try and hide those realities from him, and even from ourselves, his word will challenge us, and reveal to us what we're trying to hide. That may seem like bad news to us, until we realise that it is the God who loves us and created us who also challenges us in the hidden places of our hearts. When his word cuts through, it isn't always easy for us. But we have nothing to fear. When we allow God access to every aspect of our lives – when we surrender to him, we open up the possibility of a happier, more fulfilled life, which points towards eternal life.

It's the unwillingness to surrender every aspect of his life to Christ that causes problems for the rich young man in this week's Gospel passage. He had kept all the commandments all of his life. But Jesus knew that he was holding back, and what he was holding back. When he tells the young man to go and sell everything, Jesus cuts him with the sword of his words. But the challenge to sell everything is too much, so he goes away. Notice, however how the young man goes away. The Gospel tells us that he went away a sad man. He keeps the wealth that he had, which we was so attached to, and yet in not giving it up and following Jesus, he seems to realise that he's missing out on what he needs most of all. He can't receive the challenge of Jesus's words as good news, which will enable him to walk the path of discipleship, and receive eternal life.

All of us are capable of holding back things from God. But God sees what we're holding back. And because he loves us, he continually challenges us to let go and allow him to enter and transform every aspect of our lives.

Fr Robert OP

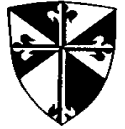
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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Entrance Antiphon:	If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.
1st Reading:	Wisdom 7:7-11
Psalm R:	<i>At 10.30: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice. Otherwise: Satisfy us with your mercy, O Lord, that we may rejoice. (Ps 90)</i>
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 4:12-13
Alleluia:	Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Gospel:	Mark 10:17-30
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Either: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. Or: When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.</i>

Baptism Preparation: the next session is on Sunday 1 November; please come to the sacristy at the end of the 10.30am Mass. If you wish to have your child baptised at Holy Cross, you need to attend one of these sessions, usually held on the first Sunday of each month.

Refugee Crisis. Our response is being co-ordinated by Christina Mottram. Please see our website and Facebook page, or contact her on cj.mottram@ntlworld.com.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Throughout October we should be thinking about our devotions, and especially the praying of the Rosary, long associated with our holy father Dominic and the Order. We pray the Rosary here at Holy Cross every day at 12 noon, except Sundays when it is at 6pm.

Children's Liturgy at the 10.30 Mass. The Children's Liturgy has begun again at the 10.30am Mass on Sundays and will continue each weekend until Christmas. This Liturgy is aimed at 1 to 10 year-olds and parents are encouraged to attend. The priest invites the children and parents to the Liturgy just before the Readings and we join Mass again at the Offertory. The Liturgy closely follows the Mass of the day with the same readings which we talk about and we sing the psalm and the alleluia. Any children who want to do a reading are encouraged to do so and the children receive a leaflet with the gospel reading and associated puzzles to take home. If you haven't joined us before or even if you are just visiting Holy Cross, you and your children will be very welcome.

200 Club: Members of the 200 Club may have noticed that we have not sent out reminders for the new Club year beginning this month. This is because the Club has ceased to be viable, and so, with regret, must close. We do thank all its members for their loyalty over the years, and be assured that we will be setting up a new money-raising venture before long.

MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £1721.52 (of which £542.30 was Gift Aided and £1179.22 was not), and in addition the parish receives approximately £240 per week in donations made by standing order, nearly all of which are Gift Aided; Solidarity Fund £2.13; Friends of Holy Cross £24.34; Holy Souls £62.12; Grenada Church Restoration £ - . The collection to help deal with the refugee crisis came to £552.73.

This week there is a retiring collection for *Home Mission Sunday*. This is the day in the Church's calendar when the Catholic community in England and Wales is invited to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. The theme of this year's Sunday is 'Proclaim God's Mercy'. The Bishops ask that a collection is taken in parishes to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

Next week there is a retiring collection for *World Mission Sunday*. Every year the needs of the Church in the Missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed.

200 Club. Last month's winners were: 128, K Brooker £150; 21, J Webb £100; and 130, I Pye £50. Congratulations!

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Organ Recital. Our organist, Thomas Keogh, will be giving a recital here on Wednesday 28 October at 7.30pm. It is the first of a series, and will be in aid of the music ministry at Holy Cross.

Welcome all students! Please come to the 6.10pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays which is followed each week by the Student Chaplaincy fellowship and meal. **Next Saturday, 17 October**, this Mass will especially mark the opening of the new academic year.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If your children are of the age to receive these sacraments (7+ for First Communion and 12+ for Confirmation), please see Fr David immediately for forms and information on instruction.

Holy Cross Christmas puddings and other desserts are on sale again this year. As well as improving every Christmas dessert table, they also make great presents. As always, any funds raised will support our work in the church and priory. Puddings can be ordered in advance; order forms are on the entrance tables or in the shop.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course will begin on Monday 16 November at 7pm. This programme is aimed at those who are interested in becoming Catholics, whether they have not been baptised or baptised in a different Christian tradition, and it is geared to the reception of sacraments at Easter. It also caters for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed, or those who simply feel it is time for a refresher course. Please see Fr David.



Today's Gospel: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

Year I	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 4
Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday per annum. Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents.	
Vigil	18.10 Pro populo	
	8.00 ✕ P Brennan	
Sung	10.30 Maureen Fernandes	
OP Rite	12.30 ✕ Catalina Martinez	
	19.00 Thanksgiving	
Monday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 Faustina & Suzanne	
	12.30 ✕ William Broderick	
	18.10 ✕ Timothy Broderick	
Tuesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ✕ Michael O'Connor	
	18.10 ✕ Maria Duina D'Souza	
Wednesday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Peter Reilly	
	12.30 Thanksgiving	
	18.10 ✕ Larry Cunningham	
Thursday	St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), Virgin and Doctor of the Church	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Eileen Quinn	
	12.30 ✕ James McAuley	
	18.10 ✕ John Shearer	
Friday	Feria	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Holy Souls	
	12.30 Gladys & Christopher Lobo	
	18.10 ✕ Eileen Quinn	
Saturday	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	
OP Rite	8.00 ✕ Holy Souls	
	10.00 Maureen Fernandes (for healing)	
	12.30 Private intention	
Next Sunday – Twenty-ninth Sunday per annum. Today is World Mission Day. Readings:		
Isaiah 53:10-11	Hebrews 4:14-16	Mark 10:35-45

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 10.30am Sunday Mass each week for tea, coffee, fruit juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome new students and other visitors.

News from the Parish Shop:

- ◆ We have been asked by a poor parish in Malawi to sell some handmade rosaries on their behalf to raise much needed funds. These are available at £2.50.
- ◆ We now have stock of 2016 diaries (£2 and £3) and calendars (£1), all of which represent very good value.

The shop is open after the 12.30pm Masses during the week, on Saturdays from 11am until after the 12.30pm Mass, and after every Sunday Mass. The shop is in the room beyond the sacristy.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
10.30 Sung Mass
12.30 Mass (Dominican Rite)
18.00 Exposition, Rosary, Compline & Benediction
19.00 Mass
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
11.00*Devotions & Exposition
12.15*Benediction
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
*WEDNESDAYS ONLY
SATURDAYS
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
9.00 Lauds
10.00 Mass
10.30 Devotions & Exposition
10.30 Confessions until 11.30
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.00 Confessions until 18.00
17.45 Vespers
18.10 Vigil Mass for Sunday
HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION
18.10 (previous day) Vigil Mass followed by Vespers
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
12.30 Mass
18.10 Mass followed by Vespers
BANK HOLIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
8.00 Mass (Dominican Rite)
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
Royal Infirmary Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits, leave a message at the Priory or at the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
Universities' Chaplain: Fr David Rocks: 0116 252 1512
Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30 Mass.
Baptisms: Saturday afternoons.
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