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## The 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**Readings: Sunday: Year B.**

**Weekdays: Twenty Eighth Week of the Year, Year I**

### Services This Week

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 am	Holy Mass - Jean Orme RIP
	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass – Jamie Campbell RIP
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – The Janes Family
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – The Vieira Family
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Sunil Joseph
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Feria 9:30 am	Holy Mass – Jean Orme RIP <b>Please note earlier than normal Mass time today</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa of Jesus <b>No Mass Today</b>	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Feria 10:00 am	Holy Mass – Sunil Joseph
	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Jean Orme RIP
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00 am (Streamed)	Holy Mass -
	2:00 pm	Holy Mass - Syro Malankara rite
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass - The People of the Parish

*The 10:00 Mass on Sunday is streamed live. The link to watch this on the Mass Times page of the parish web site.*

Under the current restrictions there will be no Children's Liturgy group, no coffee after church and no hymns sung at 10:00 Mass. The homily will be kept short, the collection and offertory procession will be omitted, the sign of peace will not be exchanged and special arrangements for Holy Communion will apply. Although no longer mandatory, we are committed to following Government guidance on social distancing. Please ensure you maintain a 2 metre distance separation from each other whilst entering, leaving and inside church and remember that Government guidance is still that you wear a face covering whilst in church.

## Today's Gospel

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions. The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers. Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions. The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow *me*." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him. We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God. Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

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## Prisoners' Sunday

Today is Prisoners' Sunday, the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel reminds us of our duties towards them: "I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical Prisons' Week, a week of prayer founded by Bishop Victor Guazzelli in 1975, which raises awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. Since then, Prisons' Week has prepared prayer literature to enable the Christian community to pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of prisons.

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## Jean Orme RIP

Jean Orme, the wife of Fr Martin Orme who was assistant priest at St Mary Magdalens for many years during Fr Russell Frost's tenure as parish priest, sadly passed away on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Her requiem will be celebrated by Fr Russell Frost, with Bishop Alan Hopes in attendance, at St Pancras Church, Ipswich, tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12:00 noon.

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## Novena to St John Paul II for the defeat of the Assisted Suicide Bill

There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the second reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill falls. We are all asked by the bishops to pray the following novena prayer daily from 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October: *Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may*

*grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

This prayer should then be followed by one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one , Glory Be.

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### **Jamie Campbell RIP**

We would like to express our gratitude to the Campbell family who have made various donations to the parish in remembrance of their young son Jamie who died unexpectedly at the beginning of March this year. You will have spotted that the old church notice board, which was past its best, has now been replaced by a striking new board which has been presented by the family in memory of Jamie.

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### **Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Commission**

There are two upcoming events organised by the Diocesan MFLC - a Mass for Miscarriage will be today, 10<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon. This will be a special Mass of consolation and hope for families who have lost a child and will be celebrated at the church of Our Lady & St Ethelreda, Newmarket. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Also at the church of Our Lady & St Ethelreda, Newmarket on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a special Mass for those affected by infertility. This will be followed by a talk from Dr Phil Boyle, President of the International Institute of Restorative Reproductive Medicine and founder of NeoFertility. It is respectfully asked that children do not attend this special Mass.

More information about these events, and the Marriage and Family Life Commission generally, can be found on the Diocesan web site, or follow the link on the parish web site.

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### **Walsingham Pilgrimage**

As the Covid restrictions are now lifted, the LIFE pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will once again take place, this year on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Pilgrims will be travelling from several places, some by coach, some by other means, but organisers are aware that for many, such a venture would be a risk, and there are many still cautious of the possibility of infection. For all those, and for those for whom distance prevents them attending in person, the Shrine livestream (Watch Livestream - Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady) will carry the main events of the day and allow those who wish to join in the prayers and devotions. The main programme commences with the midday Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, celebrated by Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury. Details of the remainder of the programme can be found on the LIFE website at <http://www.prolifepilgrimage.org>.

Bishop Mark has chosen as the theme for the day, 'The Courage to Proclaim the Gospel of Life on Post-Pandemic Britain'. It would be wonderful if you can join in prayer with those in Walsingham on that day, that the Light of Christ will overcome the darkness in the minds of politicians and all people so that they can see the truth of the sanctity of human life.

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### **World Mission Sunday**

World Mission Sunday is on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. This year, we will be celebrating World Mission Sunday on 24<sup>th</sup> October, and on that day there will be a retiring collection taken to support the works of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (Missio).

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### **The Sick of the Parish**

We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit: John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly, Pippa Williamson, Carol Sims and Annick Smith.

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### **Parish Anniversaries**

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Jean Denny (2003), Agnes Marchant (1997), Giuseppe Buglione (2006), Frederick Dooley (1969), Dr Leslie Moss (1990), Margaret Nicholls (2002), William Lynch (2009), June Drew (2003), Patrick Rea (2007) and John Bruen (2013) whose anniversaries occur this week. A complete list of anniversaries of all the dear departed of the parish can be found on the web site.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Mass Readings: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time: 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.**

**Entrance Antiphon:**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**Collect:**

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**First Reading:** Wis. 7:7-11 *Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps. 89:12-17

**Response to the psalm is:** *Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.*

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of the heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. ☩  
In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. ☩  
Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord rest upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. ☩

**Second Reading:** Heb. 4:12-13 *The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him: everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30 *Go and sell everything you own and follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother." And he said to him, "Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, "My children," he said to them, "how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 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." They were more astonished than ever. "In that case" they said to one another "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For men" he said "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God."

Peter took this up. "What about us?" he asked him. "We have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life."

*Short form – read italicised text only*

**Prayer over the Offerings:**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ Our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon:**

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Prayer after Communion:**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment that comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Through Christ our Lord.