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## **Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm – Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel – Mark 10:17-30

What must I do with my life? Which choice is better, which direction should I take, who should I become? We face many choices on a daily basis, majority of them quite trivial. The questions relating to our relationships and careers have more serious consequences. The question of the young man in the Gospel is even more important – his eternal destiny is at stake. He must have known that he was doing quite well by fulfilling the commandments and the rules, and yet he knew something was still missing. He came to the Lord to seek the answer. God's response was that the young man still didn't give himself fully to God together with all he possessed. God wasn't satisfied with a few things but wanted all of him. The young man's face fell at the answer and he walked away sad.

We all face a similar struggle. We give generously, we donate to charity, we say prayers, we make novenas, we attend Mass on a Sunday, we look after our families as best we can – is there anything else we need to be doing? The Lord says: give me everything you have and let go of it for me. He doesn't want us all to become beggars, but He is asking for something more precious and valuable than the things we do. To give our hearts to somebody else requires a great amount of trust, faith, and love. In order for God to become the center of our lives, all others need to fall in their rightful order. A lot of the time the choice isn't between good and evil, and that is what can make it so much more painful.

The Lord promises us divine assistance in the midst of all that we face. His Spirit of wisdom is ever ready to share with us, to inspire us, to guide us. St. Francis of Assisi teaches us that the presence of the Lord's Spirit in our hearts is the most important possession we need to seek. Let us invoke the same Spirit and ask what I must do to inherit eternal life. Let us also pray for the grace to receive the answer with openness and trust, that it is all possible with the grace of God.

**Br. Charles Serignat OFM Cap R.I.P.** – Br. Charles died peacefully on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at St. Luke's Hospital in Headington. He made his first profession on 10<sup>th</sup> January 1971 and was ordained as a priest on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1975. He fulfilled a number of roles in the Province and served the Order as a translator. He became guardian at Greyfriars in September 2016. His body will be received into the church on Sunday at 7p.m. Requiem Mass will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11a.m. His funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 10a.m. in Pantasaph. Thank you to all parishioners and others who have been praying for Br. Charles during these last months of his illness.

**Church Hall Renovations** – As you can see we are still awaiting the vital works to be carried out on our parish hall in order to prevent water damaging the building further. We are planning a good clean of the hall in the meantime so that we can start using the space for various parish events and functions. The plan is to have a parish hall we can all be proud of, a warm and welcoming place not just for parishioners, but also for the use of the wider community. All of this will need a lot of financial assistance and I together with the parish committee responsible for the project of renovating the hall will be calling on your support in many ways in the near future. Start thinking about ways in which we can fundraise as a community or you as an individual. We will be presenting our proposals as well as the journey towards achieving our goals through our website and in the porch at the back of the church. I pray we will all engage with the work, even if your contribution would be to pray for its success. It is all deeply appreciated.

**Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** – This is a vital ministry in support of the community that has been suspended throughout this pandemic. I would like to have a full picture of who has been involved in this ministry and would appreciate you getting in touch with me to let me know if you are one of those people, preferably via e-mail.

**Rosary Prayer Group Fridays 7.00p.m.** – From next Friday we would like to resume our weekly Rosary Prayer Group. We would meet every week in church to ask Our Lady's protection over our parishioners and the whole world. Come and join us.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – Just a note to remind all parishioners that our church opens from 5.30 p.m. on Saturday evenings for a time of silent adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a perfect opportunity for some quiet prayer and reflection, which ends at 6.15 p.m. with benediction.

**House Visits / Blessings** – An important part of my service to you as your parish priest is to come to know you, pray with you, and bless you. That is why I would like to invite myself into your homes! – not for a 3-course meal, not even a cup of tea required, but to meet you, chat, and pray. Don't be afraid – I won't turn up uninvited. If you'd like a visit, just get in touch in any way you can – speak to me after Mass in the sacristy, email, phone, fill out the form on the website, or fill in a card that should be available at the back of the church.

**1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2022** – If you would like your child to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation, please get in touch in order to sign your child for the relevant course. All classes will begin from January, but the sooner you let us know the better. Please fill in the relevant form on the website or speak to me in person. You have until mid-December to ensure your child is signed up.

**R.C.I.A. 2022** – If you are a Catholic who has never received the Sacrament of Confirmation, or you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church, then this course is for you. You have until the end of the week to fill in the relevant form as soon as possible on our website or speak to one of the friars. Classes will commence in mid-October.

**Parish Council** – The Parish Council meets on a regular basis throughout the year to ensure we work together as a community of our Lord's disciples and address any aspects of our life together to support everyone in our life of faith. If you would like to contribute to our parish life in anyway, or feel we could be doing something more and you'd like to get involved, or have some constructive suggestions, feel free to get in touch with them, please send your e-mail to [pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pct.ofmca.oxford@rcaob.org.uk)

### **Intercessory Prayer Group**

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email [GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com](mailto:GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com) or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

### **Diocesan Newsletter**

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**Mass Times and Intentions**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**

6.30 p.m. (Sat)	Mary Murphy R.I.P. 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.
9.00 a.m.	Joe Young R.I.P.
11.00 a.m.	Parishioners
5.30 p.m.	Holy Souls

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	Terry McDonna R.I.P.
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**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	Nellie Cotter
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***St. Seraphin of Montegranaro***

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	Jimmy & Geraldine & Family
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***St. Edward the Confessor***

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	Johnnyboy & Louise Collins & Family
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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 a.m.	Isabella Pereira (Birthday)
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***St. Teresa of Avila***

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

8.00 a.m.	Friars & Benefactors
6.30 p.m.	Holy Souls

***St. Margaret Mary Alacoque***

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott**. If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.