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## Newsletter for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 4

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### ‘Wearing the Right Clothes’

The last three Sundays we have had some perhaps shocking parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. Heaven is on God’s terms and the question is, will we accept it or not? It is a decision upon which our eternal destiny depends.

Today’s **Parable of the Wedding Feast** (Matthew 22:1-14) gives us an image of God who calls all people to share a great feast with Him, but unfortunately He doesn’t get the response He is looking for. The banquet is ready, yet very few are actually interested in coming. Some it just doesn’t suit them, while others were downright wicked. Their hearts and minds have been darkened by sin. But Our Lord is very patient with us and He goes on calling us while we remain on this earth. Hell, symbolised here by darkness and the “*weeping and grinding of teeth*” exists because God respects our freedom to choose.

There will also be people who want to come in to the feast only on their own terms. They are symbolised by the man wearing the wrong clothes. “*How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?*” And he was subsequently thrown out because he wasn’t ‘wearing the right clothes’ meaning he wasn’t in a **state of grace** and he had no good works. We have to be *prepared* to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, and if we’re wise we will be making those preparations now. Am I in a state of grace and striving to live my life in a way which is pleasing to God, or are worldly things more attractive and important? Do I give in easily to sinful desires? Am I acknowledging JESUS as Lord and following His example by living out my faith and doing good deeds in His Name? Or am I continually putting things off until next week, next month or next year?

Now is the time to act and become a saint. We should not think this is ridiculous because Our Lord told us we have to be *perfect* (Matthew 5:48). If it wasn’t attainable for us He would never have said it. Every opportunity we’re given in life to do good or help someone else is actually a gift and a blessing, because it allows us to continue working on our wedding garment, to grow in grace and merit. It is important to be in a state of grace, otherwise our good works have no supernatural value and they merit us nothing for Heaven. If we lose the state of grace, we should go to Confession as soon as possible. You need the ‘right clothes’ to get into Heaven and we can only put them on in this life. **Confessions are every Saturday morning 10.30-11.30am** or by appointment. Make sure your wardrobe is in order!

*Fr Paul Gillham, IC*

## MASS INTENTIONS AT ST MARY'S

<b>Sat</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Albert & Jeanne Robinson RIP – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Catherine Fields RIP (Anniversary) – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
		<b>11.15am</b>	For the Parish – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
		4.00pm	Italian Mass
<b>Mon</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15am</b>	William & Edward Angrave RIP – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Criselda Castillo RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Weds</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	May Martin RIP – <b>PUBLIC MASS (Latin old rite)</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Olive Snelson RIP
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour for Vocations</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	For all babies in danger of abortion – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
		<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>First Confessions</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.15am	Deceased members of the Hallam & Faulks families
		2.30pm	<i>Baptism</i>
		<b>10.30am-</b>	<b>Private prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</b>
		<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions available 10.30am-11.30am</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	For the Parish – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b>	
		<b>9.00am</b>	Private Intention – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>
		<b>11.15am</b>	Antonino Lanza RIP – <b>PUBLIC MASS</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Although the times of Masses are all displayed in this newsletter, the PRIVATE Masses (ie those not open to the public) will not necessarily be offered at those times. But the Masses will all be celebrated for the particular intentions on the days advertised.

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**NB: Due to government regulations regarding personal data (GDPR),  
we are only able to publicise the Mass intentions for the deceased  
in the online edition of the newsletter.**

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**PLEASE PRAY for those who have recently died:** Ian Yeoman, Fr Terry Fellows and Janet Edwards **May they rest in peace**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Frederick Smith, Joe Elsner, Eva Rouse, Phyllis Wood, Alexandra Edwards, Michael Miles, Fred Papilota, Tony Lanza, Frank Mills, Albert Robinson, Brian Dzugzewicz, Karol Baron, John Lambert, Anne Moore, Allen Junio, Gisela Rodgers, Marie Strafford, Frances England, Elizabeth Elliott, Edna Pervin, Terry Gilbert and Criselda Castillo

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:** After a pause of eight months there will be a revival of our monthly Holy Hour for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life this **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.** You know what good it has done already! "*Ask and you will receive.*" You don't need to book. Just come and join us.  
*Fr Paul*

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** is next weekend (**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October**) and there is another mandated Second Collection for this. It is when the entire global Church comes together to support mission. Every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It's an opportunity to show our solidarity with the Church throughout the whole world.

**POPE FRANCIS ON THE ROSARY:** "I invite everyone to rediscover, especially during this month of October, the beauty of the prayer of the Rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries ... I invite you to pray the Rosary, and to carry it in your hands or in your pockets. The recitation of the Rosary is the most beautiful prayer we can offer to the Virgin Mary ... Even today, in this time of pandemic, it is necessary to hold the Rosary in our hands, praying for us, for our loved ones and for all people" (7<sup>th</sup> October 2020).

**VENERABLE CARLO ACUTIS,** who died aged 15 in 2006 and is a wonderful example particularly for young people, was beatified on **10<sup>th</sup> October** in Assisi. You can learn more about his fascinating life at: [www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/date-set-for-beatification-of-catholic-computer-programming-teen-carlo-acutis-22071](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/date-set-for-beatification-of-catholic-computer-programming-teen-carlo-acutis-22071).

**HERMITAGE OF OUR LADY & SAINT BENEDICT, ELSTON:** The Hermitage Fathers, David & Richard in Elston are available to offer spiritual direction and Confession at their 'Hermitage.' in a safe and socially distanced setting. To enquire please telephone: 01636 526947 or email: [hermitage.fathers@gmail.com](mailto:hermitage.fathers@gmail.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Dominic Remedios, our excellent keyboard player at the 9am Mass. He has won an organ scholarship to Downing College in Cambridge beginning in October 2021.

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERBY** was severely damaged by fire a week ago on Saturday. You may have seen this in the news. Let us keep all concerned in our prayers.  
*Fr Paul*

**THE NEXT COLLECTION FOR THE LOUGHBOROUGH FOOD BANK** will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October** between 10.30 and 11.00am in the church car park. The John Storer House team have suggested the following items: soft drinks in cans or small cartons, tea bags, instant coffee, drinking chocolate in jars or small sachets, chocolate and plain biscuits, chocolate confectionery, bottles of fruit squash to dilute, packets of dried soup. Very many thanks for your continued support of this venture. Parishioners will be in the car park and as usual we will observe social distancing with mask and glove wearing. Thank you for your continued support in this venture.  
*Jane Monaghan*

**WOULD ANYONE LIKE A LODGER/PAYING GUEST?** 25-year-old graduate, employed, daughter of parishioners who are about to move from the area, needs to find lodgings. If you can help, please phone (Sheila) 07867941464 / (Alan) 07780921976.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

**LEADER:** Please kneel for our prayer for vocations. Let us ask God to give worthy Priests to His Holy Church and Brothers and Sisters to Religious Orders.

**ALL:** O God, we earnestly beseech You to bless this diocese with many priests, brothers and sisters, who will gladly spend their entire lives serving Your Church and making You known and loved.

**LEADER:** Bless our families. Bless our children.

**ALL:** Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work.

**LEADER:** Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

**ALL:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. *Amen.*

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**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. *Amen.*

**A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as being already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**FROM THE SAINTS:** “But put on the Lord JESUS Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires” (*St Paul to the Romans, 13:14*).

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**PRE-BOOKING PLACES FOR MASS:** Online bookings can be made on the diocesan website at <https://massbooking.uk> Telephone bookings can be made by calling 0115 648 1474, Monday-Friday between 9am and 4pm. Due to the higher demand at weekend Masses, a pre-booked seat is not guaranteed if you arrive after Mass has begun. May I take this opportunity to remind you that **the Sunday obligation is still suspended, and therefore I would encourage some of you to take advantage of attending Mass during the week if possible** to help ease the numbers at the weekend. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

**Second collection next weekend:** World Missions

<b>LAST WEEK'S FINANCE:</b>	
First Collection: <b>£468</b> , of which <b>£114</b> was gift-aided	
Second Collection – Peter's Pence: <b>£220</b>	
Standing orders: <b>£776</b>	<i>Thank you</i>