

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING 11th OCTOBER 2009

Sunday, 11 October, 2009 – Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) Welfare of ANN PRITCHARD Joan Grieve

10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy KATHLEEN BOOTH, R.I.P. Julia, Joe & Olivia

3.30 pm **ROSARY & BENEDICTION**

Fr. Raymond Brennan

Monday, 12 October, 2009 – St. Wilfred – White

NO MASS TODAY

Fr. Charles Briggs

Tuesday, 13 October, 2009 – St. Edward the Confessor – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am NORMAN & MABEL CHAPMAN, R.I.P. Foundation

Fr. Timothy Buckley

Wednesday, 14 October, 2009 – Feria – Green

10 am Welfare of EILEEN DAVIES & FAMILY Joan Grieve

Fr. Douglas Bull

Thursday, 15 October, 2009 – St. Teresa of Avila – White

9.30 am EXPOSITION

10 am JEAN SPICER, R.I.P. John Spicer

7.30 pm INTERFAITH EVENING: Faith and Food

Canon Michael Bunce

Friday, 16 October, 2009 – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque – White

10 am ALFRED WYATT, R.I.P. Emma HW

Fr. David Caline

Saturday, 17 October, 2009 – St. Ignatius of Antioch – Red

10 am PETER CATHERWOOD, R.I.P. Victoria & Tony Clark

10.45 am & 4.45 pm Confession

Fr. David Camilleri

Sunday, 18 October, 2009 – Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time – Green

5.30 pm (Saturday) CAROLINE BAILEY'S INTENTIONS

10 am Inc. Children's Liturgy ALLTOFT FAMILY INTENTIONS

3.30 pm **ROSARY & BENEDICTION**

Fr. Patrick Cannon

RED BOXES

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR RED BOX FOR EMPTYING. LEAVE IT IN THE SACRISTY

MASS ATTENDANCES Twenty-seventh Sunday

Saturday (3 October)	5.30 pm	61
Sunday (4 October)	10 am	128

PARISH INCOME Weekend of 3 & 4 October

Offertory	Saturday	£113.54
	Sunday	£135.74

Anniversary this week:

Winifred Bartram (1994), Cornelius Lynch (2000), George Brennan (2002), Reginald Lehan (2007), Ronald Rockcliffe (1992), Benjamin Gonzalez-Bello (2003), Christine O'Toole (1990), Sr. Edith O'Neill (1997), Charlotte Chatfield (1996)

Your Prayers are asked for:

Sister Maria Fitzpatrick, who died recently, and Laurence Melrose. May they rest in peace.

The sick: Violet Ding, Sheila Slater, Kate Aldous, Michael Oakley, Jessica Bright, Louis Clark, Geoff Shawcase, Carole French, Teresa Rowan, Sister Anna, Pat Whaley, Len Lane, Peg Bunnage, Joyce Doyle, Victoria, Win Thilman, Theresa Daniels, John Hammond, John Richardson (former Vicar of St. Saviours Westgate) and Mary his wife, Teresa McCarthy.

Sean McNiff back from Afghanistan, thanks you for your prayers; remember our forces still there.

THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS – 19th June 2009 to 19th June 2010 has been declared by Pope Benedict to be a year of special prayer for Priests and the Priesthood – remember our current priests and pray for new vocations.

DAILY REMEMBER THESE PRIESTS IN PRAYER

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Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B), 11 October, 2009

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Fr. John writes:-

We may have nothing in this world that we can call our own, but having Christ, the wisdom of God, we possess all things; we are rich in him. He is the word of God that is alive and active in our hearts.

A very special thank you to all who contributed to the Harvest Thanksgiving last weekend, not only did the church look resplendent, but all the produce was able to be sold or given away to help the needy

The death occurred of Laurence Melrose, the son of Pat Whaley, may our prayers go out to the family, and may he rest in peace.

Please try and pray the Rosary this month, and today (Sunday) at 3.30 pm we shall have the Mysteries of Light, when we meditate on the preaching, teaching and healing ministry of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday, 6 DECEMBER, Starting at 11.30 am (after the 10 am Mass). Next week we would like you to especially bring in Toiletry Gifts – Please try to donate something every week from every family.

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

The tickets for this year's Grand Christmas Draw are now available. Please take some Draw Tickets and don't be afraid to ask for extra books.

"COME, FOLLOW ME . . ." The theme of next year's Deanery 'Celebration of Faith' in May. The next meeting of Parish Teams takes place at Parkminster on Saturday, 24 October at 10 am.

DIARY DATES

- NEXT THURSDAY, 15 October, 2009. FOOD & FAITH. The first of this season's Interfaith meetings takes place here at St. Peter's. There will be a talk on the meaning and use of Food in religion. Also a chance to sample

various foods from some of Thanet's Faith communities. Starting at 7.30 pm in the Hall.

- Saturday, 24 October, 2009. A 1939 QUIZ NIGHT, 7 pm in the Hall. UCM for their priesthood fund. Bring your own 'Brains & Booze' or soft substitutes! **Tickets now available.**
- Saturday, 7 November, 2009. The Canterbury Vigils – 100 minutes of music, prayer & silence. Holy Trinity, Cliftonville, at 7.30 pm.
- Wednesday, 11 November, 2009. First in a series: Exploring Marks' Gospel. St. Austin's, Margate at 7.30 pm (See Poster in porch).
- Saturday, 28 November – Ursuline College Christmas Fair
- Sunday, 6 December – **CHRISTMAS FAIR**
- Thursday, 17 December – ANNUAL CAROL CONCERT with Brass Band at 7.30 pm.

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10 am Mass – Come along it's ONLY 20p a drink!

During this current flu pandemic the following conditions for the reception of Holy Communion will be maintained: **SACRED HOST IN THE HAND ONLY** (No delivery of the host directly on the tongue). **NO COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE.**

Sunday PLUS

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Week IV

Wisdom

What would you value more than health or beauty, more than riches or thrones? What above all else in life would you desire for yourself? We are told that many young people aspire to celebrity status more than anything else in the world. To the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" the answer comes quickly, "A celebrity."

It seems somewhat strange that we have people in our society who are famous only for being famous, not because they have achieved anything of note or added insight to the great fund of human wisdom. If young people want to be recognised and celebrated above everything else, what does that say of the level of appreciation they feel in the middle of everyday life?

In today's first reading the writer esteems wisdom above everything else in life: it is something he has prayed for and been given. What is wisdom? What does it mean to be wise? The philosopher Bertrand Russell noted: "I think the essence of wisdom is emancipation, as far as possible, from the tyranny of the here and now."

We all get caught up in the absolutism of the present moment, but wisdom gives us distance to look at ourselves and the world from a wider perspective. If being a celebrity means being idolised, for now, in the spotlight, being wise means being in love, for ever, with enlightenment. *Denis McBride C.5s.R.* www.denismcbride.com

Live the Word

Readings for the week:

Sunday 11 October
Wisdom 7:7-11;
Hebrews 4:12-13;
Mark 10:17-30

Monday 12 October
Romans 1:1-7;
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday 13 October
Romans 1:16-25;
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday 14 October
Romans 2:1-11;
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday 15 October
Romans 3:21-30;
Luke 11:47-54

Friday 16 October
Romans 4:1-8;
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday 17 October
Romans 4:13. 16-18;
Luke 12:9-12

Next Sunday's readings:
Isaiah 53:10-11;
Hebrews 4:14-16;
Mark 10:35-45

*"Love is an act of
endless forgiveness."*

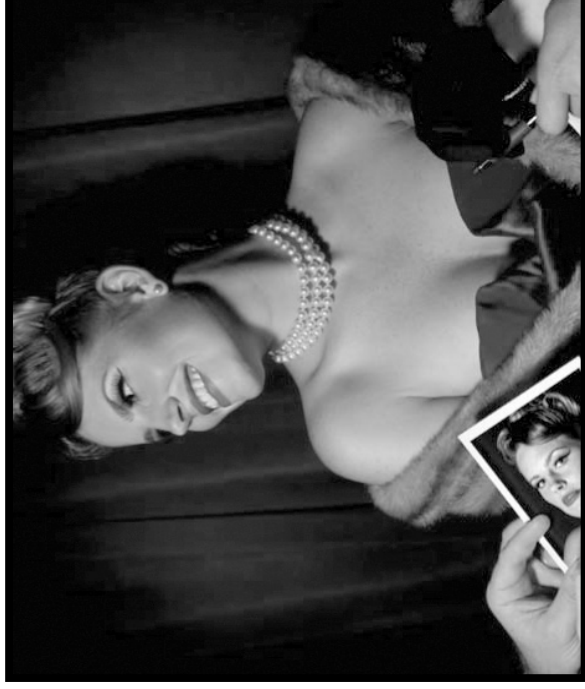
Jean Vanier

Travelling in hope

At the beginning of today's Gospel Jesus sets out on a journey, a perilous thing to undertake in those days. The chief danger for travellers was from bandits. There were no police forces, and detachments of soldiers only dealt with the most vicious and persistent of robber bands. Travellers, like soldiers themselves, had to

*"Wise people talk because they have
something to say; fools, because they have
to say something."*

Plato



with Caroline Fletcher



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Isn't the Bible really negative towards women?

There are some very difficult passages in the Bible which seem negative, such as one which tells women to be silent in church. Today we can only guess at what issues inspired such instructions and scholars disagree when interpreting these passages. Some suggest that behind them lay a tension between Christian belief in female equality and what might be considered seemingly or appropriate in cultures where

women were still considered second-class citizens.

However, there are many more parts of the Bible which are unequivocally positive towards women. Jesus' attitude was very radical: religious teachers did not talk to women, yet time and again Jesus taught and healed them and told stories with women as the main characters. He had many female followers (Luke 8:1-3), some of whom were told of Christ's resurrection before the male disciples.

St Paul had many women fellow-workers in his churches: look how many he commends in Romans 16. He instructed husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church (a tall order!) and spoke of the equality of men and women in Galatians 3:28.

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move in large groups and would be armed, ready to defend themselves. Inns were no places of safety. They were usually about a full day's walk apart, about 35 kilometres, and, unless you were rich, you shared your room with strangers. Since there were no credit cards, you had to carry your money with you. The consequences were obvious. Theft was an everyday occurrence. *Roger Murphy*