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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10th October 2021

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October: Missionary Disciples - We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

Sat 9th	6 p.m.	A Halsey R.I.P. People of the Parish	
Sun 10th	9.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m.	P & M Cahillane R.I.P. V Okafor R.I.P.	No Evening Mass
Mon 11th	Feria	B McNicholas R.I.P.; F Rossetti R.I.P.	
Tues 12th	Feria	A A Oliveira R.I.P.	
Wed 13th	St Edward the Confessor	7 p.m. T Sant R.I.P.	
Thurs 14th	Feria	S McGinty R.I.P.	
Fri 15th	St Teresa of Jesus	A McGovern R.I.P.	
Sat 16th	Our Lady's Saturday	J Riordan R.I.P. <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i>	Reconciliation 10.40 a.m. & 5.15 p.m.

Real Riches

The preacher had placed a mirror at the end of the church. He asked everyone to look in it and at the edge of the mirror was written, 'this is your greatest treasure'. The rich man in the gospel thought treasure was in wealth, and this made him sad. The wisdom of Jesus is that wealth is not the final happiness. Our biggest treasure is inside ourselves - each of us made in the image of God, by love and for love.

Does our culture today value the dignity of each person and the treasure that each person is? It's good to have a good house - but sad that it takes up so much energy and expense. Does our hospital care for the elderly and many others value the dignity and the treasure that each person is? Can we go into A and E and say all these people are treasures or just trolley holders? We still have schools and buildings which are substandard for our children.

In any parish the best gift of God to the parish is its people, like in a school or any institution which gathers people together. The rush of life and a general self-centeredness can take the focus off the essential in communities and in people. The gospel today asks us to look in the right place for our true wealth and riches – in our giving of time and self to others in the sort of relationships of love which value the worth and dignity of all.

- Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey / Syria to Manchester, 8000 km, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on **Monday 25th October at 2pm**, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. You are invited to join Cardinal Vincent for this Welcome Liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. It is during half term week, an opportunity for families to come together. Further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walk-withamal.org/>

The October Candlelit Procession at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden will take place this Sunday at 7:00pm. The procession begins at the Shrine at 1 Nicoll Road NW10 9AX, making our way through local streets and praying the Rosary. Following the procession, we return to the Shrine for homily and Benediction. Bishop Michael Campbell OSA will preach. All are most welcome to attend and join in prayer to Our Mother, that she may wrap her protective mantle around us.

- **Thank you from Year 6 at St Margaret's for your support of the MacMillan coffee morning. £609 was raised. Well done to everyone involved!**

- **St Margaret Clitherow School:** Foodbank is open Monday – Friday 12.00 – 1 p.m. The foodbank operates to offer support to all families in need within the parish. If you would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 84503631 or speak to Fr Albert or Mary.
- **Donations** for the foodbank can be left at church or handed into the school. Your support is very much appreciated by our parish families.

Keeping our church, a safe place to gather to worship:

Please use sanitisers as you enter and leave the church.

Wearing a face mask is strongly recommended

Track & Trace: we are still obliged to keep record of people attending, there are a number of ways you can do this – 1. **You can** use QR code in porch. 2. **You can** write your details on sheet in porch or if you prefer **you can** register online for weekday and weekend masses.

- **Church Offerings:** Thank you to everyone who continues to support the parish financially. If you wish to donate by standing order our details **WRDCT English Martyrs** Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account Number 71308335. You can also use the contactless machine at the back of the church. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

- **Floristry** for Beginners & Intermediate 10-week course **begin this Tuesday 12th October** at 6.30 a.m. See poster or contact Joanna on 07816291474 or Hussein on 07979854602 for details.

- **First Communion 2022:** Closing date for application forms is next Friday 14th October.

Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

*I believe that you are present in the Holy
Sacrament of the altar.*

*I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you
into my soul.*

*Since I cannot now receive you sacramen-
tally,*

*come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen*

Prisoners' Sunday – this year on 10 October – is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents 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 of Matthew 25: 36 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.'