



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2021

Legend connects the book of Wisdom with Solomon, who succeeded his father, King David, on the throne of Israel. In the story of Solomon (see 1 Kings 3:4-9) the young king prays to God, not for riches or power, but for an understanding heart to govern the people. God grants his request and also rewards him with riches and glory beyond compare. In the passage from Wisdom, we hear the narrator (usually thought to be Solomon) tell how he prayed for wisdom, desiring her more than any earthly treasure. The author writes in the style of much of the wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes, for instance). Unlike the prophets who got their message from visions or the voice of God, the lessons in wisdom literature are drawn from life experience.

Wisdom (in Hebrew, *hokmah*, and in Greek, *Sophia*) was paired with understanding and discernment. Wisdom is feminine; she is depicted as the reflection of God and image of God's goodness (see Wisdom 7:26). She is also God's master crafter and the first of God's acts (see Proverbs 8:22). In Wisdom 10, she is cast as God in the retelling of stories from Genesis and Exodus. Some scholars have called her the feminine face of God. Whatever her identity, ancient writers saw great beauty and treasure in Wisdom. They consider her a pathway to God. Thus wisdom literature is full of prayers for wisdom.

The Wisdom reading provides a nice counterpoint to the Gospel where Jesus discusses the price of discipleship. "Riches" in the Gospel means everything related to worldly wealth, possessions, and relationships. None of these we can stand in the way of the service of God. When the disciples look at the implications of the word "rich" and realise there are many ways of being rich, they cry out in frustration: "Then who can be saved?" For Jesus, the answer is not in doubt. Rich or poor, God must be the centre of life, but the rich must work especially hard to overcome attachments to their worldly goods. He might have recited Wisdom's prayer for them.

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday 10th October 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 10 th October	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Monday 11 th October	St John XXIII, Priest
Tuesday 12 th October	Saints Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga, Religious
Friday 15 th October	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), Virgin, Religious, Dr of church
Sunday 17 th October	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Timetable of Masses:

Sunday Masses 10am & 12pm

Both the 10am and 12pm masses are now open for *People's Physical Participation*. The 10am mass will also be livestreamed.

Weekday Masses

Mondays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesdays	9am	Eucharistic Service
Thursdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Fridays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Saturdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners

As the pandemic is still not gone away completely, we are still asked to be careful with regard to safety procedures. So please continue wearing masks and keep safe distance and sanitise your hands.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 10 th October	10.00 am	Greta Street – Intentions (donor – James & Marion Scully)
	12.00 am	John Byrne – Intentions (donor – James & Marion Scully)
Monday 11 th October	9.00 am	
Tuesday 12 th October	9.00 am	Phil Fowley – RIP (donor – Bridget Fowley)
Wednesday 13 th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 14 th October	9.00 am	
Friday 15 th October	9.00 am	
Saturday 16 th October	9.00 am	
Sunday 17 th October	10.00 am	
	12.00 am	

Parish Notice Board

RIP

Please continue to pray for the families of Don Muscat and David Calder whose funerals took place during the week.

2nd Collection

The second collection today is for Prisoners Sunday. Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2021 - Summer 2022

The above First Holy Communion Programme will commence this coming Autumn. Would parents of children who are parishioners of English Martyrs, and who will be Year 3 and above in September 2021, please sign and take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the form, along with a copy of their Baptism Certificate, to Fr Britto at the Presbytery. Closing date will be Sunday 17th October. Thank you.

School Admissions

Secondary School Applications for September Year 2022

To obtain a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Britto will be available to see parents on Monday 11th October between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm, which will be the last scheduled day. Parents will be seen on a first come first served basis. Please wait in the Church. **For any late applications, please contact the office for an appointment.** Thank you.

Confirmation Programme 2021-2022

Those who are in Yr 10 and above and are willing to go through our confirmation programme please register your interest by signing our form at the back of the church.

RCIA 2021-22

If anyone is interested in joining our community of Faith in the Catholic Church, please send me an email letter and contact telephone number to be enrolled for the RCIA program.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Parish Finance

Sunday 3rd October 2021 Gift Aid £45.00 Loose plate - £73.25 Total £118.25

Harvest Fast Day £30

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel, Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, and Mary Wright. Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Parish Mission in Chingford

Saturday 16th October – Thursday 21st October, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will preach at all masses. Monday 18th – Thursday 21st 9.15am, morning mass in the church, 7pm - Evening Mission Service in the church. <https://www.franciscanfriars.com/media-1>
All are most welcome. To watch on line please google “Our Lady of Grace Chingford Facebook videos”

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Climate Crisis Appeal

Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the [CAFOD website](http://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) (cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis) and help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online [petition](#) calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, cafod.org.uk/climate. And thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan

The Brentwood Ursuline convent High school

For sixth form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4th November 2021 from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be a Headteacher’s talk at 6.30pm.

Admissions To Sacred Heart Of Mary Girls’ School, Upminster For Year 7 In September 2022 : Please complete the form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesdQjCQzxSiU7BOhMBOISRTTx9CubDBS7t4zs7V2ry2sVSmQ/viewform?usp=sf_link or under the Admissions Section on the website www.sacredheartofmary.net to choose a slot for a Q & A session with the Headteacher, Vivienne Qurrey. We are unable to hold a face-to-face Open Evening this year, but are really keen to explain the Admissions process to parents and give them the chance to ask questions about the school.

Sessions are: Thursday 7 October at 6.00 p.m, Tuesday 12 October at 5.00 p.m, Thursday, 14 October at 4.30 p.m.

Vacancies

For more information and application forms, please visit www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk.

Parish Priest: Fr Britto Belevendran, (01708 507020)
Parish Administrator: Daphne Thomas, Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri (10am-1pm) (01708 507020)
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative: Katie Nash (07825293308)
Finance: Mr Graham Daniels (01708 452406)
Parish Gift Aid Organiser: Dr Steve Pinder (01708 445443)
Hall & Lounge Bookings: English Martyrs Parish Office (01708 507020)

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