

10 October 2021

**Twenty eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading:

Wis 7: 7-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 90: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17

Second Reading:

Heb 4: 12-13

Gospel:

Mark 10: 17-30

Programme of worship:

Sunday 10 October

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
for 30 minutes before each Mass
on Sunday**

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Mon 11 October

No Mass

Tues 12 October

Mass 12.30pm

Wed 13 October

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
12.00noon**

Mass 12.30pm

Thurs 14 Oct: Mass 12.30pm

Fri 15 October

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
12.00noon**

Mass 12.30pm

Sat 16 Oct: Mass 12.30pm

Sunday 17 October

Mass

9.00am, 11.00am & 4.30pm

Reconciliation 12.00 - 12.25pm

Wed & Sat. Call 0131 556 1973

to arrange reconciliation outside
these times.

Liturgical Calendar

12 Oct St Kenneth

14 Oct St Callistus 1

15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus

16 Oct St Hedwig, St Margaret
Mary Alacoque

**St Patrick's RC
Church Edinburgh**

National Shrine of Venerable Margaret Sinclair
Served by The Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy

Fr Gerald Obi SMMM Administrator

Fr Benedict Umeohana SMMM, Assisting Priest

Fr Kingsley Idoghor SMMM, Assisting Priest



Dear Parishioners

Living as a disciple is a daunting task. Jesus challenges us and the way we live our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains that keeping the commandments is not enough to inherit eternal life; a disciple must give what they have to the poor and follow him. The man who asked the question walked away sad. Even his disciples couldn't believe how difficult it was to get to heaven. Only then did Jesus comfort them. Though we cannot save ourselves, with God all things are possible. Let us give thanks to God today for enabling us to achieve what we cannot do ourselves.

Gospel reflection:

In reply to the man's profession that he has kept the commandments, Jesus lovingly says to him, "You are lacking in one thing." This suggests that, flowing from an undivided heart, dispossessing oneself and following Jesus are one and the same thing. To turn this around: if one is to follow Jesus one must come empty-handed. This doesn't mean that we literally sell everything; we all have family and social obligations that make having things a necessity. Jesus is saying that we can't let possessions (or anything else, for that matter) divide our hearts. Too often possessions possess us; we must let go so only God can possess us. It is hard to enter the kingdom of God because too often our hearts are divided—we want to let go and follow Jesus at the same time we want to hang onto our possessions and, indeed our very lives! Divided hearts just won't do. God wants our all, so God can give all in return.
(Living Liturgy, p. 224)

Prayer of the week:

Lord, I love You and want to love You more. I want to love You with my whole being. Help me to realise that following You requires a radical and complete gift of myself to You. May I be ready and willing to let go of any attachments in life that keeps me from following You. Amen

Thought of the week:

He loved us not because we are lovable but because He is love.

C S Lewis

Question of the week:

What am I willing to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully?

Mass Intentions

Date	Mass	Name	Intention
12 October	12.30pm	Jane Daly	25 Anniversary of death
13 October	12.30pm	John Veltri	Recent death
16 October	12.30pm	Mr John Scott	28 Anniversary of death

Finance:

Collections from

3 October

GA	£ 142.00
NGA	£ 263.43
COVID	£ 5.00
Tanzania	£ 5.00

Making a donation:

If you have not already done so, you may wish to consider taking out a standing order for your weekly / monthly contribution, in this case, the parish account details are:

St Patricks Church
Bank of Scotland,
Sort code: 80-02-29,
Account number: 00687306

Latest **COVID** guidance from the Scottish Government continues to emphasise the need to be:

vigilant at all times

wear masks

maintain high hygiene standards

ensure there is good ventilation at all times

strongly encourages keeping a safe distance at all times Please follow all protocols to help keep each other safe.

Key Holders

Many thanks to those of you have already returned keys. If you still hold keys, please ensure that you inform Father Benedict of the reason you still require these. If you no longer have a reason to hold keys, please hand them in to Fr Benedict as soon as possible.

COP26: a summary guide produced by SCIAF is available at bit.ly/COP26Guide

A **White Mass** for all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers in Scotland in gratitude for their service during the pandemic will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh at 12noon on Sunday 17 October. All welcome.

October Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for half an hour before Masses on Sundays, Wednesdays & Fridays. The Rosary will be prayed together every Wednesday and Friday from 12noon.

Security within the grounds of the house and church

We continue to monitor the situation and shall keep you informed of any further measures should they be required.

Clergy move: From 9 October, Rev. John Peter Sippai Siluvappan will take over as Administrator of St Cuthbert's and Our Lady's, Currie along with his other duties at the Western.

Safeguarding: The Catholic Church in Scotland is creating a new safeguarding agency. The Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (SCSSA) will operate entirely independently of the Church. Find out more at www.bcos.org.uk

Praying for life: join other Christians for 40 Days for Life, praying & fasting for an end to abortion. The vigil, from 8.30am-5.00pm daily until 31 October, is in the public right-of-way outside the Chalmers Sexual Health Centre. For more information, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/Edin / edinburgh40days@gmail.com .

Share your story: do you have a compelling personal story of the benefits of palliative and end-of-life care, or the dangers of assisted suicide? Any story, no matter how big or small, could be critical to the fight against "assisted suicide" in Holyrood and Westminster. Share your story here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/mystor>

Dementia: Hope on a Difficult Journey: An event for those supporting friends or family with dementia will be held at the Gillis Centre, Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, from 2-4pm on Saturday 6 November. The event is organised by the Archdiocesan Marriage & Families Commission. Register at bit.ly/DementiaEvent2021

Synod Mass: Archbishop Leo will mark the beginning of the 2021-2023 synodal process with the celebration of Mass at 3pm on Sunday 17 October at St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. All are welcome to come and pray for the success of the Synod journey. Find out more about the Synod at www.synod.va

All Souls' Day: Archbishop Leo will be offering Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed who have died in the Archdiocese in the last year, especially those buried at Mount Vernon Cemetery on All Souls Day, Tuesday 2 November, at 10am in the Cemetery Chapel. Everyone who wishes to attend is most welcome .

White Flower appeal: SPUC's annual White Flower appeal takes place throughout November.

Thank you to all our parishioners, your continued support is greatly appreciated. Stay safe, keep well.

Fr Gerald SMMM, Fr Benedict SMMM & Fr Kingsley SMMM

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