

## **Mass Times**

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm Sunday 9.30am

11.00am

Spanish Mass 12.30pm Mon to Sat 10am

# Sacrament of Confession

Please see a Priest or Email and a Priest will contact you.

# Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm (Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

## Rosary

Every Wednesday after 10am Mass followed by Tea in the Founders Room.

#### Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parlour.

#### **Holy Hour**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month after 10am Mass. The hour will include Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, Divine Mercy and Benediction.

### Saints Days

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – St John XXIII Tue 12<sup>th</sup> – St Wilfrid Feast Day of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - St Edward the Confessor

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of the Rosary

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - St Teresa of Jesus

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 10th October 2021

**Sunday Reflection –** The scene depicted in today's Gospel from Mark is so real, so human, so challenging. "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" In one form or another, this is everyone's question. Jesus' response to the enquiring rich man is standard - "keep the commandments". For this young man observance is not enough; he is looking for something more. 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him'. He throws out the challenge to him. "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven, then come, follow me." But the challenge is too much for this good man and 'he walks away sad, for he was a man of great wealth'. He was too attached to his wealth, to his possessions. He found his security in his possessions. His possessions held him rather than he holding them. Jesus invites him 'to let go' of his present security in wealth, and to join his community and to discover a deeper security in God's kingdom of love. Jesus uses the occasion to teach his disciples that riches can be an obstacle to entering the kingdom. This new teaching of Jesus was a shock to the system! Jesus was saying 'discipleship comes at a price'; it costs everything. This teaching of Jesus is a challenge to us all. In spite of our difficult economic times, we can all be influenced by our desire to possess. Our society is still driven by consumerism. Jesus is telling the rich young man and all of us that we need to detach from our possessions so that we can be free to attach ourselves to our brothers and sisters of God's kingdom. All of us can ask 'what is holding me back from full participation in God's kingdom and family?"

**Sincere Thanks** – We understand your response to CAFOD's "Family Fast Day" Appeal was most generous and loving. Thank you for showing solidarity with the poor people of the Amazon as we try to respond to the challenge of 'Climate Change'.

**1st Holy Communion:** On Saturday morning 9th October about 30 children from our School and Parish made their First Holy Communion with the help and support of their Parents, Family, Teachers, Catechists and Priests. Please pray for all these young Parishioners as we congratulate them on this wonderful occasion in their lives.

**Confirmation Programme** – Registrations for our next Programme will be available in mid-November. Details of programme and commencement date to also be announced.

**Baptismal Course** – Our next Course will be held on the following Tuesdays, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of November. Registrations in our colonnade.

**Blessed Carlo Acutis Feast Day**- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our Church will stay open all day (9am to 5pm) if you would like to come and pray

**Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** - Carlo was Baptised in our Church, so through his Relic we re-establish contact with Him and rely on His Prayerful Presence in our midst. *Blessed Carlo Pray for us.*