

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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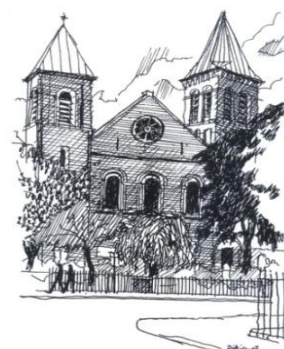
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## The Midas touch



Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'



### THE CENACLE GROUP NEXT MEETING ON

**24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** The Cenacle is a new parish group for everyone aimed at community building and faith development. We meet in the Crypt at 7pm, have a simple meal at 7.30pm, an informal discussion at 8pm and finish up around 9pm. All welcome. Please bring some food to share.

**RCIA:** Do you want to become a Catholic or do you know anyone who does? We have a course for those over 18 years of age who have not been baptised, or have been baptised but not in a Roman Catholic Church, or who were baptised in a Roman Catholic Church, but not confirmed. **The new course has already started, but there is still time to join.** Please contact David Lester the RCIA Co-ordinator by email at [davidlester51@btinternet.com](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) or 07914 055438.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome Yohan Crouspeyre, Alónzo Valentino Rocha Descartes & Frederick Matthew Kamran Riding baptised here this weekend.

**CANONISATION:** Pope Francis will declare a number of new Saints of the Church this Sunday including Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. May the new Saints pray for us all.

**PARISH DIARY FOR 2019 – is now open.** If you wish to book a particular date for an anniversary or birthday Mass you are advised to do so early.

### LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes £341.70 Loose £638.12  
30<sup>th</sup> September Envelopes £354.30 Loose £797.65  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died recently: Joseph McGovern, James Slavin, Anina Reynolds (formerly Napolitano) and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Francis John Corrick, Teresa Mary Crook, Rita Bridget Barry, Anthony (Tony) Joseph Cerasoli, Matthew Dunne, Olga Boavida, Tommy Keegan, Raymond Willoughby, Jeffrey O'Riordan, Thomas Kavanagh, Susan Mary Lyons, Jose Jarmillo Santa, Dr Thomas Richard Emerson, Renee Peett, Mary Josephine Conway, Edward Maher, Violet Maud Coleman, Daniel Christopher Tyrell, Maureen McGovern, Kathleen McDonagh, Rita Margaret Geraghty, Brian Fensome, John Tommy Irvine, Dennis Patrick Connor, Maureen Darcy, Phyllis Keenan, Mary Dickson, John Robert Hawkes, Sarah Mary Maher, Sally Mitchell, James Christopher Barber, Patrick Daly, Joseph Hale, Maria Lucila Ragg.

Beatrice Immediata, Frances Jennings, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana Visentin & Family, Monika Szulc, Gerado, Mary Dunn, Tom Cuniffe, Roy Allen, Mary Wallace, Clodhna McCorley, Alistair Goodman, Josie Harvey, Suzanne Greaves, Anita Hrebeniak, John and Elena Doherty, Alvito Noronha, Julie & Mike, Audrey Hamilton, Amalia Mastrobono, Margaret Crossworth, William Godber, Antonia Smith, Mary Gathney, Mary Harrington, Georgina George, Michael Treacy, Robert Callahan, Cath Walker, Stephen Henry, Sophia O'Donnell, Fr David Wilson, Carmel Hawkes, Louisa Charlton, Gwendoline Groves, Margaret Rittner, Mary Pospiech, Pat Murphy, Diane Austin, Kerry Doran (Sr Kathleen's niece).

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially : Lisa Ip, Sr



THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	6pm	<b>Patrick Enright RIP</b>	Mark 10:17-30
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October TWENTY-EIGHTH IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9am	<b>May Moles RIP (Anniv)</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Sally Mitchell RIP (Anniv)</b>	
	12noon	<b>Camilla Gasparro RIP (Anniv)</b>	
	6pm	<b>All our Parishioners</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October St Teresa of Avila</b>	10am	<b>Intentions of Eoin</b>	Luke 11:29-32
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October feria</b>	10am	<b>Solius Monero RIP</b>	Luke 11:37-41
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October St Ignatius of Antioch</b>	10am	<b>Josephine Hassett RIP</b>	Luke 11:42-46
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October St Luke</b>	<u>10am</u>	<b>Funeral Mass for Joseph McGovern RIP</b>	Luke 10:1-9
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October feria</b>	10am	<b>Mihaela Ursu RIP (Anniv)</b>	Luke 12:1-7
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October feria</b>	10am	<b>Intentions of Jacky &amp; Bobby Burns</b>	Luke 12:8-12
	10.30-11.30am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
	6pm	<b>Tommy Campbell RIP (Anniv)</b>	Mark 10:35-45
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October TWENTY-NINTH IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9am	<b>John Scully RIP (Anniv)</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Frank Murphy RIP(Anniv)</b>	
	12noon	<b>Janina Besset RIP (Anniv)</b>	
	6pm	<b>All our Parishioners</b>	