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PARISH NEWSLETTER

14th October 2018

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

*Go and sell everything you own and
follow me.*

First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

Ws 7:7-11
Ps 89:12-17
Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-30



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY: Oscar Wilde once said that a fool knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. As so often a witty saying can convey a profound truth – the truth presented to us by today’s readings. In our first reading the author of the Book of Wisdom – words placed on the lips of King Solomon – is given the gift of wisdom. Solomon was the wealthiest King of Israel – the Queen of Sheba came in wonder to his court and to admire the temple he built – yet he says, “I esteemed her [Wisdom] more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing.” By contrast the young man in the Gospel comes with good intentions – “Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” – but the price of wisdom is for him too great. He will not give up his worldly possessions in order to follow the Lord. Jesus comments, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the Kingdom of Heaven!” How do we measure what is most important in life?

MANY THANKS! A heartfelt thanks to the Social Committee and all who helped prepare the celebrations last Sunday to mark my ‘three score and ten’ years! I would like to thank all those who contributed to a most generous collective gift as well as those who have given me individual gifts or cards. Fr Gordon.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2019: If you would like your child to receive his or her First Communion in 2019, please complete and return an application form, available at the back of the Church, as soon as possible, certainly before half term, so that we can organise a preliminary parents’ meeting and order the necessary materials.

PRISONERS’ SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER 2018:

This year is the 120th anniversary of Prisoners’ Sunday which takes place on Sunday 14th October. It is a day to direct thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Those of you who have Gift Aid envelopes will find one in your pack for a collection to support the vital work of PACT, which is the only national Catholic charity solely dedicated to tackling the issues that arise from having a loved one in prison and who actively work to minimise the harm caused by imprisonment on prisoners, their children and families. There are also some prayer cards and special envelopes at the back of the church.

THE ‘BIGGER BREAKFAST’ We shall be hosting the monthly Prayer Breakfast this coming Saturday 8.00-9.00 a.m. Do come and join with our friends from the other Churches to pray for the needs of the local community.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Roy Barralet, Andrew Barrett, Maureen Ennis, Terry O’Brien, Peter Emeney* and *Sidney Bamford* whose anniversaries occur at this time.