

# BRINDLE St JOSEPH'S

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## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024

(Sunday cycle year B, weekday cycle year 2, psalter week 4)

**Day of prayer for prisoners and their dependents**



*“Go, sell everything you own, then follow me”*

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. Amen

## THIS WEEK

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	EBC	BVM
	6.00pm	For the Parish	<b>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Rory McDonald	
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass today</b>		Feria
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For vocations	St Teresa of Avila (memorial)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For peace in the world	Feria
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	For our schools	St Ignatius of Antioch (memorial)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Souls	St Luke (feast)
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Pope's intentions	BVM
	<b>SECOND COLLECTION: MISSIO</b>		<b>Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	6.00pm	For the Parish	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	John and David Crilly	

**First Saturday of the month: Confessions at 10.00am, Anointing of the sick during 10.30am Mass**

This week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop	
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>		L Gardner		Not required		Not open	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>		K Slater		Not required		Not open	
<b>Bidding prayers</b>	J & K Slater	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	J Grogan, C Snape		<b>Collection counters</b>	J & K Slater	
Next week		Reader		Eucharistic Minister		Bookshop	
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>		G Kellett		J Hothersall		Not open	
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>		L Rigbye		F Fordyce		Not open	
<b>Bidding prayers</b>	C Snape	<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	F Fordyce, G Fowler		<b>Collection counters</b>	C & K Snape	

**Last weekend: attendance: 105 collection: £318.41 – thank you!**  
**Thank you also for the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day collection of £134.02**

**Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30.**

*Compared with Wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

*The Word of God judges secret emotions and thoughts.*

*Go sell everything you own then come follow me.*

Three lines taken from each of today's readings and if we add the first line given in today's psalm: *make me know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart* then we may have a clearer understanding of our focus for this week.

But the Gospel sums it up: the man of great wealth asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life and Jesus lists some of the commandments which the man says he has honoured from his earliest days.

But Jesus **looked steadily at him and loved him**. There is only one thing you lack, he says. Go and sell everything you own and give your money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then, come, follow me.

His face fell at these words and he went away sad for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus then utters the saying so well known to us: *How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God. It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*

It is not surprising that the man's face fell at these words and that the disciples were so shocked into asking: *well in that case, who can be saved* – for well-being and wealth were seen as blessings from God.

Since well-being and wealth brought respect, was it that the rich man couldn't face losing that respect?

Was it that, though he might be a good man, he clung too much to his wealth while people around him were in need – the proverbial good man who stands by while bad things happen around him.

Or is it that through this encounter with the rich man, Jesus is asking each one of us, what is it that we most value ... what lies within our hearts that we so desperately cling to. Is it to the passing things of this life, or to what endures beyond this life and forever?

To help the people of God remain faithful to him, there were the commandments and also the prophets who proclaimed the word of God to them. But all too often they ignored them and disasters followed, seen as God's punishment.

But the prophets also spoke of a time when they and the commandments of old would be replaced; for *deep within them the Lord will plant his law – writing it on their hearts. He will remove their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh and he will put a new spirit within them.* (Jer. & Ezk.)

It is through Jesus that the spirit of wisdom comes, whom the writer of our first reading esteems more than riches and sceptres and thrones of power.

It is Jesus who reaches out to us every morning to fill us with his love and to give us hope.

It is to him that we reach out to during times of illnesses, affliction misfortune, who in the face of death reminds us of the shortness of our life, while still giving us joyful hope in him ... as we heard in our psalm.

The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of the prophecies just mentioned and it sees in Jesus their fulfilment ... the word of God ... alive and active ... within each one of us at this very moment, slicing into the very core of our being, judging our most secret emotions and thoughts.

What he seeks to do in our heart is root out anything that may get in the way of his wisdom and love and in this we engage with him in prayer and love.

We have just celebrated the feast of St John Henry Newman whose motto was *Heart speaks unto Heart*. Pope Benedict XVI said that his motto leads us *into the understanding of the Christian life as a call, experienced as the profound desire of the human heart to enter into intimate communion with the heart of God*.

The Lord understands the mess and muddle he finds in our hearts, but he continues to look steadily at us and to love us as he did the rich man in the Gospel because, though we may have difficulty believing it, nothing is impossible for God.

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## Reflections

*Perfection of life is the perfection of love, for love is the life of the soul.* (St Francis de Sales)

*The things that we love tell us what we are.* (St Thomas Aquinas)

*Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.* (St Catherine of Sienna)

With prayers,

Fr Raphael.

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## This week's Saints

**St Theresa of Avila** (1515-82) Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Founder of the reformed (Discalced) Carmelites. She met with a lot of resistance but persevered exclaiming 'Heaven preserve us from stupid nuns'. *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle* are two of her better-known works.

**St Ignatius of Antioch** (d 107) Not much is known about him except from his letters on his way to the martyrdom that he sincerely sought. He was to be thrown to the lions in the arena at Rome and in his letters he urged no interference with this destiny, glad to be as 'wheat ground by the teeth of the lions into the pure bread of Christ – a true sacrifice to God'.

**St Luke** the Greek physician and sometime disciple of St Paul who accompanied him on some of his missionary journeys. He is the author of the third Gospel and The Acts of the Apostles. His Gospel emphasises compassion, poverty, prayer and purity of heart. He is, of course, the patron of doctors.

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This weekend we welcome **ABBOTT ROBERT IGO OSB** who is visiting the Parish. Abbot Robert would like to meet as many parishioners as possible. There will be tea and coffee served in the Parish Room after each Mass.

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**DURING OCTOBER**, we will say a decade of the **ROSARY** after weekday Masses.

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There will be a **FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**.

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS** will take place on Wednesdays 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October between 9.30 and 11.00am. For more information, see the notice on the noticeboard.

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This Sunday is **PRISONERS' SUNDAY** and we are encouraged to reflect on and pray for prisoners and their families. It is an opportunity to consider how we, as individuals, as a Church, and as communities, serve our brothers and sisters affected by imprisonment. Find out more about Prisoners' Sunday at: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/faith/events/prisoners-sunday/>. At the back of Church, there are envelopes which can be used to make a donation to PACT – the Prison Advice and Care Trust.

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This Sunday is also **SIGHT LOSS SUNDAY** which aims to raise awareness of the prevalence of sight loss in church and local community, and the need for churches to be aware and inclusive of blind and partially sighted people. Find out more at <https://torchtrust.org/sight-loss-friendly-church/sight-loss-sunday/>.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.** This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics everywhere in sharing the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Missio England and Wales invites every parish, school, and community to join this special event through prayer and giving via the **SECOND COLLECTION**. More information at: <https://missio.org.uk/>.

**LIKELY VOTE ON ASSISTED SUICIDE IN PARLIAMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.** Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, Better Off Dead? where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): <http://righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead>.

**READERS' TRAINING** organised by the Archdiocese Liturgy Commission on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD. 10.00am to 1.00pm followed by lunch. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided. For information or to book your place, please email: [pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk).

**MISSALETTES FOR SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME** can be used on ferial days of the same week – the readings, psalm and Gospel acclamation will be different but the antiphons and prayers are the same.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who are sick or housebound including Fr Laurence Mayne and Bill Warbrick as well as for those who have died and whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**100 CLUB:** The winner for week 44 is number 5, John Elliott. The next block of 10 weeks has started so **subs are due**.

**BRINDLE ST JOSEPH'S PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY** – limited places available. Open 8.30am-3.30pm. 15 & 30 hour government funding for 3 & 4 year olds accepted. All local primary schools served. Contact: 07956242409 or email [nursery@st-josephs-hoghton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@st-josephs-hoghton.lancs.sch.uk).

**During Ordinary Time (Autumn)** ie from September to Christ the King, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

**TRINITY METHODIST, GREGSON LANE – CRAFTY CHRISTMAS MARKET.** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am to 3.00pm. Free admission. Crafts, gifts, cakes, books and more. Raffle and tombola. Free children's crafts. Collectable and vintage stall.

### **Bidding Prayers for 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Priest:** Dear Lord, as we pray together for all our needs; please give us the gift of understanding.

**Reader:** For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that he will continue to lead the Church in proclaiming the Good News of Christ. Lord in your mercy... (Hear our prayer)

For all caught up in the distress of war such as in the Middle East and Ukraine, or natural disasters such as flooding and hurricanes; that they will find relief through the help and generosity of others. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for the work of CAFOD and all aid agencies. May we be generous in giving of our time, prayers and money so that their work on our behalf may continue. Lord in your mercy...

For the sick and those who suffer in any way, that they may be comforted by the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy...

We pray for all who work in maternity units with pregnant women, that they may recognise that God is truly with us in each unborn child. Lord in your mercy...

For men, women and young people held in our prisons, for their families and friends, and for all who work in the judicial system. Lord in your mercy...

We bring our prayers through Mary, our Mother as we say "Hail Mary..."

In silence let us pray for our own needs and for the special intentions of others.

**Priest:** Merciful Father forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

#### **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

**Priest:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

**All:** May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.