



St Albert's

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY ~ 20TH OCTOBER 2024

READINGS FOR 20TH OCTOBER: Is 50:10-11, Ps 32, Heb 4:14 - 16, Mk 10:-35-45

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.



TODAY'S GOSPEL : MARK 10:35 - 45

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptised with the baptism with which I am baptised?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

READINGS FOR 27TH OCTOBER 2024

Jer 31:7-9, Ps125, Heb 5:1-6, Mk 10:46-52

NO FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

"The Martyrdom of St James", Francisco de Zurbarán, c.1640, Prado, Madrid.

Despite the violence of what is about to happen, there is about this image that stillness which is so characteristic of Zurbarán's painting. The Saint submits, his neck bared, the sword is raised, but the onlookers are as calm as if they were posed for a photograph. This contrasts strongly with how other Spanish artists of the day depicted martyrdoms. The stillness of the figures and their seemingly contemplative gaze tells you that the sword held aloft is motionless. If this were real and these men stayed where they now are their fine garments would be covered in blood. Again from a modern perspective, it is almost as if they are posing with the victim before quickly moving away. So this is far from being a realistic depiction of the event. It is something else. The cherub in the sky bears the crown of martyrdom. The right a dog's head enters the frame, perhaps as symbol of faithfulness. The column behind may be there to symbolise the importance of St James within the early Church in Jerusalem, which was the reason why he was executed. It was King Herod who had ordered the beheading of St James and the arrest of St Peter. The Acts of the Apostles records that this pleased the Jews (Acts 12:1-3). It can be assumed that Herod is shown here on the left and that the other men are Jewish. As always with Zurbarán clothing is important. Experts have compared the outfits here with those of Zurbarán's "Sons of Jacob" now at Auckland Castle, County Durham. The painting is quite large (252cm X 186cm) and was almost certainly painted as an altarpiece. But the church is not known. The low vantage point of the viewer, the fact the figures cover most of the canvas - the landscape is just glimpsed behind them - the realistic rendering of their garments, all combine to give the whole painting a monumental character. But at the very centre of this painting there is a small detail which adds a shock of realism to this scene. The executioner holds back the saint's hair. It is to leaving his neck bare for a clean cut, but the gesture has a strange impact. It adds a note of horror and is oddly poignant. In fact, schooled by familiarity with so many painted martyrdoms, the viewer would expect that in a minute or two the executioner would hold the severed head aloft by the same hair. Neither this detail nor anything else about the painting captures the harsh reality of what would actually have happened. What we see here then is not so much a martyrdom but a mediation on a martyrdom.

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

Today we have the annual special collection to mark **World Day of Prayer for the Missions**. Funds raised will go to Missio Scotland, the Pope's charity for world mission. It helps support Catholic projects and people in need across the world. Find out how your donation will help improve the lives of others at www.missioscotland.com

ALL SOULS' DAY

Archbishop Cushley will offer Holy Mass for the repose of all the faithful departed at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Edinburgh. This will take place on All Souls' Day, Saturday 2nd November, at 10:00am in the Cemetery Chapel at Mount Vernon Cemetery, 49 Mount Vernon Rd, Edinburgh, EH16 6JG.

ROMERO LECTURE 2024

Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Community in the UK will deliver this year's lecture on 'Romero and Ukraine: Resilience in the Face of Injustice'. Friday 18th October at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. All welcome.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK

Fr Jock Dalrymple will talk on "Forgiveness: An Exploration" at Mayfield Sailsbury Church, 18 West Mayfield, EH9 1TQ, on Monday 25th November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. A suggested donation of £5 is requested from non-members to cover costs.

PUBLIC ROSARY & CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

People from across the country will pray the Rosary in George Square, Glasgow, at 6:30pm on Thursday 24th October. This event commemorates 57 years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act, which has led to the loss of more than 10 million lives in the UK. This is a solemn and prayerful event to pray for an end to abortion. After the Rosary, there is a procession to St Andrew's Cathedral where Mass will be celebrated by Canon David Wallace.

THE ALMA MATER FUND

The Alma Mater Fund provides financial support to pregnant students facing difficulties at Universities in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. They can also direct students to further sources of support and advice. Call, Text or WhatsApp: 07849 088244 or socials: @almamaterfund

20.10	Parish Assembly	MASS TIMES
28.10	Holy Ground Talk	Mon to Fri 5.15pm
03.11	Bake & Card Sale	Sat 12pm Sun 9am, 10am
12.11	Fundraising Party	(family Mass) & 12pm
20.11	Albertus Coffee Hse	EXPOSITION WITH
26.11	Holy Ground Talk	CONFESSIONS
		Wed 4pm to 5pm
		Sat 11am to 12pm
		EXPOSITION
		Sun 5.50pm until 6.10pm

PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY

The Parish Assembly takes place in the Garden Room today, 1pm - 3pm. Proposals for discussion can be submitted either by email to Fr Dermot or in writing in the box in the Chapel porch. As has been our practice, **only signed proposals will be discussed**. If you have put an unsigned proposal into the box already, please let Fr Dermot know that it is from you.

HOLY GROUND TALKS 28.10 & 26.11

The second Holy Ground Talk will be given by Dr Debbie Lewer on Theological Dimensions in the Art of Anselm Kiefer, also at Old St Paul's at 6pm on Monday 28th October. The fourth Holy Ground Talk is entitled "Honeycombs and Hexagonal Coeffers. How the Exultet inspired a Baroque Dome in Rome". Ian Campbell will talk about the dome of Santa Maria della Pace in Rome, on Tuesday 26th November at 6pm here in the Garden Room.

This year the Holy Ground Talks are being hosted jointly by St Albert's and Old St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Parish. They will be at 6pm on Mondays or on Tuesdays. If the talk is on a Monday the venue will be Old St Paul's and if on a Tuesday the venue will be the Garden Room. All are welcome.

ALBERTUS INSTITUTE AUTUMN/WINTER EVENTS 20.11.2024

The Albertus Institute Coffee House is on Wednesday 20th November 6-8pm chaired by Fr David Docherty in the Library, 24 George Square.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR DERMOTT QUINN

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dermott Quinn who died last week and for his family. The funeral will take place here on Friday 25th October at 11am, followed by committal at 12.30pm in Warriston Crematorium. Dermott has been regular member of the 9am congregation and has come to this Chaplaincy for well over 60 years. May he rest in peace.

BAKE SALE & CARD SALE FOR ST THERESA'S 03.11.2024

There will be a bake sale after each Mass on Sunday 3rd November 2024. By then, with parishioners' help, the Christmas cards will be ready for purchase.

FUNDRAISING PARTY FOR ST THERESA'S 12.11.2024

There will be a party to raise funds for St Theresa's on Tuesday 12th November, 7pm to 10pm.

PARISH BOOK GROUP 14.11.2024

The Parish Book Group will meet on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm at 24 George Square. The novel "Trust" by Hernan Diaz (471 pages) will be discussed. The meeting will be hybrid in format. For further details contact stevenpmale@gmail.com.

YOUTH DAY - WONDER WOMAN ST MARGARET!

The Archdiocese is hosting a youth day for p4-p7 children at The Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, EH9 1BB, on **Saturday 16th November**, 11:00am to 3:00pm, to coincide with the Feast of St Margaret. There will be games, talks etc, and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Leo. Register at bit.ly/youthdaymargaret

DIVINE OFFICE & MASS TIMES AT ST ALBERT'S: Each day: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer 8am, **Monday to Friday**, Mass at 7.30am, 5.15pm (*live-streamed*) followed by Evening Prayer, **Saturday**, Mass at 12 noon (*live-streamed*), **Sunday**: Masses at 9am (*live-streamed*), 10am, 12 noon, 6.15pm (Student Mass) Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. **Exposition only** at 5.45pm after Evening Prayer on Sundays until just before Mass at 6.15pm, **Exposition with Confessions**, Wednesday, 4pm to 5pm and Saturday from 11am until Mass at 12 noon. **For live streaming go to <https://scotland.op.org/live/>**. You can also view our live stream at <https://www.churchservices.tv/edinburgh>.

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