



St Albert's CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY



28th Sunday • 14th October 2018

READINGS, YEAR 2 (B): Wis 7:7-11, Ps 89, Heb 4:12-13, Mk 10: 17 -30.

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



"Simeon in the Temple with the Christ Child", Rembrandt, c.1669, National-museum, Stockholm. When Rembrandt died in 1669, among the contents of his house were thirteen paintings. Two were of scenes from the Gospel of Luke, who is the patron saint of artists and healers, the famous and often reproduced, "The Return of the Prodigal Son", now in the Hermitage, in St Petersburg and this one. In both the light picks out the face of an old man with eyes closed. In the one his hands rest gently on back of the repentant son, who kneels before him, and in the other the old man's hands hold the Christ Child, the one who will save us from our sins. The subject matter is made all the more poignant, because not only had Rembrandt lost his fortune, he had also recently lost his son, Titus, to the plague. But in these two paintings an old man encounters the light of God's grace with arms outstretched. In the one, he embraces a sinner, in the the other, the Saviour. Rembrandt had painted the scene with Simeon before, but now in his last days, much of the detail- temple column, priest, rabbi -have been taken away. There is only Simeon, the Virgin and the child. The old man's hands are steady, held out as if in prayer. It is hard to imagine a more evocative image of that line from the Gospel of Luke, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for my eyes have seen thy salvation..," (Lk 2:29-30). We celebrate the Feast Day of St Luke on Thursday.

TODAY'S GOSPEL, Mk 10:17-30

And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth." And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God." Peter began to say to him, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK:

Monday 15, Memorial of St Teresa of Avila
Wed 17, Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch
Thurs 18, Feast of St Luke

Readings for Sunday 21st October 2018: **Is 53:10-11, Ps 32, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10: 35-45.**

The text of the Mass can be found on the cards near the entrance to the Chapel and at **no 479** in the hymnal.

PASTORAL LETTER

Copies of Archbishop Cushley's letter on the role of the laity are available for you to take home.

CANONISATION OF OSCAR ROMERO

The martyred Oscar Romero is to be canonised by Pope Francis on Sunday 14th October. This will be celebrated in the Archdiocese at the 4.30pm Mass at St Patrick's, Cowgate on Sunday 14th October. After the Mass there will be a discussion on our response to refugees and migrants.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

This is an exhibition of photographs illustrating the plight of refugees and migrants. It is organised by SCIAF and runs from this Wednesday 10th October until November 9th at St Patrick's, Cowgate. The church is open from 9.00am to 6.00pm every day.

SUPPORTING THE CARE OF CHRISTIANS IN BETHLEHEM

Everyone is warmly invited to a prayer vigil for the care of Christians in Bethlehem on Saturday November 3rd at 6pm in the Chapel. The Vigil, which will last about an hour, will comprise a series of readings followed by silence for reflection and prayer. Refreshments will then be available. On Sunday November 4th, Joe McNally of the Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust will speak after the 12 o'clock Mass about his work in support of the care of elderly people and those terminally ill in Bethlehem. Joe will also be available to talk informally to parishioners over coffee in the Garden Room after the 9 and 10 o'clock Masses.

DIVINE OFFICE & MASS TIMES

Monday – Friday:

Morning Prayer 8am
Mass 1.15pm, 5:15pm
Evening Prayer after 5:15pm Mass

Saturday:

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass 12pm

Sunday:

Morning Prayer 8:30am
Mass 9, 10, 12noon, 7.15pm
Evening Prayer 5:30pm

Confessions: After 1.15pm Mass on Wednesdays until 2pm and on request.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

There will be a Parish Assembly at 7pm on 22nd October in the Garden Room. The usual box for suggestions is in the Garden Room near the noticeboard. You can also email or talk to Fr John about ideas and concerns.

CHAPEL CLOSED FOR FILMING

The Chapel and garden will be closed on Wednesday from 9am until 12 noon, to allow for a film to be made by students of Edinburgh Napier of a recital of Dr Katrina Burton's recent composition "Fr St Albert's".

NEXT JUSTICE & PEACE TALK

Donald MacMillan from Safe Families for Children will speak in the Garden Room on Sunday 28th of October at 1.30pm. This organisation, which several of our parishioners volunteer for, gives support to parents in crisis by arranging volunteers for initiatives such as Family Friends, Support Friends and Host Families, all of which help parents stabilise their family situation and get back on their feet. Their website is <https://www.safefamiliesforchildren.com/>

THANK YOU

Clodagh Mullan wishes to thank all who supported her bake sale last Sunday. She raised over £300. "A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated money to the charity "Think Pacific" at last Sunday's bake sale! A lot of money was raised through your donations and will be going to support children living in poverty in Fiji!"

NEXT HOLY GROUND TALK

On Monday 12th November at 7pm in the Garden Room. Jean Findlay, biographer of C.K. Scott Moncrieff, will give a talk entitled: "Remembrance of things Proustian". This talk is free and open to all. Access is from George Square Lane.

PARISH BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Parish Book Group is on Thursday 25th October 2018, at 7.30pm, in the Library, 24 George Square, when the group will be discussing: The Leopard by Giuseppe Tomasi Di Lampedusa (319 Pages). New members are always welcome, and those who may only wish to discuss the book under review are also very welcome.

NEWMAN ASSOCIATION TALK

The Edinburgh Circle of the Newman Association launches its new season of talks on Tuesday 23rd October 2018 in Mayfield Salisbury Church at 7.30pm. Dr. Sara Parvis, School of Divinity at Edinburgh University, will speak on "Walking backwards for Christmas? Women in the History of the Church." All warmly welcome to come along. A donation is requested to cover costs.

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