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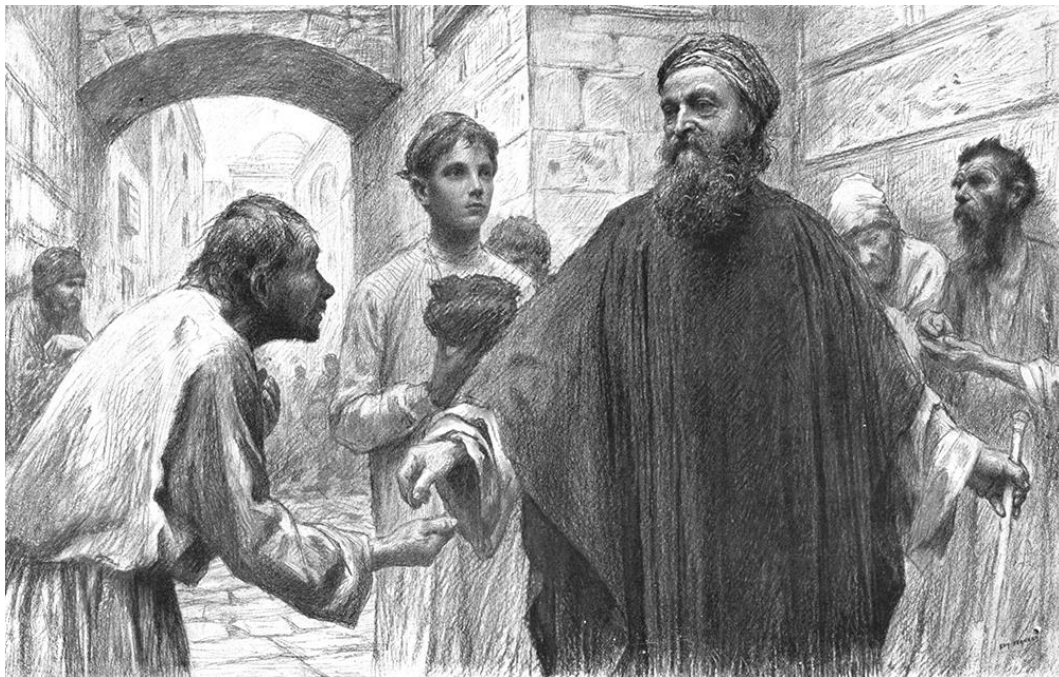
Thirtieth Sunday of the Year, 29th October 2023

The Two Great Commandments

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Exodus 22:20-26 God tells the Israelites that there must be no discrimination against, or exploitation of, the weak members of their society.

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Paul encourages the Thessalonians by telling them that their exemplary lives have become known far and wide.



Eugène Burnand, 1850 – 1921, a Swiss painter and illustrator and a man of great religious faith

Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus tells us that the whole of religion can be summed up in two commandments of love.

Why worry? *My life has been full of terrible misfortunes most of which never happened.*
Michel de Montaigne

Read a Gospel The new Church Year begins in a few weeks. The Gospel of Matthew gives way to the Gospel of Mark, the shortest, most dramatic Gospel. With sixteen chapters it's easy to read in two or three sittings. Maybe you could read it between now Advent. Read it out loud. If you can, read it in a group and have different people read the various parts. Listen intently to what Jesus says. He says it to you.

Canon Gerard edits this Newsletter
and welcomes items for inclusion by the Sunday prior to publication, please. Thank you.

Our Liturgies this week

Reconciliation: in the half hour prior to Mass.

28th October Ss Simon & Jude

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Mass for the Parish

29th October 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass Carole Maddock on her birthday.

Monday 30th October Feria

10 am Rosary

Tuesday 31st October

6 pm Vigil Mass for All Saints

Fr Barry Hallett RIP & deceased of the Parish

Wednesday 1st November All Saints

10 am Mass at St Thomas More School

10.30 am Adoration

Thursday 2nd November All Souls

11.30 am Mass at St Patrick's, Hayling Island followed by blessing of the graves

Friday 3rd November St Martin de Porres

10 am Mass James Martis aged 1

Saturday 4th November

St Charles Borromeo

5 pm Reconciliation

6 pm Vigil Mass

Zenonas Stankus & Margaret Judge RIP

5th November

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 am Mass for Elsie Pratt RIP

followed by prayers in the Memorial Garden

The Catholic Women's League invite ladies to their monthly meeting, every first Tuesday, at St Patrick's Hall, Hayling Island, 2 - 3.30 pm with prayer, refreshments, occasional speakers & events. For information: Pauline Brice, 023 9246 8498 or Mary, 023 9246 3714.

Collection counters: we would be grateful for another couple of people to count the collection. We have a good team, so this crops up just once a month. If you could help please speak to Canon Gerard. He will put you in touch with the team.

Day of Reflection

Who do you say that I am?



Portraits of Christ by Rembrandt van Rijn

Canon Gerard thanks seventy kind people who attended on 21st October, including those who made all the arrangements, and those who shared in what one participant describes as: *a lovely blend of prayer, music, reflection, testimony & real spirit filled time, so peacefully & thoughtfully put together, allowing the Holy Spirit to move amongst us. I did not want the day to end & feel like I had a really positive spiritual re-set and re-focus on our loving Lord.*

The music we heard was:

- Arvo Pärt: *The Deer's Cry* sung by Voces 8, with Barnaby Smith, on the album *After Silence*
- *Abune dbashmayo*: The Lord's Prayer sung in Aramaic by *Harpa Dei*
- *Regnantem sempiterna*: Jan Garbarek and the Hilliard Ensemble, on the album *Officium*

A Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ. Please help me to conform myself to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help me to devote myself, and all that I do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours. Amen.

Clocks go back at 2 am this Sunday, 29th October. We gain an hour. Use it wisely & well!

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