

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand? But with you is  
found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

## COLLECT

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all  
times go before us and follow after and  
make us always determined to carry out  
good works. Through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING

7:7-11

*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came  
to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and  
thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as  
nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch  
of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 89:12-17

*Response: Fill us with your love  
that we may rejoice.*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.  
(R.)

3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands.  
(R.)

## SECOND READING

4:12-13

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

The word of God is something alive and  
active: it cuts like any double-edged sword  
but more finely: it can slip through the  
place where the soul is divided from the  
spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can  
judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No  
created thing can hide from him; everything  
is uncovered and open to the eyes of the  
one to whom we must give  
account of ourselves.

*The word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the  
kingdom  
to mere children.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

10:17-30

*A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Mark*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a  
man ran up, knelt before him and put this  
question to him, 'Good master, what must I  
do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him,  
'Why do you call me good? No one is good  
but God alone. You know the  
commandments: You must not kill; You  
must not commit adultery; You must not  
steal; You must not bring false witness;  
You must not defraud; Honour your father  
and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I  
have kept all these from my earliest days'.  
Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him,  
and he said, 'There is one thing you lack.  
Go and sell everything you own and give  
the money to the poor, and you will have  
treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'  
But his face fell at these words and he went  
away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.  
Jesus looked round and said to his  
disciples, 'How hard it is for those who  
have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The  
disciples were astounded by these words,  
but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said  
to them 'how hard it is 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.'  
They were more astonished than ever. 'In  
that case' they said to one another 'who can  
be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men'  
he said 'it is impossible, but not for God:  
because everything is possible for God.'  
Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he  
asked him. 'We have left everything and  
followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you  
solemnly, there is no one who has left  
house, brothers, sisters, father, children or  
land for my sake and for the sake of the  
gospel who will not be repaid a hundred  
times over, houses, brothers, sisters,  
mothers, children and land - not without  
persecutions - now in this present time and,  
in the world to come, eternal life.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful  
with the sacrificial offerings, that, through  
these acts of devotedness, we may pass  
over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ  
our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but  
those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O  
Lord, that, as you feed us with the  
nourishment which comes from the most  
holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you  
may make us sharers of his divine nature.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



*What is the price you pay to gain heaven?*

*Is entrance into the fullness of the  
kingdom ever guaranteed?*

*What is promised in Scripture regarding  
heaven?*

*Can you appear to the world as a good  
person and still not fulfil the words of the  
gospel? What is the difference between a  
humanist and someone who lives a good  
and moral life for the love of Jesus  
Christ?*

*Have you ever been faced with choosing  
either gospel values or worldly values?*

*How do you react when you face these  
choices?*

*How attached are you to your  
possessions? Can you have an abundance  
of material things and still be a good  
Christian?*

*Is it sinful to work in order to gain  
material things? What if this causes others  
on the world to do without basic  
necessities?*

*Can those who you love sometimes be a  
stumbling block to living a good Christian  
life? How and why?*

## GOSPEL ACTION

*Make a list of your most important  
material possessions. Then ask yourself,  
one by one, why you really need that  
possession and what would happen if it  
were suddenly taken from you.*

## Readings – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year B

**First Reading:** Isaiah 53:10-11

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16

**Gospel:** Mark 10:35-45

## **Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion**

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

### **Priest:**

God knows our deepest desires and greatest needs, with trust and hope we place all our petitions before him.

### **Reader:**

For Christians everywhere: may they uphold the dignity of every human life and show others how to care for those who are poor and vulnerable.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For ourselves: may we be good stewards of Creation as we speak God's Truth and encourage one another in ways of living on Earth wisely, sustainably, justly and reverently. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the SVP and all who help those in need: may they respond generously to the Cry of the Poor in our world today. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For unity and peace in our world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all those in our parish who are sick, housebound or who have a heavy cross to carry: may they experience the power of the healing peace, love and grace of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all the faithful departed especially **Joan Coxon** & all who have died recently:  
**"Eternal rest grant unto them..."**

We ask Our Lady to join her prayers with ours as we say: **"Hail Mary..."**

For a moment in silence we bring our own private prayers and intentions before the Lord.

### **Priest:**

Loving Father,  
We offer these and all our prayers to you,  
through Jesus your Son,  
who is Christ Our Lord, Amen.

## **Bidding Prayers and Spiritual Communion**

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### **Spiritual Communion**

*Prayer of St Alphonsus*

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and

I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come spiritually into my soul

so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.

Amen.

### **CAFOD Prayer for Glasgow**

Creator God,

We cry out to you

The earth is damaged and in chaos

People in poverty are suffering the most

Greed and consumerism are a disease

And your Church is too often asleep

Merciful Lord,

Protect your people and restore your earth,

Embolden governments to take action,

Awaken Church leaders

Give the youth influence

And guide businesses to change

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord

May we unite and be bold

Take heart and find hope in you,

Worship you with our lifestyles

Walk in your truth

and see justice and renewal in the earth

**Amen**



## My SVP, Your SVP, Our SVP. SVP Conference Report to our Parish October 2021

I could not begin this report without talking about Covid and its devastating effect on our SVP conference. Being unable to visit, to see our friends in person, and having to deal with people in need only on the phone was hard enough but even harder was the death of nine of our beneficiaries, some of whom we had helped over several years. Equally painful was the loss of two of our members, Mark and Christine, and three of our very recently retired members, John, June and Fred, five people who between them had given decades of service to others. We miss them all.

Like many people, we have learnt to be resilient, finding out how zoom works and endlessly learning, sharing and chatting on WhatsApp. We still managed to deal with new referrals from other agencies, helping out financially, doing people's shopping and tirelessly phoning to check people were all right. And now, thankfully, we are up and running again, taking people out, sourcing fridges and clothes and planning our future events. The work is still varied and manifold and as well as our regular visits, all sorts of needs crop up all the time. The end of furlough and the Universal Credit top-up, as well as rapidly rising fuel and food costs, will bring new demands and solutions. But while being in the SVP might be challenging, it is never boring.

You will have seen in previous newsletters our Shrewsbury Central Council has launched a new venture supported by all the members and every conference across our diocese. This is our St Vincent's Support Centre in Grange Road West in Birkenhead, a major undertaking and a leap of faith, where we hope to meet the needs of families and anyone in Wirral but particularly the homeless and refugees. You will have seen the collecting boxes at the back of church for baby items, toiletries and underwear. If you fancy getting involved, talk to us or email the Centre Manager, Kevin Hogan on [KevinH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KevinH@svp.org.uk)

Another new initiative is the End of Life Companions Course, which two of our members completed through webinars and workbooks during lockdown. This course is aimed at more experienced SVP members and designed and accredited by St Mary's University, Twickenham. The certificate enables us to accompany the dying in their final hours and days, in a parish, community or hospital setting. We are exploring how best to deliver this service here in our parish and would be interested in hearing from anyone who is facing the death of a loved one. Again, please email us your questions and comments.

Not everything is new, however. You will be glad to know the monthly Sunday Lunch Club for people who live alone has resumed. If you go home to an empty house and would like to join us for Sunday lunch, please contact Terri on 638 0976 or email us on [ham.svpconference@gmail.com](mailto:ham.svpconference@gmail.com) We hope to run our fabulous Christmas Raffle for the Sudan Baby Feeding Project in Advent as well as a Craft Fair in November and hopefully our famous tea party next year.

And if you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to join us, whether as an occasional volunteer or for a short time or for life, please talk to any member of the SVP or email us. There will be an Open Information Session in church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. All welcome.

Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank all of you for your generous support. We could not do all this without your prayers, donations and involvement. We feel privileged to be a conference in this parish and serve the people of our community. Please keep us in your prayers.

Yours in St Vincent,

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