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and  
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**Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 89(90):12-17**

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

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Sat 09/10/21	12:30 CTK	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Maria Thi Ly Pham (RIP)	
	18:00 OLAM		Michael Collins (Birthday)	
Sun 10/10/21	10:00 CTK		Phylis Fields (RIP)	
	11:30 OLAM		The McEvoy family (RIP)	
Mon 11/10/21	08:00 Con		<b>Feria in OT – Wk 28</b>	Seamus, Mick, Anthony Kelly (RIP)
	09:30 Mon			Shaun Pates (RIP)
	12:00 CTK			Bernadette Garvey (RIP)
Tue 12/10/21	09:30 Mon†		<b>Feria in OT – Wk 28</b>	John Golden (RIP)
	<b>14:00 CTK</b>			Nancy Byrne (RIP)
Wed 13/10/21	08:00 Con		<b>Feria in OT – Wk 28</b>	Michael Crann (RIP)
	09:30 Mon†	Dominic Van Thuc Nguyen (RIP)		
	12:00 CTK	<b>Funeral Service - Carmen Beeke</b>		
Thu 14/10/21	09:30 Mon	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 28</b>	Grace Dean (RIP)	
	10:30 OLAM		PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES	
	12:00 CTK†		Bridget Quinn (RIP)	
Fri 15/10/21	09:00 CTK	<b>St Teresa of Avila, Mem</b>	Joanna Taylor (RIP)	
	09:30 Mon†		Mark Mikula	
Sat 16/10/21	10:00 Mon	<b>Feria in OT – Wk 28</b>	Bridie Kelly (RIP)	
	12:30 CTK		Ted McKeown (RIP)	
	18:00 OLAM†		Mark Tomlinson (RIP)	
Sun 17/10/21	10:00 CTK	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT</b>	Luke Byrne	
	11:30 OLAM		Eilish Kearney (RIP)	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Vanda Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

**Requiem Mass:** for Nancy Byrne is on Tuesday 26/10/21 at 11:00.

**Certificate of Catholic Practice:** required by oversubscribed Catholic Secondary Schools can only be signed by Fr The-Quang for those children who have been attending mass with their families in the parish church at weekends and on holydays of obligation over the five years prior to the application to the school. If you intend to ask Fr The-Quang to sign one please make sure that your child sign the attendance book from year 1.

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

The principal theme of today's Liturgy is wisdom. At first sight the Gospel reading may not seem to be part of this, but surely one's attitude to wealth is central to this theme.

What is the opposite of wisdom? Foolishness? Yes. But there is more than one opposite. *Cleverness* is also the opposite of wisdom. The rich young man was surely quite clever (unless he had merely inherited his wealth). Foolish and clever at the same time: foolish because clever.

This man (in Matthew, a *young* man) runs up to Jesus and with totally exaggerated courtesy (there is only one parallel to it in Jewish literature, and that in the 4th century A.D.) asks him what he must do, etc. Full marks for enthusiasm, but none for follow-through. You can imagine him running up to any and every new teacher, and turning away disappointed when they asked him to change his life. He wanted religion as entertainment; he was interested in *using* religion for his own purposes, perhaps, without being challenged by it. We all have that in us. Some of us avoid the challenge by refusing to change, others by changing all the time.

The rich young man was a true believer in the other God: Mammon. There can be no final peace between these; they are the ultimate rivals. Jesus said, "You cannot serve God and Mammon" (Matthew 6:24).

Cannot serve God and Mammon...? Just watch us! We become very skilled at keeping them in combination.

Sometimes we are capable of using God as a cover for our worship of Mammon. More commonly we serve God, as we imagine, but with the *mind of Mammon*, looking even in spirituality for bargains and profit. (Meister Eckhart has a luminous commentary on Matthew 21: Jesus driving the buyers and sellers out of the temple.) But the most common solution of all is to keep them in separate worlds; God in the world of theory and Mammon in the world of practice.

Is there any hope for us? Yes, there's always hope. As usual, Mark shows a more 'feeling' Jesus. Matthew and Luke write simply, "Jesus answered...", but Mark writes, "Jesus *looked steadily at him and loved him*, and said...." From Matthew and Luke you could get the impression that the rich man was a write-off. True, he is never heard of again in the New Testament, but could anyone whom Jesus loved be a write-off? Jesus did

not *demand* perfection of him; he just held it before him as an *invitation*. An invitation is by its nature optional; you cannot imagine Jesus taking any kind of revenge on him for refusing it. There are stages in our life, and the Lord has more patience with us than we have with ourselves or with one another. All three Gospel writers say that the rich man became "sad." They didn't need to say that Jesus was sad, because it was so obvious.

The Twelve were all called individually by Jesus, and they all followed. Even Judas followed for three years. But the rich young man is the only one in the New Testament who was called individually and did not follow. There is nothing quite like wealth for closing the ears and the mind, for deadening the conscience. After a while it also closes the eyes, so that we no longer see the poor. That rich young man is never heard of again in the New Testament. He might have become a greater apostle even than Peter or John.

### Last Week's Collection CTK

Envelopes	£ 160.80
Loose	£ 184.84
St. Orders	£ 206.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 552.33</b>

### Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 130.90
Loose	£ 135.73
St. Orders	£ 33.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 300.09</b>

### Thank you for your generosity

**Bible Study** with Deacon Dominic Fahey in the church of Our Lady of the Assumption every Tuesday at 7:00pm.

**RCIA** meeting on Tuesday 12/10/21 at 19:15 in Church of Christ the King.

**Forget me not Sing-along** every Monday, 1:15pm at St John's Centre : for people with Dementia, other disabilities and anyone else who would like to come along for 1 hour of fun, singing and socialising. £5 per session (carers free). No booking required.

**People with special needs and learning disabilities** can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect. To try and see how we might do better in our deanery, a meeting has been planned for Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Oct at 3pm, at St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road, B73 5US. The meeting is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in this area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come. It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). If you would like to learn more and maybe take part, please email [stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk) or ring 0121 354 1763 .

### Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Day for Ministers of Holy Communion; Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Day for Leaders of Prayer. The days take place at St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US, 10:00am till 4:00pm.

Further details and booking forms are available at [www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers](http://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers)

Prayer Intention this weekend: This Sunday we celebrate World Mental Health Day. We pray especially for all mothers experiencing difficulties in their pregnancies, whose mental health has, as a result, been negatively impacted. We pray that, as a society, we would do all we can to support mothers through these circumstances and keep the health and well-being of both mother and child at the centre of our communities."