

Focusing the Gospel
10th October 2021

Key words and phrases:

man ran up, what must I do, all these things I have observed, loved him, sell what you have, follow me, went away sad.

To the point:

The man in the gospel “**ran up**” to Jesus, eager to know how “**to inherit eternal life.**” How quickly his demeanor changed when Jesus, looking on him with love for having kept the commandments, challenged him to one thing further: he must give up everything and follow Jesus “**to enter the kingdom of God.**” Following Jesus demands that we choose not to be possessed by things, but by Jesus himself. To be possessed by Jesus we must even give up our greatest possession of all: our very selves. Then Jesus looks upon us with great love.

Connecting to the Gospel

To the First Reading:

The author of Wisdom was able to recognize that wisdom is greater than possessions. In the gospel Jesus teaches us that following him is greater than possessions. Such is the way of wisdom.

To experience:

Often, this passage (especially about receiving a hundredfold) is applied to those who answer the call to ordained priesthood or religious life but, in reality, this gospel passage refers to all who respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him.

Bible Study

We have a Bible Study, reflecting on the coming Sunday Mass Readings, with Fr. Claro on Zoom on Mondays from 8 – 9 pm. For the Bible Study visit the website and click the link on the homepage.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume from Sunday 12th September. All children from the age of 5 and above are welcome. To allow the children's liturgy to proceed each Sunday there needs to a minimum of 3 children attending.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or at Mass on Sundays.

Clare Cottingham

Email: clare@cottinghome.co.uk

Climate Change Course

Mike Slinn shares news of new seven-week on-line course, via Zoom, on Friday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm, beginning Friday, 1st October...



This Christian Course on Climate Change will use material from Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and the Dorset Green Living Guide, supplemented by videos and factual information. The Course will be delivered by some 12 speakers from across the UK who are knowledgeable in the wide range of topics covered. Topics will include the causes of Climate Change, food, energy, transport, waste / throwaway culture, water and social justice. You can book your free ticket by clicking here. For more information please email: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk.

Second Collections

We have 3 obligatory Second Collections over the next few weeks; they are **17th October, CAFOD** – Harvest Collection and Gift Aid envelopes will be available this Sunday for you to take in advance **24th October World Mission Sunday**

6th November BAMENDA Sunday

If you prefer to donate directly to our account the details are

“**PRCDTR -Buckland St. George. Account no. 00876071; Lloyds Bank; 30-93-04** “

Thank you all for your generous support.



Parish of Blessed Hugh Faringdon & Buckland
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10TH OCTOBER 2021

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Liturgies at the Cathedral

Bishop Philip will celebrate the following liturgies. They will be live streamed on the Cathedral website: www.portsmouth-catholiccathedral.org.uk

Saturday 09:00 Holy Mass

Sunday 12:00 Holy Mass (Cathedral)

Monday - Friday

07:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

08:10 Morning Prayer & Benediction

08:30 Holy Mass (Latin on Wednesday)



Ministries

Music Director: Sjoerd Vogt

Organist: Karen Vogt

SafeGuarding Officer: Mary Hughes

Children's Liturgy: Clare Cottingham

Parish Hall: Sue Cole (01367 241446)

Pastoral Assistant: Tony Fecher

Altar Servers: Denise Cocquerel

Gift Aid: Jack Thornton

Webmaster: Neill Taylor

Praying the Readings at Home

1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm 89(90):12-17

2nd Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me
(Gospel)



Heinrich Hoffmann
Christ and the Rich Young Ruler
1889

Masses at Blessed Hugh

Sunday Mass is at 10am. We will continue to stream Sunday 10 am on Zoom and Facebook for the benefit of those who are unable to come to the church. See here for details: <https://blessedhugh.org.uk/events-and-services/>

You can follow Fr. Claro's daily Masses from his home on Facebook Live here:

<https://facebook.com/claro.conde>

His current schedule is:

8.00 am Regular Daily Masses Monday to Sunday. 6pm Wednesday and Sunday.

1st Wednesday of the month, mass in the church at 6pm. (Our lady of perpetual help.)

Lift to Church

Peter Cole is willing to give a lift to anyone who needs it to come to the church for Mass.

Please contact him on 01367 241446 or email scole1951@aol.com.



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Dear Parishioners,

We are very pleased to invite you to an **Annual General Meeting in the Church on Wednesday 13th October, 7pm – 8.30pm.**

The AGM notice is also on the website <https://blessedhugh.org.uk/parish-agm/> including a link to join by Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

<https://blessedhugh.org.uk/pastoral-area-review/>

You will be able to access a Review of the Parish, that we have had to compile for the Diocese. We ask you to read this before the meeting. There will be a short time for questions.

If you have any feedback, please will you email Fr Claro or one us on the PPC. Ideally questions will be emailed before the meeting. The Agenda is below, with suggested times.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer
Mission Statements (recap) (5 min)
Reports from Groups (45 mins)
Liturgy Group (Mairead Boyce)
Justice & Peace (Karen Vogt)
Music Ministry (Sjoerd Vogt)
Finance & Gift Aid (Andrew Chell)
Churches Together (Mairead Boyce)
Children's Liturgy, First Holy Communion (& Confirmation)(Clare Cottingham)
Buildings & Maintenance (Audrey Curnock, Tony Fecher*)
Future Aspirations for our Church (15 mins)
Discussions from the Parish Review (15 minutes)
Closing Prayer

(*if able to)

Audrey

NEW PARISHIONERS

More families and individuals are happy to join our Masses and are now enrolling to become Parishioners. They feel our welcome. They say our Liturgies are not boring. Our church is also family and children friendly. A few would like to become Catholics. Clare Cottingham has been very helpful to them and to the children.

VILLAGE MISSIONS

Watchfield. Home Rosary at the residence of a new parishioner Rachel Ogunrinde on Friday Evening.

Uffington. Marriage of John & Jean Barnes with Revd. Jeremy Goulston, Vicar and Fr. Claro Conde.

Buckland. Dr. Fiona Bartolomew, village parish council, gave me a great welcome. She oriented me with the Catholic history in Buckland. She told me of the secret chapel in Buckland House and the Catholic arts in St Mary's Church. Patrick Sean McNally, an Irishman, owns the House and now the former Catholic Church of St. George. Fiona suggests that we have a joint Service which they used to have before.

I also met Rev. Jim Mynors who worked nationally with those training for ministry and leading rural churches. At my table were Catholic Joe Turner, Sarah and another gentleman whose mother, a Dutch woman, had a funeral at Blessed Hugh a few years ago.

Message from Fr. Claro
10th October 2021
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

BIBLE ZOOM MEETING – 8pm Mondays

Let us listen again to Franciscan Friar Greg Friedman's REFLECTIONS on the Readings.
<https://bible.usccb.org/podcasts/video/2021-10-10-reflection-143>

Homily by Angela Tilby BBC Thought for the Day
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09xvwn0>

Quaker Exhibition on Climate Change at the Friends Meeting House, Lechlade Road, Faringdon

It will be open 10am-4pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays and on Sundays from 2-4pm till 10th October.

SHARE fruits / vegetables from your garden. We thank Reggie & Emily (Norton) and Maria Vrabelova for sharing with us apples, plums, and courgettes from their garden. You may share your surplus fruits and veg from your backyard. Bring them to the church.

MISSION RED BOXES. I would like to thank JENNY TIERNEY for her great ministry in support the Catholic Missions abroad through the Mission Red Box. Many mission stations all over the world (including my country the Philippines) are benefitted through our financial support of the Mill Hill Missionaries. She finished her term, and we need volunteers to continue her work.

OCTOBER is also the Mission month when we pray for missionaries and help finance the missions.

OCTOBER is also the month of the **HOLY ROSARY.**

The annual Mass Count

Over the next four weekends, starting this Sunday 19th September, parishes across all the dioceses of England and Wales will be undertaking their annual Mass count, that is, the numbers of people in attendance at Sunday Masses.