



**St Margaret Mary,
Birmingham
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Talking Faith and Finance IV:
PLEDGE SUNDAY
22nd October, 2023**

*If you need detailed readings they are on
p.130 of the books available from the back
of church.*

Priest: ✠ In the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Confiteor: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do, through my fault,
through my fault, through my most
grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed
Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May Almighty God have
mercy upon us, forgive us our sins

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Kyries

Gloria in excelsis

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore
you, we glorify you, we give you
thanks for your great glory, Lord
God, heavenly King, O God, almighty
Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only
begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of
God, Son of the Father, you take
away the sins of the world, have
mercy on us, you take away the sins
of the world, receive our prayer, you
are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us. For you
alone are the Holy One, you alone are
the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

First reading: Isaiah 45.1, 4-6

Apart from me, all is nothing.

Psalm Response: *Give the Lord glory
and power.*

**Second reading: 1 Thessalonians
1.1-5.** *We constantly remember your faith.*

**Gospel Acclamation: (Please
stand):** *Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.*

The Gospel: Matthew 22.15-21.

*Jesus gives advice about money: how much to
give to Caesar and how much to give to God.*

Homily

Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, Our Lord, *who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary*, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Reception and Consecration of Pledges

Offertory

Pray Brethren that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of faith: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper of the Lamb. All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Notices * Figures for 15/10/23, Gift Aid: £81, Loose: £271.42, 2nd Collection Ordinariate Clergy Relief Fund: £179.44 Building Fund: £15.50 Attendance: 231

* The funeral of Christina Timmins will be at Sacred Heart Church, Aston on Friday 27th October at 11.30am, (reception into church on Thursday, 26th October at 7pm).

* November blessing of graves: information as to the Blessing of Graves at our local cemeteries will be released soon.

* The deadline for application for secondary schools (for Y7 in

September 2024/25) is 31 October. Those applying for St Paul's School whose children have attended Sunday mass regularly over 5 years can supplement their form with a signed 'Certificate of Catholic Practice'.

***Sycamore Course Autumn, 2023**

Meetings take place in the Newman Gallery in Church (upstairs) on Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm:
8/11, The Mass
22/11, Forgiveness
29/11, Vocations
6/12 The Church

* October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please consider praying the rosary more regularly and if you do not have one, there are rosaries available at the piety stall.

***Prayers for the departed:**

Judy Winn, Anthony Coonan, Joan Denny, Martin Anthony Conlon, Celine Nganwuchi, Sister Mary Bernadette CHC, Michael Fahey, Annie Whelan, Ester Mutumwa, Noel Hand, Helen Thomas, Bernie Layden, John Lenehan, Stephen Jones, Fred Hall, Jason Murtagh, Christina Alice Timmins, Fr John Morley-Bunker, Pauline Cassidy, Mgr David Silk, Claire Banks, Elizabeth McKeever, Colder Graham, Fr Paul Chavasse, Cong. Orat., James Bailey RIP

THIS WEEK Saturday, 21st
11am Memorial Mass for Jessie Chinyere RIP. 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (Josie Williams RIP).

Sunday, 22nd October **Talking Faith and Finance IV: PLEDGE SUNDAY. World Mission Sunday.** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (Joyce Anderson RIP). 11am Mass (Catherine Feeney RIP). 2nd Collection for *World Mission Sunday* (APF – *Missio*).

Monday, 23rd 9.30am Mass at *The Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 99 Old Oscott Hill, Kingstanding.* 6.30pm Adoration and Benediction. 7pm Mass.

Tuesday, 24th 8.55am Rosary. 9.15am Mass (40 days Prayer Campaign for the Unborn).

Wed, 25th **NO MASS**

Friday, 27th 9.15am Mass (Barnabas Nchengha Agendia RIP).

Saturday, 28th Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. 12 Noon Baptism of Orlagh Elizabeth Nolan and Joah Brendan Nolan. 5.45pm-6.20pm Confessions. 6.30pm Vigil Mass (James Dargan RIP & John O'Reilly RIP).

Sunday, 29th October **PLEASE NOTE CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR!** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 9.30am Mass (John Glasgow RIP). 11am Mass (Alex Garner, Timothy Ezat and Martyn Rogers, recently ordained deacons in the Ordinariate).

Faith and Finance– Briefing 3



In the bible there are 2300 verses on money and possessions and in Jesus' teachings, money often features, including eleven of the thirty-nine parables. For example, the parable of the rich man ('Dives') and Lazarus (Luke 16.19-31 – see image above of Lazarus). Lazarus is poor and wretched and ignored by the rich man. He feeds on the crumbs that fall from the table. Then, at death, there is a divine reversal. Lazarus, a name which means 'God helps', is truly helped by God to attain paradise, whilst the rich man is in the underworld, thirsting. It is a disturbing parable, because it makes us think of injustice in the world and our part in it. Lazarus is invisible: how often are the poor and needy invisible to us?

Pope Benedict XVI in his inaugural homily said *"each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed. Each of us is loved. Each of*

us is necessary." This is a profound truth.

If we are so attached to the things of this world, we are in danger of pride and in danger of being blind to the needs of the poor and of being servants of God.

Jesus says you can't serve God and mammon (Matthew 6.24f), so as we arrive at Pledge Sunday, help us, Lord, to respond generously. As St Ignatius Loyola put it, *"Lord, teach me to be generous, to give and not to count the cost"*.

Pope Francis has said that the Church *"is in the world to make possible an encounter with God's love. For this to occur, we must go out from our churches and parishes and find people where they suffer"*.

We have been looking throughout this project at how our giving can be: ***proportionate** (that is, up to one tenth of our income) ***regular** (that is weekly or monthly through envelopes or standing order) ***sacrificial** and ***cheerful !**

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