

# Sunday Readings

## 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### 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

A reading from the second book of Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 120. R/. cf. v.2

**R/. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R/.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R/.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R/.**



### SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

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### Gospel Acclamation

**1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Alleluia, alleluia.

In everything give thanks;

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia.

### GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The Lord be with you. *And with your Spirit.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

The Gospel of the Lord,  
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### 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.

# The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary Year C

## The Word of God

## Saints of the Week

**Monday 13 October 2025**

**St Edward the Confessor (1003 - 1066)**



He became King of England in 1042. He was regarded as a saint during his lifetime, renowned for his generosity to the Church and to the poor and for his readiness to listen to his subjects' grievances. He died on 5 January 1066, the last of the old Anglo-Saxon line, and his death precipitated the dynastic quarrels that led to the conquest of England by William of Normandy later the

same year. On 13 October 1163 his relics were translated to a new shrine in Westminster Abbey.

**Wednesday 15 October 2025**

**St Teresa of Ávila (1515 - 1582)**

She was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted, and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites but help coming from the highest levels at the same time. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

A favourite story about St Teresa illustrates the intimate relationship that the saints have with God. When she was on one of her innumerable journeys across Spain, her horse threw her as she was crossing a river. Soaked to the skin she looked up to heaven and said, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" We should bring everything to God in our prayers, even our reproaches.

The readings for the last few weeks have been speaking about faith. Saving faith as we see in the Gospel is more than merely believing in something. 10 of the lepers in the Gospel believed that Christ could heal them. Only one returned glorifying God and thanking him. And it was to that one that Jesus says your faith has saved you. A saving faith is one which causes us to respond to the person of Jesus Christ. It is one that causes us to return to him again and again in thanksgiving and praise.

True faith is faith in a person. It is faith in the person of Jesus Christ. We believe that a saving faith is one that transforms our lives completely. Like the lepers in the Gospel today, 10 had faith Jesus could heal them but it only changed one of their lives. That was the one that was saved. A truly grateful heart is one that changes our lives and the way we live. It is one that acknowledges God as Lord and transforms our lives. It is one that makes us return to him glorifying him for the work he has done in our lives. It is one that makes us fall on our knees in gratitude - not just on Sunday's when everybody else kneels. It is a gratitude that moves our hearts during the week to praise God and thank him for the good in our lives. It is a gratitude that shows itself when we are faced with suffering. We thank God for what he has done in our lives and we thank him for even the things that cause us pain because our faith tells us that even in those moments that hurt so badly, God's hand is moving. He will not give us anything we can't bear. That is his promise. We thank God for the grace he gives us to get through it.

## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now, but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which he looks  
with compassion on this world.  
Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things pass away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things.  
Those who have God  
Find they lack nothing;  
God alone suffices.  
Amen.