

Children's Newsletter

St Mary's

28th
Sunday

Mark 10:17-30

In the Old Testament and even today, having lots and lots is what everyone thinks is great. Jews thought that if you were rich then God had blessed you and if you were poor then God wasn't happy with you.

We know that this is not true but when Jesus said to the rich man that he should leave everything behind and follow him, the rich man couldn't do it. I wonder if we could?

Perhaps we need to remember that Jesus was born in a stable and grew up in the house of a carpenter, not a rich palace with servants.

Having lots can be the opportunity for us to share what we have with those who do not have as much.



King Solomon

In the first reading we learn about King Solomon. God offered him whatever he wanted. He could have asked for riches or power or anything else you could think of.

King Solomon thought about this deeply. He realised that being very rich or very powerful would not make him a good king, nor would it make him happy.

Instead, King Solomon asked for the gift of wisdom. Wisdom is being able to use experience, knowledge and good judgment.

King Solomon became a very great and wise king.

St Edward the Confessor

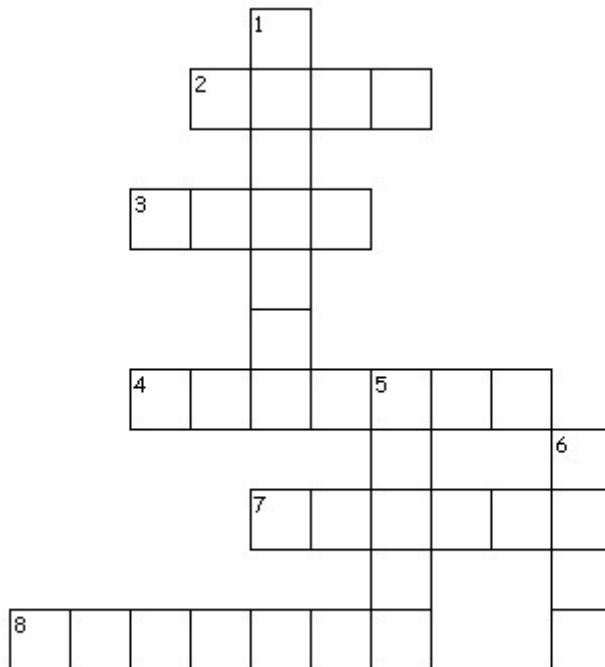
St Edward was a royal prince of England. He spent much of his young life in Normandy in France when the Danes invaded England. He returned to become King of England in 1042. He was the last Anglo-Saxon King of England.

King Edward was a very religious man and while he was king the country was peaceful and he did a lot of good.

Unfortunately, he and his wife did not have any children, so that when he died there were many people who wanted to become king of England, which led to the famous Battle of Hastings in 1066.

Edward's feast day is October 13th

Names you might know



Across

2. This man used to be called Saul
3. The gospel writer we are listening to this year
4. King known for his wisdom
7. This king won the battle of Jericho
8. The name of our pope

Down

1. The messenger of God
5. He was given the ten commandments
6. The mother of Jesus

Saint John XXIII

The man who would be Pope John XXIII was born in the small village in Italy, on November 25, 1881. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to poor parents and was called Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli. This baby would become one of the most important popes in recent history, changing the Church forever.

As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the things in the Vatican. On Christmas, 1958, he restarted the papal practice of making visits to the community within the official Diocese of Rome. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners.

One of the most important things he did was to call for a huge meeting to discuss how the Catholic Church would continue into the future. This was called Vatican II.

Pope John XXIII was a man of great mercy and kindness and much like Pope Francis today, he did many things that created a sensation in the streets and pews.

He was made a saint by Pope Francis in 2014 and his feast day is October 11th.

