

St Teresa of Avila was born in 1515 into a wealthy family in Avila, Spain, the third of nine children. Her mother died when she was fourteen and she claims she went a bit wild after that – reading romances and other teenage frivolities!

### Religious life

Religious life seemed to offer more freedom than marriage, obedience to a husband and childbearing, so Teresa joined the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation in Avila, where she lived a regular and fairly comfortable life. She was hit by a severe illness for about three years and for fifteen years after her recovery, she says she was in a somewhat divided state until in 1555 she experienced what she called her “second Conversion”.

### Second conversion

Teresa felt that in a large community of around 180 nuns, many of whom had their servants, distractions were many, making a deep spiritual life difficult. Reform was in the air at this time with the founding of the Jesuits. Teresa envisaged a small community of about 12 living and doing penance in strict enclosure and returning to the ideal of poverty lived by the original

mendicants, Francis, Dominic and the original Carmelites.

### Disalced

One expression of this was that her nuns wore sandals as distinct from shoes and socks and were called “disalced”. Against some opposition, though she got support from King Philip II, she opened her first disalced convent of St Joseph’s in Avila in 1562.

### Approval

In 1567 the Carmelite prior general approved her foundation and encouraged her to open two more convents for women and two for men. The “calced” Carmelites resented her reforms. They captured and imprisoned her friend and ally John of the Cross. This quarrel continued until in 1580 the Disalced Carmelites were given a separate province. Although her health was broken, Teresa continued her travels for reform until her death in 1582.

She was canonised in 1622 along with Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier, Philip Neri and Isidore the Farmer. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a doctor of the Church.

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### Saints of the Week

Wed 14	St Callistus I, pope and martyr
Thurs 15	St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church
Friday 16	St Hedwig, religious St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin
Sat 17	St Gall, abbot and missionary St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr



"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything."

**St Teresa of Avila**



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### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th October 2020



### 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 10th Oct 6.00 pm Vigil:-**

John Butler (Anv)

**Sun 11th Oct 11.30 am Mass:-**

John Gallagher Recently Deceased

Peter Cassidy Months Mind

Brian & Simon Guckian (Anv)

Alfie & Nano Rochford (Anv)

Leonie Young (Anv)

**Recently Deceased:-**

Cuthbert (Cubby) O' Connor

**Anniversaries:-**

Joe Larkin

George & Rose Smith

Pat Smith

Maura Mc Nally

John Mc Cahill

Oliver Sullivan

Michael Mc Donald

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Recently deceased

Jim (James) O'Donnell

Margaret Reid

Bernard Clyne

May they rest in peace





**October 11,  
2020  
28th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well

on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. Drivers with free weekday availability and who can commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at [gflinter@irishcancer.ie](mailto:gflinter@irishcancer.ie) or call 01 2310 566 for an

application form. Due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are seeking drivers under the age of 70 years.

## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines (Is 25:6-10)

### PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 22)

### SECOND READING

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. (Ph 4:12-14.19-20)

### GOSPEL

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven maybe compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. (Mt 22:1-14)



*(St Francis of Assisi by Federico Baroccio)*

calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother "as much when he is far away from him as when he is with him". In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.

2. This saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy, who inspired me to write the Encyclical *Laudato Si*, prompts me once more to devote this new Encyclical to fraternity and social friendship. Francis felt himself a brother to the sun, the sea, and the wind, yet he knew that he was even closer to those of his own flesh. Wherever he went, he sowed seeds of peace and walked alongside the poor, the abandoned, the infirm and the outcast, the least of his brothers and sisters.

This is his introduction—full text available on the Vatican Website.

## Latest Encyclical of Pope Francis

### ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

1. "FRATELLI TUTTI". With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels Francis offered, I would like to select the one in which he