**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 14th 2018

**Canonisation of Blessed Oscar Romero**

**Each one of you has to be God’s microphone**

Today Pope Francis will canonise Oscar Romero, a Bishop from El-Salvador. Blessed Oscar Romero was assassinated whilst saying Mass on the 24th March 1980, a martyr of the Church. As an Archbishop he was renowned for using his homilies to speak the truth about what was happening in his country, a ‘voice of the voiceless poor’, condemning the killings, torture and injustices committed by the army and police. He was not afraid to stand up and preach the truth of the Gospel amidst his turbulent culture. We hear this in today’s Second Reading - the Word of God is alive and active, sharper than a sword. And too in the Gospel we are reminded by Jesus that the care for those less fortunate than ourselves is ESSENTIAL!

“Here there is a challenge from Christ to the goodness of humankind. **It is not enough to be good.** It is not enough to not do evil. My Christianity is something more positive; it is not a negative. There are many who say, “But I don’t kill, I don’t steal, I don’t do anything bad to anyone.” That’s not enough. You are still lacking a great deal. It is not enough to be good.” (Blessed Oscar Romero)

So today let us take up Blessed Oscar Romero’s challenge to ‘be God’s microphone’.

Saint Oscar Romero - pray for us

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