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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd July 2023

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2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

Matthew 10: 37-42

In our first reading, we see, the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by arranging an upper room of their house so that Elisha might stay with them when he visited the area. In response, Elisha promised her, “*This time next year you will be fondling a baby son.*” The promise was fulfilled by God. The second reading, taken from Paul’s letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward. By our Baptism, we have been baptized into Jesus’ death and buried with him, and we look forward to our resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life, it makes us part of the Body of Christ, and Christ is truly present in us. That is why the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward. Today’s Gospel lesson concludes Jesus’ great “missionary discourse” in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behaviour expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behaviour expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the “little ones,” (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Alex RIP	Saturday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett Born in 1625 in Ireland to a wealthy, influential, noble family, some being prominent in the Irish rebellion of 1641 when Oliver was age 16. Studied at Irish College in Rome. Brilliant student. Ordained in 1654. Obtained a doctorate in canon and civil law. Professor of Theology. Appointed Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland in 1669. Due to penal laws, travel in Ireland as “Captain Brown”, wore a sword and carried pistols. Soon was able to travel freely as a bishop. Radically improved the religious practice in Ireland. 10,000 Confirmations. Then implicated with others in false “Titus Oates Popish Plot” to kill King Charles II. Martyred at Tyburn Tree, 1 st July 1681. The last martyr for the faith in England.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 2nd July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass for God’s protection for Lenetu Olconlcun
6.30pm Mass	Monday 3rd St Thomas the Apostle The apostle that doubted Jesus’ resurrection. Later went to Syria and Malabar in India. Founded the religious community called St Thomas Christians. The St Thomas Cross was the symbol of the Syro-Malabar rite in the Catholic Church.
10am Mass	Tuesday 4th St Elizabeth, Queen of Portugal Born in 1271 daughter of the King of Aragon in Spain. Named after her great aunt St Elizabeth of Hungary. Married the King of Portugal. Had two children. Her husband was uncaring and unfaithful. Queen Elizabeth of Portugal was a peacemaker and devoted to the poor and pursued regular religious practices despite her husband’s bad behaviour. Took an active interest in Portuguese politics and brought peace to many conflicts. When her husband died and her son became King Alonzo IV of Portugal, she retired to a house alongside the Poor Clare nuns. Still kept control of the royal treasury. Did not trust her son. Died 4 th July 1336
SVP Social 1pm to 3pm 6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 5th St Anthony Zaccaria Born in 1502 in Cremona, Italy and baptised by his uncle at Cremona Cathedral. His father died when he was 2 years old. His mother taught him compassion for the poor and sick. Due to this he became a doctor in Cremona. Then decided to be a priest to heal souls as well as bodies. Spiritual advisor to Countess who, with his help, founded an Order to avoid poor girls in Milan falling into prostitution. Fr Anthony founded lay groups and an Order of secular priests to address the lax moral behaviour in Milan. Emphasised the Passion of Christ, the Eucharist and penance to atone for sin in their preaching. Ministered to the poor and sick. Encouraged reform of clergy practices later adopted in the Council of Trent. Second house in Vicenza near Venice. Introduced the ringing of church bells at 3pm on Fridays to mark Christ’s death, exposing the Blessed Sacrament for 3 days and “40 hours of prayer”. They preached in the open air, they cared for the sick

	and formed active groups of married couples with devotion to St Paul. Based at the Church of St Barnabas in Milan. Order known as Barnabites.
10 am Mass	Thursday 6th St Maria Goretti Born in 1890 in Italy. Father a poor peasant farmer who had difficulty making it pay. Then worked with another poor family whose father was an alcoholic, mother was in a mental asylum and their young son Alessandro. Both moved to near Rome to work for wealthy Count. Maria was a holy Italian virgin who had no interest in men. When 20 Alessandro made advances to 11 year old Maria. Rejected by her so he murdered her. She forgave him in a vision.
NO MASS	Friday 7th St Willibald. . Born in Wessex in about 700. Mother St Wuna was sister of St Boniface. Father was St Richard the Pilgrim. Educated at the Benedictine monastery at Bishops Waltham in Hampshire in Anglo-Saxon and Celtic customs. Pilgrimage to Holy Land via Sicily. Greece, Asia Minor and Cyprus visiting shrines. Returned via Constantinople to Rome. Stayed in monastery of Monte Cassino for 10 years and helped restore Benedictine Rule. Then sent by Pope Gregory III as missionary to Germany to help his uncle St Boniface. Bishop of Eichstatt in Germany. Founded Heidenheim double monastery and made his brother in charge of monks. Then got his sister from Wimborne monastery in Dorset to be in charge of the nuns. Wrote story of the pilgrimage. Buried in Eichstatt Cathedral with his sister St Walburga.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 8th St Priscilla and St Aquala Tent making married couple who accompanied St Paul on his travels to Christian communities. Both, especially Priscilla, were great preachers.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 9th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Mass from Jomy Joy
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Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

SVP Administrator/Secretary. Renee Sharp is stepping down after many years of unpaid work

There is a vacancy coming up at the end of August for a volunteer to work in the office at SVP. Hours are negotiable. If you are interested in this varied position, please contact Renee Sharp for further details by email at svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or speak to Renee in the Church. Support from Renee will be offered to anyone who has an interest in the position

Next SVP Social is this Wednesday 5th July – 1pm to 3 pm

There will another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm

The next session will be Friday 21st July from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am



Sally Collinge in our parish has a family tent and a two ring gas burner that she no longer needs

Sally would be very pleased if someone in the parish could make use of the family tent in the picture opposite. She also has a two ring gas burner that she used to use when she and her husband went camping. Sally does not want any money for them but to give a donation to the parish of St Vincent de Paul. Anyone interested please contact the editor Malcolm Forster, contact details at the beginning of the newsletter.

Parish collection for last weekend 24th and 25th June

							SPECIAL COLLECTION ---		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£93	£23.25	£105,67	£242.54	£51.98	£516.44	----	---	---	£516.44