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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10th September 2023

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Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Romans 13; 8-10

Matthew 16: 15-20

In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a *"watchman for the house of Israel,"* obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word given to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. In the second reading, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist his neighbours in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to aid with correction those brothers and sisters who have damaged the community by public sin. If the erring one refuses a one-on-one, loving correction by the offended party, then the Christian is to try to involve more people: first, *"one or two others,"* and eventually *"the Church."* Finally, Jesus mentions the efficacy of community prayer in solving such problems, for Christ is present in the praying Christian community.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Theophilus Thomas RIP Irene Delves RIP	Saturday 9th St Peter Claver Born 1580 Spain. Went to Jesuit Barcelona University. Noted for his intelligence and devotion. Joined Jesuits. Studied on island of Majorca. Advised by the humble porter St Alphonsus Rodriguez to help slaves in the new Spanish colonies. Sent to Cartagena in Colombia one of the main ports for the slave trade. Ordained a priest in 1616. Fr Peter visited slaves on the ships as soon as they arrived, at slave markets and where they worked. When he visited plantations or the mines he stayed with the slaves as the owners were not pleased to see Fr Peter. He preached about the love of Jesus for everyone and was hearing Confessions and preparing baptism at the rate of 5,000 a year. Developed a team of assistants. In 1650 caught the plague. Died 8 th September 1654
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 10th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan and Iris Cassar RIP
6.30pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Roslin Soji	Monday 11th St Jean-Gabriel Perboyre. Born in 1802 in France. Ordained a priest aged 24 in 1826 into the Vincentian Missionaries. Illness stopped him going on missionary work. Fr Perboyre supervised the novitiate in Paris. His brother Louis died while on a voyage to the missions in China so Fr Perboyre volunteered to take his place. Travelled to Macau in August 1835. He studied the Chinese language and travelled for five months across China to the Ho-Nan missionary station. Preached and served the poverty stricken people of the region. In 1838 was transferred to the mission in Hubei. In 1839 persecution of Christians started and the Mandarin of Hubei sent soldiers to arrest the missionaries. After a trial he was martyred by strangulation 11 th September 1840.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 12th Blessed Anton Schwartz Born 1852 near Vienna in Austria. At 17 joined the Piarists Order due to their social principles. Left due to fear of Order being disbanded. Entered diocesan seminary. Ordained in 1875 aged 25. Chaplain to a hospital. Saw the dreadful conditions of the working class. He realised that the revival of morals could be achieved if living conditions were improved. Advocate of Catholic Social Teaching. Founder of <i>Catholic Apprentices' Association</i> and <i>Congregation of Christian Workers of St Joseph Calasanz</i> named after the saint he had developed a great devotion for in his youth as founder of Piarists Order. Worked to support apprentices, homeless and unemployed. Found good Catholic employers for them. Started saving associations for the poor. Promoted social justice and championed the rights and welfare of the workers. Supported strikes for fair wages and shorter working hours. Not always supported by other clergy who sometimes opposed him strongly. Eventually the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna changed his attitude and started to give Fr Anton his full backing for his work. Other clergy followed and sought social justice for the workers.
	Wednesday 13th St John Chrysostom. Born 347 in Antioch in present day Turkey. His soldier father died. Sister and John brought up by his mother who was influential in the area. John attended best schools.. Became a successful lawyer. After hearing sermons from Bishop of Antioch he studied theology and became a hermit in a cave. Austere living damaged his health. Ordained a priest in 386 by Bishop Flavian and acted as his deputy for 11 years. Eloquent preacher. Sermons on care of the poor, abuse of wealth. Named "Chrysostom", in Greek "golden-mouthed". Eastern Emperor made him the Archbishop of Constantinople. At first the Emperor's wife the Empress welcomed Archbishop

6.30 pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Felicia	John and attended his liturgies. He reduced the expenses and refused to host lavish social events. Used savings to support the poor and sick. Had an austere life style and expected his clergy to do the same. Carried out reforms of the clergy that were not always popular. Very popular with common people who sometimes applauded his sermons. He condemned immodest dress and extravagant finery of women including the Empress. Now had made enemies of the two who arranged for his exile from Constantinople which provoked a huge outcry from the people. An earthquake in the city shook the superstitious Empress who pleaded with her husband the Emperor to bring him back. Emperor ordered John moved to eastern coast of the Black Sea. Died on the journey on 14 th September 407.				
10 am Mass	Thursday 14th St Peter Tarentaise Born 1102 in France. Cistercian monk at age 21 with his brothers. First abbot of new monastery for pilgrims on route from Vienne, south of Lyon, to Milan. In 8 years built guest house and hospital for travellers. Abbot Peter was known for his holiness and care of the poor. In 1142 reluctantly became the Archbishop of Tarentaise. Regularly visited all parts of his mountainous diocese and continued to support the poor and sick. Founded schools and hospitals. Reformed clergy and changed cathedral chapter to monastic style. Founded charity which distributed food known as <i>Pain de Mai</i> , a tradition which continued till French Revolution in 1789. He shared his meals with the poor. Gained a reputation as a peacemaker in his diocese and in the Cistercian Order				
NO MASS 8 hours of Adoration from 9pm ending with Mass at 4am	Friday 15th St Catherine of Genoa Born 1447 in Italy to a noble family which had included two popes and a cardinal. Wanted to follow her sister as an Augustinian nun but was too young. Married a nobleman to try to bring together the supporters of the pope and the Roman Emperor. An unhappy couple' No children. Catherine became depressed. Had mystic experiences and sought help from her sister in the Convent. Husband lost all their money. Had to sell their home but had a change of heart. Moved to a large hospital in Genoa and both cared for sick and did works of charity, especially during the plagues of 1497 and 1501. Recorded her mystic experiences. She wrote a treatise on Purgatory.				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 16th St Cornelius and St Cyprian Pope Cornelius was a Roman, elected in 251, who forgave sinners and welcomed them back to the Church. Opposed by anti-pope Novatian who wanted severe punishments for sinners. Cyprian was born to wealthy pagans in Carthage. Qualified lawyer. Became a Christian, ordained a priest and made Bishop of Carthage. A famous theologian, <i>Father of African Church</i> . At Synod in Rome he supported Pope Cornelius against Novatian with his legal skills. Pope Cornelius was martyred in 253 when Roman Emperor Trebonianus Gallus blamed him for the plague in Rome. Bishop Cyprian was martyred in Carthage by new Roman Emperor Valerian in 257.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 17th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Happy repose of the soul of Paschal Egmiatu				
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION					
Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley			

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Special welcome to Margaretta Livingstone our new administrator for St Vincent de Paul

Renee Sharpe handed over to Margaretta last week on the 1st September.

Friday 15th September 8 hours of adoration followed by Mass from 9 pm to 5 am

We are having 8 hours of adoration starting at 9 pm and ending with Mass at about 4 am.

Appeal for any parishioner who would host and celebrate the rosary in their house in October

Would you like to host and celebrate the rosary in your house during October (Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7-8pm). Each house would hopefully be blessed by our new parish priest Fr Thomas Parakandathi and you as the host would have to open your house to members of the congregation (so parking should be available) and provide light refreshments after to attendees? If you are interested please contact Liz Challand on lizchalland@btinternet.com.

Next SVP Social is next Wednesday 20th September – 1pm to 3 pm

There will another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends.

Sunday 24th September Mass of thanksgiving at 9.30 am to celebrate any special event in the year at SVP

Thanksgiving mass at 0930 with a procession before Mass. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to put on the table which the congregation can share after Mass. Anyone who has celebrated a special occasion in the year such as a First Communion, Confirmation or Wedding etc. may like to wear their special outfits again and celebrate again with the SVP congregation at the Mass. (please contact Liz Challand on lizchalland@btinternet.com).

Parish collection for last weekend 2nd and 3rd September

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Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Envelopes	Loose plate	
£79	£19.75	£122.27	£242.54	£51.98	£515.54	---	---	---	£515.54