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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 9th June 2024

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<p>The first reading is the famous story of the fall of Adam and Eve after eating fruit of the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden. The Garden of Eden is a symbolic space of perfect harmony, a place where absolute happiness reigns as long as it not abused by not obeying God's laws. Unfortunately our planet is being abused today by humans that have no respect for God's gift of nature and fair treatment of the vulnerable in our planet. And how did Adam and Eve react when challenged by God? Not by humbly accepting their fault and asking for forgiveness but by blaming each other. As some of us do, it was hard to accept their fault, to say "I am sorry. I was wrong". Instead we often find excuses to exonerate ourselves and find someone else to blame for what has gone wrong.</p> <p>The second reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians in Greece, the theme is again on obeying God's laws and the struggle against evil. Paul brings to light the significant characteristics of a life lived in faith. With regards to Paul's life since his conversion, he reminds us that his preaching the Gospel is possible only because of his faith. He also reminds us that in spite of our difficulties and existential struggle against evil in our world, grace strengthens our faith. Grace and faith keep us steadfast and focused on the glory of the eternal life ahead.</p> <p>Mark's Gospel narrates the encounter of Jesus with the people and his relatives in His home town when they were all "<i>convinced he was out of his mind</i>" when a crowd collected to hear Him preach. He and His disciples did not have time to eat their meal before they were confronted by scribes who had come down from Jerusalem and claimed "Beelzebul is in Him" when he cast out devils. Jesus points out the absurdity of their thinking that he uses Satan to cast out Satan. He concludes by saying that all sin can be forgiven except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It would seem it is the only sin that cuts you off from the source of forgiveness, the Holt Spirit. Malcolm.</p>			

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 8th The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St William of York Born 1085 in York. His father was Chancellor for King Henry I and his uncle was Bishop of Winchester. Ordained a priest and became a monk in Winchester. Treasurer of York for the Archbishop. Made Archbishop of York influenced by his uncle the new King Stephen of England. Consecrated by another uncle the Bishop of Winchester without papal approval. Not recognised by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Deposed by Cistercian Pope Eugene III. Replaced him by the Cistercian Abbot Murdoc of Fountains Abbey. William returned to monastery in Winchester for 6 years. When Archbishop Murdoc of York died, Pope Anastasius IV made him Archbishop of York. Popular with people in York.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 9th June Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 10th St Ithamar of Rochester First bishop in England to be Saxon born in the 7 th century. Previous bishops were either Irish or missionaries from abroad most from St Augustine's Roman missionaries. Consecrated as Bishop of Rochester by Archbishop Honorius of Canterbury. His predecessor was the Bishop Paulinus, one of the most famous of Augustine's group. St Bede referred to Ithamar as "of the Kentish nation". He took the new name Ithamar, a son of Aaron, from the Old Testament. Bishop Ithamar consecrated Deusdedit as the first Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury. He was bishop from 655 to about 664. Buried at Rochester. Associated with miraculous cures of eye problems
10 am Mass Baby Venghlekal 3rd Anniversary	Tuesday 11th St Barnabus Called an apostle but not one of the 12 chosen by Jesus. A Jew from Cyprus who sold his farm to follow Jesus. Was sent to Antioch, capital of Syria, to preach to Greeks and other Gentiles as well as Jews. Worked with St Paul as a travelling companion evangelising in many areas. Eventually left St Paul and preached with his cousin John Mark .
6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 12th St John of Sahagun Born in 1419 in Spain. Joined the monastery where he was educated in Sahagun, northern Spain. He impressed the Bishop of Burgos who ordained him Canon of the Cathedral of Burgos. Entered University of Salamanca to study theology. Nine year ministry in parish of St Sebastian in Salamanca, a city known for its immoral behaviour and crime. His preaching denounced the sins of nobles, commoners, property owners who took advantage of their tenants and championed the rights of workers and the common people. Sermons upset many of the rich and noble especially when strongly criticising extravagant dress. Drew large crowds and tried to bring peace to conflicting groups. Had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

10 am Mass	Thursday 13th St Antony of Padua Born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal to a noble and wealthy family. Educated at Cathedral school. Aged 15 entered the Augustine community in Lisbon. Due to frequent family visits, asked to be moved to Coimbra. Able scholar who studied theology and Latin. Ordained aged 19. Left the Augustines to be a Franciscan inspired by their missionary work. Sent to Morocco but became sick and tried to return home but his ship was caught in a storm and he landed in Sicily. Nursed back to health by Franciscans in Messina. Attended "Pentecost Chapter of Mats" in Assisi with 3,000 other friars. Francis of Assisi was impressed by the humility of the young man from "out of town". Sent for a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage in northern Italy. At a special event accepted invitation to give a short sermon after the meal. With his theological education gave an amazing talk. Then sent out on inspirational Franciscan preaching missions which attracted great crowds. He had a powerful voice, spoke without notes, had a charisma similar to modern day revivalists and was life changing for many who heard him. He particularly spoke about the destructive results of drinking and gambling and strongly denounced usury, lending money at unreasonable high rates of interest. Was a great friend of Francis of Assisi.				
NO MASS	Friday 14th St Methodius of Constantinople Born in 788 in Sicily to wealthy parents. Received an excellent education in his home town. Went to Constantinople to study. Joined a monastery and became abbot. Founded a monastery on island of Chios. Patriarch of Constantinople asked his help to oppose banning by the Emperor of the use of sacred icons. Methodius was in favour of veneration of holy images and was arrested in 821. He suffered terrible conditions for 8 years in an underground prison which damaged his health. He then criticised the new emperor who had him tortured. Managed to escape with the help of friends and went into hiding. When the emperor died, his wife Empress Theodora, regent to her infant son, agreed to the return of icons and images. Methodius was made Patriarch of Constantinople. He triumphantly had icons and images restored to churches and brought back orthodoxy to the Eastern Church.				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 15th St Marguerite d'Youville French Canadian born in 1701 in Quebec. Father died when she was 7. Attended Ursuline Convent. Helped her widowed mother. Taught her siblings. Mother married below her class. Marguerite married a bootlegger who sold liquor illegally to indigenous people and soon became a heavy drinker who died in 1730. At age 29 Marguerite had been poor, lost her father, husband and four of her six children. Ran a small store to pay off husband's debts and helped the poorest in the area. Did more charitable work. Educated her two sons who later became priests. With 3 young women, cared for the poor and in 1744 founded <i>Sisters of Charity of Quebec</i> later known as <i>Grey Nuns</i> . Took over a ruined and in debt hospital. Renewed as <i>Hotel Dieu, House of God</i> . New standard for medical care and Christian compassion. Hospital was destroyed by fire but raised funds to build better one. Nuns used slaves to staff hospital, many of which were British prisoners of war. Order expanded across Canada.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 16th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time				
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	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Valerie Baker

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Appeal for Lectionary has reached the required total

Fr Thomas wishes to offer his sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to his appeal for money to buy the new Lectionary which will be needed later in the parish. With the gift aid, the total collected is over £700.

Kathleen Moore, sister of our parishioner Lavina Stratford, died at the end of May

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Kathleen Moore, sister of Lavina Stratford, who normally attends the 6.30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Her contact details are: alanlavina@gmail.com or 023 8073 5642.

Letter of thanks from Fr Blaise for the Lenten donation for his Sewing Machine Project in Malawi

This letter is late due to the diocese not releasing our donation from the diocesan account for some time.

I would like to express my heart-felt gratitude for the generosity of the Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul under the able leadership of Fr Thomas Parakandathil, the Parish Priest. The donation you made has been properly used. Yesterday I went and bought 10 sewing machines which will soon be used in the Sewing Machine project. I am very grateful indeed and this help will go a long way to support and empower those who will attend this school. Once again thank you and be assured of my prayers always! United in prayer always! Fr Blaise

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 19th June – 1pm to 3 pm - Just confirmed by Renee

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

Parish collection for last weekend 1st and 2nd June

Parish Envelopes Easter Gift Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Lectionary Appeal	I		TOTAL of all money
							Gift Aid	Loose	
£66	£16.50	£119.72	£242.54	£51.98	£496.74	£315	----	----	£811.74