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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

<b>Page 98</b>	<b>Job 18: 1, 8-11</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 5: 14-17</b>	<b>Gospel: Mark 4: 35-41</b>
<p>The readings this weekend remind us about how much God truly loves and cares for us and we can always count on the Lord to be there for us in times of trouble. We have the backing of an all-powerful God and should embrace His presence in our lives. The first reading tells us about the taming of the tempest out at sea. It demonstrates the splendour and power of our God and the depths of His love for us. God tells the depressed Job that He has the power to control and regulate all the natural and physical forces going on in the world. God has the whole world in His hands but Job should be glad that the Lord cares for us. In the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians in Greece, we encounter a profound message of transformation through Christ's love. Like a ship battered by waves, we are called to cast off the old and embrace the new, living not for ourselves but for the one who died and rose for us. We are reminded that through Christ, we are made new creations, freed from the shackles of sin and death, to live lives of love and service. The reading tells us about the importance of Christ's death on the cross and how He has redeemed humanity from their sins with His sacrifice. His death provides forgiveness of sins for those who come to faith in Christ. Jesus' overwhelming and undying love for us made Him compelled to pay for our sins by His death. Therefore His sacrifice for us makes it possible for us to be forgiven for our sins by God's grace through our faith in Christ. The Gospel describes how Jesus calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee, the first of 4 miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark's Gospel. It is a metaphor for our lives. We are the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned or "sleeping". Are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present Him with our needs? Jesus does not chide His disciples for waking Him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.</p>			

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<p><b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> St John Fisher and St Thomas More</b>  <b>John Fisher:</b> Born 1469 in Beverley, Yorkshire. Educated at Cambridge University. Became a priest and Fellow of his College. Chaplain to Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of King Henry VII. Appointed Chancellor of Cambridge University and Bishop of Rochester. Austere and stern man. Great theologian and preacher. King Henry VIII declared him the most distinguished prelate in the kingdom. Published works against Luther. Gained King Henry VIII the title "Defender of the Faith". Bishop John was a reformer, keen on pastoral care of his diocese and protested against abuses of power. Opposed King Henry over divorce of Catherine of Aragon. Imprisoned in Tower of London. Made Cardinal by Pope Paul II. Tried for treason. Martyred at Tyburn, Tower Hill on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1535  <b>Thomas More:</b> Born in London in 1478. Page to Archbishop of Canterbury. Educated at Oxford University. Proficient in Latin and Greek. Trained as lawyer at Lincoln's Inn in London. Called to the Bar in 1502. Friendship with Dutch Christian humanist Desiderius Erasmus which lasted for over 30 years. Lived in Carthusian monastery for 4 years. Decided against monastic life and priesthood. Elected to Parliament in 1504. Married Jane Colt in 1505 and had 4 children. Produced great work <i>Utopia</i>. Wife died. Remarried widow with one daughter. Adopted 2 girls. Very happy family full of laughter. Appointed Privy Counsellor by King Henry VIII. Knighted in 1521. Appointed Speaker of House in 1523 and Lord Chancellor in 1525. Refused to <i>Swear the Oath</i> required by <i>Act of Succession</i>. Tried and found guilty of treason. Martyred at Tyburn on Tower Hill 6<sup>th</sup> July 1535..</p>
9.30 am Mass	<p><b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b></p>
6.30 pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass for all the blessings from God for Alan Morris	<p><b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew of Farne Island</b> Born in the 12<sup>th</sup> century in Whitby, Yorkshire of Scandinavian decent. Left home to avoid a marriage. Went to Norway to find his roots. Returned to Durham to become a monk. Took name Bartholomew. Had a great devotion to St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Became a hermit who occupied the ancient cell of St Cuthbert on Farne Island off the north east coast of England. Practised a very austere life style. Died on Farne Island in 1193</p>
10 am Mass	<p><b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> St William of Vercelli</b> Born 1085 in Vercelli, west of Milan in Italy. After the death of his parents he was cared for by relatives. Left home aged 14 and set out as a poor pilgrim for the shrine of St James at Santiago Compostela in Spain. By 1106 he was back in Italy at Melfi in southern Italy and then for 2 years led a penitential life with a hermit on Monte Solicoli. He then moved north to Monte Virgiliano, north east of Naples between Nola and Benevento as a hermit. He was joined by disciples, both priests and laymen. In 1124 he built a church under the name of the Virgin Mary and formed the congregation of <i>Hermits of Monte Vergine</i>, a change of name for the mountain. He founded other communities of hermits for men and one for women with very austere rules; no wine, no meat and no dairy produce. He died on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1142 aged 57.</p>

<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> St Anthelm</b> Born 1107 in a castle near Chambéry in south east France, south of Geneva. He became a high principled young priest, hospitable and generous, but interested in the things of the world. Attitude changed by relatives among Carthusians and in 1137 took the habit of St Bruno. Sent south to Grande Chartreuse monastery north of Grenoble that had been damaged by an avalanche and restored the building and its prosperity. Became the mother house of the Order and he became Minister General. His reputation for sanctity and wisdom brought many recruits including his father and brothers. Pope Alexander III made him Bishop of Belley, a diocese north of his birth place. Was strict and firm in dealing with disorder. Died 26 <sup>th</sup> June 1178 aged 72.				
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> St Cyril of Alexandria</b> Born in 376 in Egypt. His uncle was Patriarch of Alexandria a powerful position. Attended with his uncle Theophilus the <i>Synod of the Oak</i> in Constantinople. Succeeded his uncle as Patriarch of Alexandria. Controversial theologian who had strong opinions and made impulsive decisions. Quarrelled with civil authorities and antagonised people. Eventually mellowed, controlled his temper and developed humility. Very able theologian. Wrote against heresies and gained the title "Doctor of the Incarnation". He died in 444 in Alexandria.				
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> St John Southworth</b> Born in 1592 to a family who lived in Samlesbury Hall in Lancashire who stayed staunchly Catholic through many years of persecution. Impoverished by heavy fines for not attending Church of England services. Aged 21 in 1613 went to the English College at Douai in France to train for the priesthood. Returned to England in 1618 on his first mission in the London area for 6 years but returned to Douai due to ill health. Recovered and returned on his second mission to Lancashire in 1626. Arrested after 1 year and imprisoned in Lancaster and "The Clink" in London. Released and deported to France due to Queen Henrietta Maria, Catholic wife of King Charles I. Back to England on third mission in 1636. Helped plague victims and but arrested after 1 year and imprisoned for 3 years. Released and carried out his ministry for 14 years. Then arrested and condemned to death. Martyred at Tyburn on 28 <sup>th</sup> June 1554. Finally buried in shrine at Westminster Cathedral. Only complete body of Reformation martyr.				
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> St Peter and St Paul</b> Two great saints who founded Church in Rome. Had different strengths and weaknesses. Peter was a tough fisherman chosen by Jesus to be the leader of the 12 apostles due to his strong personality, He was uninhibited, impulsive and demonstrative who at times was hot headed. He was courageous and practical due to life as a fisherman. He was a muscular thickset man with a curly beard. Paul was a highly educated intellectual academic who could speak Hebrew and Greek. He was present at the martyrdom of St Stephen. He was a convert who did not know Jesus personally. He was a Roman citizen who had been a strong supporter of Jewish Law. Paul had practical skills as a tent maker.. He was a great missionary, teacher and letter writer.. Paul was thin, bald, except at the sides of a long thin face with a long black beard. A leader and teacher with strong opinions especially with regards women and slaves				
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St Peter and St Paul</b>	<b>Elana – 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday</b>		
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>					
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Valerie Baker

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Meeting at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 12.30 pm on our Pastoral Area

All parishioners are invited to this meeting which will give feedback on the work that has been taking place on the implementation of the 10-Plan for the Diocese of Portsmouth concerning our Pastoral Area. "You Will Be My Witness" is a plan which priorities improving liturgy, formation and evangelisation, leading missionary communities serving all, particularly the young and the poor. It reminds us that we are prudent stewards of Christ's Church where structures will need to be reshaped with prudent stewardship of resources and investment in the future. The 87 parishes of the Diocese will become 24 large Pastoral Areas of groups of parishes working together, sharing resources and working together to an agreed plan for the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ. Southampton Clergy and laity have begun work on a Mission Plan and a first draft has been submitted to the bishop. The clergy continue to meet monthly providing an opportunity for mutual support and collaborative working. The meeting, led by Fr Michael Dennehy, will start at 12.30 pm with "a bring and share lunch" continuing to about 4 pm.

#### 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 well over £700.

#### Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June

						Lectionary Appeal			
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Donation Adoration	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£79	£19.75	£129.58	£242.54	£51.98	£522.85	----	----	----	<b>£522.85</b>