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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

**Page 109** **Jeremiah 23: 1-6** **Ephesians 2: 13-18** **Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34**

The central theme to this weekend's readings is the redemption, reunification and restoration of God's people. The Church invites us to celebrate Christ as the true king and compassionate shepherd who watches over His people and redeems and restores them to the Father,

The first reading from Jeremiah is a messianic prophesy. That is a prophesy about the coming of Christ, the Messiah. The scattering of a people is a sign that something has gone wrong. It is a sign of bad leadership and system failure. So like sheep without a shepherd the poor masses have to scatter in search of survival. This is the image we see all over the world today with huge groups of refugees fleeing their home countries seeking safety for themselves and their families. Jeremiah gives a serious warning to all rulers and leaders who do not treat their subjects with justice and true care. This warning can be extended today to presidents, governors, directors, bishops, priests, parents or anyone in leadership positions who out of negligence and indifference has allowed people in their care to go astray and suffer. The Lord says: *"I will take care of you for your misdeeds"*. This means that judgement is coming.. However there is good news as Jeremiah gives a message of the hope of redemption and restoration for the people in Israel, God's people. The Messiah will come from the tribe of David

The second reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians in Asia Minor, now modern Turkey, speaks about how Christ's sacrifice has given us the chance to break down barriers that separate us. Now we have access to God through Jesus we should be able to live in peace with each other. This chance of unity is a gift from Christ with His death on the Cross which should have broken down the walls of division and through Him all brought together as one family in God. Christ brings the message of peace so we are no longer strangers but brothers and sisters. This peace is a sign of Christ's work in our lives..This reading should make us reflect on our relationships in our daily lives. Do we have a rift with a co-worker? Are we upset with a family member over an issue? Are we torn from a friend because of different views? This reading reminds us that such issues are never absent from our lives but that we should turn to Jesus in these moments to help us make the right decisions.

In Mark's Gospel the disciples return to Jesus after preaching repentance, healing the sick and driving our demons and are very tired and have hardly had time to eat. Jesus invites them to come with Him away from the crowds for a well deserved rest in a quiet place. Jesus and His disciples board a boat on the Lake of Tiberias in hope of finding a deserted place for some solitude and peace. However the crowds work out where they are going and await them on the shore longing for guidance and teaching, Jesus moved by compassion, teaches them because they are like sheep without a shepherd. He teaches that true leadership involves caring for others and addressing their needs.

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Hazel McMahan RIP 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> St Apollinaris of Ravenna</b> Born in the 1 <sup>st</sup> century in Antioch, Turkey. Disciple of St Peter who made him Bishop of Ravenna in Italy. An inspirational preacher who converted many. Pagans drove him from the city of Ravenna after torturing him. He returned twice with the same result. Then he was sent in exile to Greece where he started preaching and upset the pagans again. Sent back to Italy after 3 years. Returned to the city of Ravenna. Stayed in hiding due to the persecution of Christians by Roman Emperor Vespasian. Eventually found. Martyred for his faith.
9.30 am Mass	<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Deceased members of the de Souza family</b>
6.30 pm Mass	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Mary Magdalene</b> Born in small village of Magdala on western shore of Sea of Galilee, prosperous fishing boat building and trading centre. Mary was relatively wealthy but had a chronic psychological difficulty that Jesus cured. Devoted disciple of Jesus. No evidence of her being a prostitute. This notion goes back to sexist Pope Gregory the Great who identified her incorrectly with the woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her hair. Only the Western Church had this incorrect image. Eastern Church considers her an important disciple, one of the three Marys, with Mary of Bethany and the Virgin Mary. She was at the crucifixion, the burial and the first words of the risen Christ were to her. The "Apostle to the apostles".
10 am Mass	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> St Bridget of Sweden</b> Born in 1303 in Sweden, daughter of a knight. Her mother was related to the Swedish royalty. Had a good religious education from her mother then her aunt. Age 13 wanted to enter monastic life but she obeyed her father and married Ulf Gudmarsson, an 18 year old of royal birth. Happy marriage with 8 children, 6 of which survived infancy which was rare.

	Bridget's saintly life and great charity made her famous. Started having religious visions. Was made lady-in-waiting to the Queen. Travelled as a pilgrim with her husband to many holy shrines. Husband taken ill. He joined Cistercian monastery. Died 2 years later. Bridget joined Franciscan Third Order. Remained in the world devoted to austere life, penance and zealous work for poor and infirm. As a mystic her visions became more intense and specific. Encouraged her to start a religious Order later known as Brigittines. Double monasteries of monks and nuns who lived separately but they had joint liturgies. Her visions strongly criticised Pope Clement VI and admonished him for not returning to Rome from Avignon in France. Tried to stop the "Hundred Years War" between King Edward III of England and King Philip IV of France. Demanded that King Magnus Eriksson of Sweden and Norway stop his Crusade against pagan neighbours. All four were furious with Bridget who, disillusioned, left Sweden and went to Rome with her daughter Catherine in the Jubilee Year of 1350. Wrote <i>Sermo Angelicus</i> , an account of her visions. With the help of Catherine tried to reform Church practices in Rome and elsewhere. She was universally beloved in Rome for the kindness and good works of her and her nuns. In 1367 Pope Urban V returned to Rome from Avignon and confirmed the Brigittines as an Order. Her wayward son Charles died in Naples. Bridget went on a pilgrimage to Holy Land and was nearly shipwrecked. Had visions of life of Christ which at times varied from biblical account.					
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> St Charbel Makhlouf</b> Born in 1828 in Lebanon to poor family, youngest of five children. Lived high in Lebanese mountains. His father, a mule driver, died after forced labour with the Turkish army when he was 3 years old. His mother married a man who became the parish priest. Youssef looked after family animals. Built a grotto to the Virgin Mary. Mother wanted him to marry. Followed example of his uncles and joined a monastery. Took the name Brother Charbel. Studied philosophy and theology. Ordained a priest. Fr Charbel then spent 16 years at St Maron Monastery where he lived a holy, austere life devoted to prayer, contemplation and manual work. Had ability to unite Christians and Muslims. Allowed to live as a hermit. Over next 23 years gained reputation for holiness and wisdom and developed a respect and cooperation between Christians and Muslims. Died at age 70. Miraculous improvement in weather at funeral.					
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> St James the Great</b> Son of Zebedee and Salome. His father was a fisherman on Sea of Galilee. His mother was disciple of Jesus and possibly sister of the Virgin Mary. Basically educated in Jewish customs. With younger brother John trained by their father in skills of sailing, fishing, boat maintenance, trading and understanding weather. Selected by Jesus as one of the 12 apostles. James had a short temper. James and John nicknamed "sons of thunder". James and John with Peter were present at Transfiguration of Jesus. Not clear how James died but became patron saint of Spain who claimed him as the "Moor slayer" which seems very unlikely. Despite this, the shrine of <i>Santiago de Compostela</i> in Spain was developed in honour of St James and was a place of pilgrimage					
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> St Joachim and St Anne</b> Parents of the Virgin Mary, both from the royal house of David. Their lives were occupied in prayer and good works. Anne was an aged woman by Jewish standards on the birth of their only child. With the birth of Mary, Anne began a new life, watching her every movement with reverent tenderness. Mary was presented in the Temple aged 3					
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Blessed Titus Brandsma</b> Anno was born in 1881 in the Netherlands province of Friesland one of 6 children. 3 became nuns and 2 priests including Anno. Joined Carmelites and took the name Titus. Ordained in 1905 aged 24. Started a journal of Marian devotion and a Catholic newspaper. Founded Catholic Secondary School. Professor of philosophy at Catholic University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands in 1923. Wonderful sense of humour. Always had time for students. Travelled Europe and USA speaking on Carmelite mysticism and Christian unity. Chaplain to Catholic journalists. In 1935 opposed Hitler in the press and in lectures. Drew up plans to evacuate Dutch Jews to Carmelite missions in Brazil. Strongly opposed Nazis after invasion of Holland in 1940. In 1941 Jewish students forbidden to attend Catholic schools. Fr Titus, as President of Association of Catholic Schools, condemned policy in press and in sermons. Also opposed the policy that Catholic papers must publish Nazis propaganda. Arrested in 1942 and told to retire to a monastery but he refused. Martyred in Dachau concentration camp on 26 <sup>th</sup> July 1942.					
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</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	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Alan Perrin	Valerie Baker

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMEN

**Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July – 1pm to 3 pm**

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 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Baptism Funeral	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£109	£27.25	£115.77	£242.54	£51.98	£546.54	£30 £560	----	----	<b>£636.54</b>