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Twenty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8th September 2024

Special Second Collection this weekend for Catholic Education Service

This is my 400th Newsletter. First one was 2 days before my birthday on 19th March 2017

Page 129	Isaiah 35: 4-7	James 2: 1-5	Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37
<p>The first reading from the prophet Isaiah is a message of hope for the oppressed people of God and for all of us who need His saving help. It is a message of restoration from the Lord from a loving Father who cares for his children. He promises to deliver and heal, transforming the afflicted and the barren landscapes into flourishing life.</p> <p>The second reading from St James is a stress on social justice and the distinction between treatment of the rich and the poor which echoes the Beatitudes described by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. St James frowns at the sin of despising the poor in favour of the rich. His words equally apply to all types of prejudices and discriminations in our families, friends, churches and society. So to favour some people and disregard others based on their race, economic, social or religious background is a terrible evil against God and man. It is sad that discrimination and racism due to ignorance and selfishness still plagues our society today. As Christians we must strive to root it out.</p> <p>In Mark's Gospel Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory which he has previously visited. Jesus was already famous there and had healed a person possessed by a demon which explains why people brought the deaf man to him hoping for a cure. The physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch, gives us a clue of the understanding of the healing power of sacrament. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. Water in Baptism, holy oil in the Anointing of the Sick and bread and wine in the Eucharist. Malcolm.</p>			

Mass times

Feast Days

6pm: Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Birthday of
Siby Mathew and
Joanna Siby

Saturday 7th Blessed John Duckett Born 1603 to a Yorkshire Catholic family. Grandson of Blessed James Duckett, a bookseller of Catholic books in London who was martyred at Tyburn on 19th April 1602. At 17 was sent to France for his education. Ordained a priest at Douai in 1639. Returned to England on English mission in 1643. Ministered mainly around Durham. Renown for hard work, cheerfulness, sanctity and spiritual guidance. Arrested during the Civil War by Roundheads in July 1644. Admitted to being a priest who was trained abroad. Taken to London with Fr Ralph Corby SJ and imprisoned in Newgate. All impressed with the joy and sanctity of the pair. Found guilty 4th September. Sentenced to death which they both accepted with cheerfulness despite being offered a possibility of reprieve. Executed at Tyburn on 7th September 1644. Both beatified in 1929.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 8th September **Twenty – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Niciruka (Nikki) Olconlwd – God's protection and love in my family

6.30 pm Mass
Thanksgiving
Mass for
Kay Duggan

Monday 9th St Peter Claver Born 1580 in Spain. Went to Jesuit Barcelona University. Noted for his intelligence and devotion. Joined Jesuits. He was sent to study on island of Majorca. Advised by the humble porter Alphonsus Rodriguez to help slaves in the new Spanish colonies. Sent to Cartagena in Colombia one of the main ports for the slave trade. Studied theology and ordained a priest in 1616. Started to work with missionary Fr Alonso de Sandoval SJ who had worked for 40 years to minister to the slaves brought in terrible conditions from Africa. 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. He developed a team of assistants to help in his work. In 1650 caught a very virulent form of the plague and became inactive. Died 8th September 1654.

10 am Mass
Thanksgiving
Mass for Santhosh

Tuesday 10th St Ambrose Barlow . Born in 1585 near Manchester in Lancashire son of a knight in Barlow Hall. Family were reluctant converts to Church of England. Ambrose served as a page to a relative. Converted back to Catholicism aged 22. Went to English College in Douai, France. Then became a Benedictine monk and joined Downside Abbey in Somerset. Then part of English mission in Lancashire and returned to his home Barlow Hall. Then moved to nearby Morleys Hall where a pension for a priest was made available to him. Ministered in the area for 24 years. Often visited Wardley Hall, today the residence of the Bishop of Salford. Arrested 4 times but released. In March 1641 King Charles I decreed that all Catholic priests must leave the country within a month. More than a month later Ambrose was arrested saying Mass at Morleys Hall. Taken to Lancaster Castle. He said he suffered a stroke so could not travel. Admitted he still wanted converts to the old faith. Condemned to death. Martyred September 1641. His cousin Francis Downes rescued his skull and preserved it at Wardley Hall, still there today. One of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.

6.30 pm Mass

Wednesday 11th St Jean Gabriel Perboyre Born 1802 in France. Ordained a Vincentian priest in 1826. His brother Louis died while on a voyage for mission work in China. John Gabriel volunteered to take his place. Arrived Macau, China in 1835 and began to study the language. Five months later he arrived at Ho-Nan and started his missionary work serving the poverty stricken people. In 1838 moved to a mission in Hubei. In 1839 religious persecution started. Arrested by soldiers, tortured and had a series of trials at which he admitted to be a Christian missionary. Refused to disclose information on other missionaries or denounce his faith. He was martyred tied to a cross and strangled by a rope around his neck on 11th September 1840.

10 am Mass	Thursday 12th St Guy of Anderlecht . Born about 950 into a poor very pious family in Anderlecht a village near Brusels, Belgium. They instructed him in the Christian faith and its practices. From young he visited and cared for the poor and sick and lived a simple agricultural life. When Guy worked tilling the fields, an angel took over so he could spend more time in prayer. At age 14 he was made sacristan of his parish church. He shared his meager wages with the poor. He was then persuaded by a merchant to enter into a business with him to make more money to give to the poor. When the venture failed he considered it a sign that God wanted him to continue living a life of humble poverty. As penance for his greed he made pilgrimages on foot to Rome and the Holy Land. He returned home and <i>"The Poor Man of Anderlecht"</i> died there in 1012 aged about 62.						
NO MASS	Friday 13th St John Chrysostom . Born in 347 in Antioch in present day Turkey, at a time of religious struggles between Jews, Christians and Pagans. His soldier father died just after his birth. John attended best schools and was a pupil of a famous pagan teacher who taught him skills in oratory and Greek. 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 and acted as a deputy to Bishop Flavian for 11 years. Eloquent preacher. Sermons on care of the poor, abuse of wealth and to resolve conflicts between people in Antioch and Eastern Roman Emperor who raised taxes. Named "Chrysostom", in Greek "golden-mouthed". Eastern Emperor made him the Archbishop of Constantinople despite Patriarch of Alexandria's opposition who had his own candidate. 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 welcomed Egyptian monks expelled by the Patriarch of Alexandria and 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. She then had a statue of her erected outside the cathedral and ordered days of very noisy ceremonies and games which were criticised by John as pagan rituals. Again John was sent into exile to Armenia where he was treated kindly by the local bishop and people. Emperor then ordered John to be moved to eastern coast of the Black Sea. Died on the journey due to the harsh weather on 14 th September 407. Eventually buried in Constantinople						
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Irene and Theophilus RIP	Saturday 14th St Peter Tarentaise Born in 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 the clergy and changed cathedral chapter to monastic style. Founded charity which gave out food known as <i>Pain de Mai</i> , a tradition which continued to the French Revolution 1789. Disguised as a lay brother, he fled to a monastery for solitude in 1155. Welcomed back after a year. Gave pastoral care to pilgrims and travellers. He shared his meals with the poor. Visited many monasteries. Preached in support of Pope Alexander III against antipope who was supported by the Roman Emperor. Schism lasted 18 years. Reputation as a peacemaker in diocese and in Cistercian Order.						
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 15th September Twenty – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Special intention for Prathesh Thomas						
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	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 18th September – 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.

Message from Canon Michael Dennehy and Parish Evangelisation Cell System (PECS)

As we proceed with the implementation of the 10-Year Plan for our Diocese here in Southampton, we are invited to dream of how Catholic life in the city might look in the future and what is needed to make that a reality.

Most importantly we need committed disciples of the Lord, people and priests, with a heart for making disciples of everyone with whom they come into contact. In short, we need people possessed of a deep love for Our Lord.

On Saturday, 21st September, at St. Joseph's, Ashurst, beginning with Mass at 10 am we will host an information and vision day on Parish Evangelisation Cell System. PECS is not a programme but a change to our thinking about Catholic life. It seems an opportune and providential moment to develop these cells or groups as the six parishes of our Southampton Central and West Pastoral Area becomes a single parish. Everyone is warmly welcome to this day which will end with a shared lunch at 1 pm.

Diocesan Formation Day for Readers (from Director of Liturgical Formation) Saturday 19th October

Fr Anthony Fyk, is running a formation day for readers on Saturday 19th October from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. This will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke. We would be most grateful if you could advertise the training day in your parish and encourage readers to attend. Registration to the email: liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish collection for last weekend 31st August and 1st September

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£64	£16	£176.80	£242.54	£51.98	£551.32	----	----	----	£551.32