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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th January 2025

Page 127 **Isaiah 62: 1-5** **1 Corinthians 12: 4-11** **Gospel John 2: 1-11**

This weekend we begin the liturgical season of "Ordinary Time" which is used to separate the special seasons of Christmas, Lent, Easter and Advent. This season follows the life of Jesus as he goes about teaching and proclaiming the gospel of God. In the readings we celebrate because God allowed His Son to come to our aide and does not abandon us. We should also rejoice as God has blessed and equipped us with different gifts of the Holy Spirit to participate in the ministry of Christ. The first reading through the prophet Isaiah God assures us of His willingness to continue to protect and save His people and restore Jerusalem. It is a message of hope and renewal as God shows His love for His people after times of hardship exiled in Babylon. The tone is almost romantic as it emphasises the joy and closeness between God and His people comparing their relationship to that of a bride and bridegroom reflecting the Gospel reading concerning the wedding feast at Cana. In the second reading from St Paul's letter to his friends the Corinthians in Greece he reminds them that out of love for the Christian communities of His Church, God has generously lavished each person with spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit, different gifts such as wisdom, healing and faith. Each gift has a purpose and together they help build a strong, loving and united Church community which should be used for the good of everyone. Paul encourages them to see themselves as one body in Christ. The Gospel from John is often called the "Book of Signs", put together to prove to the reader that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. These signs are sometimes miracles and the reading this weekend is the second sign after the first sign last weekend when he started his ministry with His baptism by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This second sign is a miracle in response to a request from His mother the Virgin Mary to help the parents at the wedding feast who had run out of wine. The serving staff bring six large jars and fill them with 20-30 gallons of water each, which Jesus then turns into the best wine. Mary had interceded for the parents and we should remember Mary can also intercede for us when we are in trouble. This event follows the call of Jesus of His first disciples who were all invited and saw his first miracle so making them believe more in Him.

Mass times		Feast Days
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 18th St Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester Born in 1008 in Warwickshire. Clerk to the Bishop of Worcester then joined Benedictines. Made treasurer and then Prior of the monastery in 1050. Generous to the poor and made the sons of gentleman educated at the Priory school serve poor people at the monastery table. On the advice of pope, King Edward the Confessor made him Bishop of Worcester. Managed to retain his position after Norman Conquest. Strict clerical celibacy and opposition to the trade in slaves marked his 32 years as the bishop. Tried to keep peace between the Normans and Anglo-Saxons. The only English born bishop at his death in 1095.	
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 19th January 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Renee Sharp's special intentions	
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 20th St Sebastian of Rome Sebastian entered the Roman army in 283 aged 27. Due to his courage was promoted to captain of the Praetorian Guard. Greatly respected by his men for his bravery authority and wisdom. Authorities and his men were unaware he was a Christian. He was arrested for supporting two deacons who refused to sacrifice to pagan gods and put in prison. He converted many people outside and inside prison. Healed the wife of his jailor. Discovered by Emperor Diocletian who asked his archers to use him as target practice which he survived. Later confronted the Emperor on his persecution of the Christians and was then beaten to death in 288 as a martyr.	
10 am Mass Joshua Joy Baby Molly 1st Anniversary	Tuesday 21st St Alban Bartholomew Roe Born a Protestant in 1583 in Bury St Edmunds. Converted by an uneducated Catholic he visited in prison while he was a student at Cambridge University. A colourful character. Reputation of a "bon viveur". Expelled from English College at Douai while training as a priest after showing contempt for minor rules. He then became a Dominican priest in France. Joined English mission but with his vivacious character was arrested and deported back to France. Returned to England visiting ale houses and playing cards with customers when seeking converts. Again arrested and deported. Returned but again imprisoned where he was a "card sharp" but very popular and converted many. Martyred at Tyburn in 1642. Statue at Benedictine Ampleforth Abbey in Yorkshire shows him with a deck of cards in his hands about to deal them out. The monastery in Lorraine, where Alban had trained to be a priest, left France in 1802 and founded the community at Ampleforth. Basil Hume was a priest, monk and teacher at the public school. He was Abbot of Ampleforth for 13 years before he was Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster.	
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 22nd St Vincent Pallotti Born in 1795 in Rome, son of a grocer of noble birth. Priest with doctorates in philosophy and theology. He taught in University in Rome. Lifelong habit of giving his clothes away to the poor. Organised vocational schools for different trades. A bubbly and friendly person who endeared himself to people. An inspirational and popular preacher who was keen on social work and pastoral care particularly for the poor. Founded the <i>Society of the Catholic Apostolate</i> for clergy and laity to renew the apostolic spirit in the Church. Also known as the " <i>Pious Union</i> ". The <i>Congregation of the Catholic Apostolate</i> was founded just for priests. For the care of	

	orphaned girls he founded <i>Pallottine Missionary Sisters</i> . Appointed the chaplain to the prison in Rome. Ministered to them and tried to change their conditions especially those facing death penalty. Close friends with the future Cardinal Wiseman of England. Encouraged him to start a College for foreign missions. Later Mill Hill Missions was founded. He met with John Henry Newman in Rome but John did not join the <i>Pious Union</i> . Vincent kept in contact with John as he founded the Oratory in Birmingham. His <i>Pious Union</i> for priests and laity was the foundation of <i>Catholic Action</i> in the Church. His writings and projects were studied during the <i>Second Vatican Council</i> . Fr Vincent Pallotti died on the 22 nd January 1850 before John Henry Newman was made a Cardinal in 1879 by Pope Leo XIII..
10 am Mass	Thursday 23rd St John the Almsgiver Born about 558 in Cyprus. Son of the governor of Cyprus. Also known as "John the Merciful". Wife and children died. Became monk in Alexandria, Egypt. Gained a reputation for helping the poor. Elected Patriarch of Alexandria. He distributed the gold in his church treasury among the hospitals and monasteries in the area. He was a reformer. Improved religious education to fight heresy, stopped the selling of ecclesiastical privileges and demanded fair financial dealings. Built churches. Twice a week gave alms to the poor and settled disputes. Visited houses of the sick and hospitals. Many examples of his judgement, wisdom and generosity. Led an austere life style. Freed slaves and helped refugees who suffered Persian attacks
NO MASS Jomy and Bincy 20th Wedding Anniversary	Friday 24th St Francis de Sales Born in 1567 into the noble Sales family. His father was Lord of Sales de Boisy. His father gave him a privileged education for a career as a magistrate. At age 14 he went to Paris University to study with the Jesuits. Worried by his gentle nature, his father suggested a military career to toughen him up before taking up his legal profession. Francis was now thinking of a religious life and studying theology so rejected a military life but promised his elderly father he would finish his study of law at Padua University in Italy. When he returned home again Francis told his father he was going to become a priest. He gave up his titles and inheritance to his younger brother. His father was furious. Francis was ordained in 1593 and was a confident speaker and had a very good understanding of theology. Sermons were quite short, to the point, delivered slowly and gently, inspiring many with their wisdom. In great demand as a confessor. Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Geneva in 1599 by Pope Clement VIII. Diplomatic mission to King Henry of France in Paris. Then made Bishop of Geneva based in Annecy in France due Calvinists control in Switzerland. Set about reforms in the diocese by preaching, education of clergy, careful personal vetting of any candidates for the spiritual life. Wrote many letters. With Jeanne de Chantel, who moved to Annecy in 1610, founded the <i>Order of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin</i> for young girls and widows who had not sufficient strength, or lacked the inclination, for the corporal austerities of the great major Orders. Criticised as a bishop for being too gentle with heretics and sinners. Replied he just took the lead from God the Son as a Lamb and God the Holy Ghost as a Dove. Went back to Paris in 1618 and met Vincent de Paul.. Published the <i>Letters of Spiritual Direction</i> which was a large collection of letters exchanged between Francis de Sales and Jeanne de Chantel on theological concepts. After the death of Francis, a collection of his homilies to the <i>Visitation Sisters</i> was published in a pirated edition, much to the fury of his friend Jeanne de Chantel. Frances de Sales died at Lyon on 28 th December 1622 on a return journey from Avignon. Called "Gentleman Saint" due to noble birth and gentleness.
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Angela Churchill RIP 9th Anniversary on 28th January	Saturday 25th Conversion of St Paul Saul was born in Tarsus to Greek speaking Jewish parents. Educated in Jerusalem by a famous rabbi. He trained as a Pharisee. Was a fanatical persecutor of Christians. Present at the martyrdom of the first Christian martyr St Stephen. Struck blind on the road to Damascus and challenged by a voice who asked him why he persecuted Christians. Converted and was baptised with the new name Paul. Started preaching that Jesus was God the Son made man mainly to the Gentiles in Greece and Asia Minor, now Turkey. Well known for all his letters to different Christian communities even from prison.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 26th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Prathesh and Soumya. 14th Wedding Anniversary

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker	Ruth Gleeson	Fr Shaun Budden	Fr Antony Gatt
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SVP Social this week on Wednesday 22nd January – 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 two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

Ruth Gleeson is very ill and needs our prayers. Ruth was 100 years old on Thursday 16th January

Ruth, wife of deceased Deacon Paddy Gleeson, mother of Dee Heatley and mother in law of Joe Heatley, is currently in a Nursing Home. She is hoping to receive a letter of congratulations from King Charles III.

Parish collection for last weekend 11th and 12th January

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Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Hall Hire	Gift Aid		Loose
£112	£28	£114.96	£242.54	£51.98	£549.48	£100	----	----	£649.48