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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**Masses at 10 am and 6.30 pm on Ash Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, this week, the beginning of Lent.**

**Ecclesiasticus Book of Sirach: 27: 4-7**

**1 Corinthians 15: 54-58**

**Gospel Luke 6: 39-45**

This weekend's readings focus on important lessons about how we speak, act and live as Christians

The first reading from the Book of Sirach, written almost 200 years before Christ, states that people's faults appear when they speak, especially when they speak and aren't considering their words. We often hide behind masks, but conversation reveals our inner thoughts and a means of testing the inner character of a person. Sirach's teaching is very relevant for human integrity in today's world of public relations, image making, the sound bite and the slogan There used to be a motto in the business world "My word is my bond". A transaction worth millions could be completed by a few words and a shake of the hand. Unfortunately today one's word is frequently not trusted as one's bond. What missing is personal integrity, a quality that is very important.

In the second reading from St Paul's letter to the Corinthians he explains that through Christ we have victory over death which gives us hope and courage to stand firm in our faith. He encourages us to work hard in the Lord's service as our efforts are never in vain when done for God's glory. Paul's message ties in with the words of Sirach in the first reading as purity in words and heart is crucial for sharing in God's ultimate victory over death. Death is not the end, through Christ we have eternal life.

Luke's Gospel is continuing the *Sermon on the Plain* and Jesus teaches us that we must address our own faults before criticising or judging others. Self examination leads to true humility. Jesus warns about the dangers of following blind guides. We must seek true wisdom and guidance in our leaders. He compares people to trees, saying that good trees bear good fruit. Our actions and words should display personal integrity and good hearts. By aligning our words, actions and hearts with these lessons we can follow Christ more closely to help us grow in our faith and live better Christian lives. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Ruth Gleeson RIP</b>	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March St David of Wales</b> Born in about 500 during a storm, her mother a nun who had been raped by a Prince. Was educated at a monastery by Abbot St Paulinus A great preacher and teacher. Founded twelve monasteries including Glastonbury Abbey, Caldey Island and Mynyw in Pembrokeshire where he stayed. Led an austere life style. Only drank water and ate only bread, herbs and vegetables. Strict regime of religious activities and hard work in the fields, crafts and beekeeping. Bishop of Menevia in South Wales. Advisor to his uncle King Arthur. Missionary work in Wales and south of England as far as Winchester. Bishop David died on 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1601 aged about 101. Tomb at St David's Cathedral in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire became a shrine and a place of pilgrimage.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>12 noon: Requiem Mass for Ruth Gleeson  6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Katherine Drexel</b> Born in 1858 in America, youngest of two sisters. Her mother died and her father remarried and had another daughter. A loving prayerful family who helped the poor. Three girls promoted the rights of Native Indian Americans and Black Afro Americans opposed by Ku Klux Klan. Set up schools and missions. Katherine founded Order of nuns, <i>Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament</i> , to work with the two ethnic groups. She started a Training College in New Orleans to train teachers in teaching the Afro-American pupils. This became the Xavier University, the first Catholic University in the South for Indian and Black students. She established Convent in Columbus, Ohio, Chicago, Boston and New York. Katherine died 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 1955 aged 96. Patron saint of racial justice.
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> St Casimar of Poland</b> Born in 1458 at Wawel Castle, Kraków, Poland second son of King Casimir IV of Poland and Grand Duke of Lithuania. Prince Casimir was brought up by his loving mother and a priest. Prayerful youth who helped the poor. Involved in a war and had to lead an army aged only 13. Made peace much to the annoyance of his father. Vowed never to take up arms again. Became a young man of exceptional intellect, education, humility and friendliness. Pleaded with his father to act more justly. Gave his wealth to the poor. Refused marriage. Austere and holy life. Eventually gave way to his father and took over the Lithuania Chancellery. Extremely able in problem solving and resolving conflicts with gentleness. Died 4 <sup>th</sup> March 1484 aged 25.
<b>10 am Mass 1 pm to 3 pm SVP Social 6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March St Agnes of Bohemia</b> Born in 1211 in Prague, daughter of the King of Bohemia. Initially educated by Cistercians in Trebnitz. Betrothed to be married to a variety of royals but none succeeded. Founded friaries, monasteries and a hospital. 46 years a nun in the Poor Clares at Convent of St Saviour in Prague which she built and founded. Life of prayer and works of charity. Abbess Agnes enjoyed menial tasks in the Convent. Died 6 <sup>th</sup> March 1282 aged 71.
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> St Colette of Corbie</b> Born 1381 in France. Carpenter's daughter. Orphaned aged 17. Tried being a lay religious in two Orders. Franciscan hermit aged 21 for 4 years. Had visions of St Francis of Assisi to make the <i>Poor Clares</i> observe stricter rules of austerity. Antipope Benedict XIII gave her powers to reform the <i>Poor Clares</i> . She met a lot of opposition. Eventually started new convents with rule of absolute poverty and went barefoot. Rules of fasting and abstinence. 18 convents in her lifetime with her nuns that were known as <i>Colettine Sisters</i> . Died 6 <sup>th</sup> March 1447 aged 66.

<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> St Perpetua and St Felicity.</b> Perpetua, of noble birth, had a young baby. Felicity was a pregnant slave girl. With others they were arrested in Carthage, North Africa for wanting to be Christians in 203. Baptised in prison. Felicity gave birth. Roman Emperor Severus had not persecuted Christians in Rome and saved many from pagan groups. However, pagan mobs in Carthage hated Christians and Jews. The two babies were taken from them and they were tried and condemned to be thrown to the wild beasts in the Coliseum in Carthage. Died by the sword as martyrs with companions.					
<b>6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> St John of God</b> Born 1495 in Portugal. Left home. Travelled with a priest to Spain. Was a shepherd. Joined Spanish army to fight the French. Then fought the Islamic Ottoman Turks in Europe for 18years. Distinguished military career. Went to Africa to release Christians from the Islamic Moors. Returned to Spain. Met John of Ávila who encouraged him to work with the poor. Had visions of infant Jesus and Virgin Mary. Opened a hospital, night shelter for homeless and a refuge for prostitutes in Granada, southern Spain.. Founded an Order of Brother Hospitallers of St John of God. Died 8 <sup>th</sup> March 1550. Funeral was a huge event followed by everyone in Granada.					
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>			<b>First Sunday of Lent</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	Mary Light	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Ann Drumgoole	

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ash Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, is the beginning of Lent and ashes will be given at 10am and 6.30pm Masses.**

#### **Requiem Mass for Mrs Christina Ruth Gleeson on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 12 noon at St Vincent de Paul**

The funeral of Ruth Gleeson, widow of Deacon Paddy Gleeson, mother of Dee Heatley and mother in law of Joe Heatley, will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. After the Requiem Mass Fr Thomas will accompany the coffin to the Crematorium on his own as per family request. Everyone is cordially invited afterwards to attend King's Church across the road from St Vincent de Paul for refreshments. After the Mass the family have requested that there should be a Retiring Collection for the parish of St Vincent de Paul that Ruth was a member of for so many years and was a very active participant in the St Vincent de Paul Union of Catholic Mothers.

#### **Next SVP Social next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 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.

#### **50 year celebration on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September this year at 9.30 am Mass.**

We wish to share 50 years of memories of the parish beginning with a celebration Mass followed by a breakfast buffet. All parishioners past and present are invited to attend. For the event we hope to put together a booklet of quotes and memories. Where you involved with the setting up of the parish? Do you have photographs? Did you get married in the parish or celebrate a baptism? Please email any memory to [lizchalland@btinternet.com](mailto:lizchalland@btinternet.com). Just a couple of sentences for each memory please. More details of the event and Mass to follow in Spring.

#### **Appeal for Raffle Prizes from Liz Challand**

Do you have any unwanted Christmas presents that you do not need and may be used as Raffle Prizes to raise funds for our parish of St Vincent de Paul? Any items please drop them into the Sacristy or church office.

#### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Catechist's Formation Day on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**10 am to 4 pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton SO17 3SB**

A day to explore the fundamentals of RCIA's catechesis led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, with time for prayer, reflection and discussion. Suitable for all levels of experience from beginners seeking an introduction to adult catechesis to experienced catechesis looking for a refresher in the principles of RCIA.

Programme: 10am: Mass, 10.30: What is catechesis? 11.40: What is RCIA? 12.40: Prayer and Lunch (bring your own) 1.30: RCIA catechesis in my parish, 2.40: Q&A, 3.30: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 4pm: Departure

To find out more or to book contact: [office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org](mailto:office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org) Canon Michael Dennehy.



#### **“What Does Poverty Look Like Here in Southampton” document.**

The first draft of the document has been produced by Portsmouth Diocese's Caritas to aid in work on the “Church Beyond Walls”. Jenny LeLean is coordinating a group we hope will be made of people from across all our parishes who have local knowledge about the needs of our communities in

Southampton and can complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/ajF6AGysR8> or scan the QR code for the form. Answers will be used to support planning for future missionary outreach.

#### **Parish collection for last weekend 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

							Special Collection		
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Funeral payment Hire of Church	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£97	£24.25	£139.87	£242.54	£51.98	£555.64	£180 £80	----	----	<b>£815.64</b>