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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6th July 2025

THERE ARE NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK

Fr Thomas is still recovering from his operation and not ready to celebrate weekday Masses

Page 105 Isaiah 66: 10-14 Galatians 6: 14-18 Gospel Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

The first reading from Isaiah shows God's care for his people and brings them joy and comfort. The prophet speaks of Jerusalem as a mother who comforts and nurtures her children using metaphors of a nursing mother and a flowing river. The Lord promises to extend peace, joy, and abundance to his people who remain faithful like a river and his people will rejoice and be glad with their hearts flourishing like grass. This reminds us to trust that God provides for all our needs.

In the second reading St Paul was giving a very important message to the arguing people of Galatia in northern Greece. He advises them not to become overly focused on external signs of religiousness unless they also maintain the meaning of the Gospel. Paul reminds them to glory only in the *Cross of Christ* which is a sign of God's love, a source of salvation and a new life and creation for believers. He encourages them to avoid false teachers who seek to impose circumcision and other works of the law on them, urging them instead to embrace the new creation in Christ with the ultimate joy in eternal life with God.

Jesus sends out 72 disciples to go ahead of Him and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, instructing them to travel light with the message "Peace be with this house". It is a gift we must offer to our world and be instruments of His peace. The first word from Pope Leo XIV from the balcony at the Vatican after his election was "Peace".

Mass times

Feast Days

10.30 am: First Holy Communion Celebration

Saturday 5th Chideock Martyrs of Dorset Three Jesuit priests and four laymen associated with Chideock in Dorset were cruelly put to death. Four of them were executed in Chideock on 4th July 1594 and an eighth died in prison. 7 of the 8 in the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. The priests were chaplains to the prominent Catholic Arundell family at Chideock Castle. Fr Thomas Pilchard SJ was educated at Battle Abbey, a hotbed of Catholic recusancy, then Oxford University and then the English College in Reims, France where he was ordained a Jesuit priest. For two years he served as chaplain and converted many at Chideock. Arrested and executed in Dorchester 1587. Two converts, carpenter William Pike and gentleman John Jessop, were arrested with him. John died a year later in prison and William executed later. Fr John Cornelius SJ also attended Oxford University, trained as a priest in the English College in Rome and returned to England as chaplain to Lady Arundell at Chideock Castle. Again many were converted. Eventually betrayed and arrested with two servants, John Carey and Patrick Salmon, and Thomas Bosgrove a nephew of Lady Arundell. All four executed on 4th July 1594. Last priest was Fr Hugh Green SJ, a Protestant convert who was ordained at English College in Reims, France and returned as chaplain at Chideock Castle in the reign of King Charles I. He was arrested at Lyme Regis trying to escape to France and executed in 1642. Chideock Castle was destroyed in 1645 in the Civil War. The large *Martyrs Cross* has been erected at the site which has attracted many who commemorate there the deaths of the martyrs.

**6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

9.30 am Mass

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Monday 7th St Willibald Born in Wessex in about 700. Mother St Wuna was sister of St Boniface. Father was St Richard the Pilgrim. Educated at the Benedictine monastery at Bishops Waltham in Hampshire in Anglo-Saxon and Celtic customs. Pilgrimage to Holy Land via Sicily. Greece, Asia Minor and Cyprus visiting shrines. Returned via Constantinople to Rome. Stayed in monastery of Monte Cassino for 10 years and helped restore Benedictine Rule. Then sent by Pope Gregory III as missionary to Germany to help his uncle St Boniface. Bishop of Eichstatt in Germany. Founded Heidenheim double monastery and made his brother in charge of monks. Then got his sister from Wimborne monastery in Dorset to be in charge of the nuns. Wrote story of the pilgrimage. Died in 787 aged 87 and buried in Eichstatt Cathedral with his sister St Walburga.

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Tuesday 8th St Withburga Born at the end of the 7th century in Norfolk, youngest daughter of King Anna of the East Angles who St Bede praised for his devotion to Christianity. Like her sisters, she devoted herself to divine service and led an austere life in solitude for several years at Holkham near the Norfolk coast. When her father died in battle with pagan King Penda of Mercia she moved to Dereham, now a market town in Norfolk. Collected a group of devout women and laid the foundation of a church and nunnery where she was the abbess. She died on 17th March 743 and was buried at Dereham. After 50 years her body was found incorrupt and was moved into the church. A spring of clear water appeared now called Withburga's well. In 974 Abbot Brithnoth of Ely moved her body to Ely near her two sisters. In 1106 her body, her two sisters and St Etheldreda were moved into the new church near the high altar. Her body was not only sound but also fresh and the limbs flexible.

NO MASS	Wednesday 9th St Augustine Zhao Rong and other martyrs in China Chinese diocesan priest martyred in 1815, one of the 120 people martyred in China from 1648 to 1930. The 33 who died from 1648 to 1862 included 2 missionary bishops, 9 missionary priests, 4 Chinese priests, 12 Chinese lay catechists, 2 Chinese seminarians and 4 lay Chinese, 2 men and 2 women. During the Boxer Rebellion 87 were martyred from 1900 to 1930, 4 missionary bishops, 10 missionary priests, 7 missionary nuns, 1 lay Chinese lay brother, 5 Chinese seminarians and 60 Chinese lay men and women. Missionaries were Franciscans, Jesuits, the Paris Foreign Missionary Society, Dominicans, Salesians, Vincentians and Franciscans of Mary nuns.
NO MASS	Thursday 10th St Antony and St Theodosius Pechersky Two great figures in the establishment of the monastic system in the Russian Orthodox Church. Antony was born in 983 in Ukraine under the name Antipa. He began by living a solitary life in imitation of the Desert Fathers of Egypt. Went to Mount Athos in Greece in search of training for the life as a hermit for many years. Changed his name to Antony in homage of St Antony of Egypt. Then joined a monastery for a time. Returned to Ukraine to live in a cave by the River Dnieper at Kiev. Many people sought his advice including royalty. Was asked to lead a community in a monastery as abbot but soon returned to his cave where he died aged 90. Theodosius as a young man was greatly influenced by St Antony and became abbot in the monastery Antony had led in Ukraine. A great organiser he expanded the community and the monastery buildings. Emphasised works of mercy and the need to identify with all the suffering people of Christ. Converted many in the Kiev area. He encouraged lay people of Kiev, without distinction of sex, age or rank to come to him with their problems. Despite all his responsibilities of caring for a large community he did his share of menial work.
NO MASS	Friday 11th July St Benedict of Nursia Born in 480 in Italy to a noble family. His twin sister became a saint. Sent to Rome for his education but was shocked by the decay and immorality in the city. Gave up his inheritance and sought solitude as a hermit. Eventually found a cave on the side of a ravine for himself helped by Romanus, a monk at the monastery above the cave. Over 3 years became well known. When abbot died, monks wanted him as abbot. Initially refused but eventually agreed. Monks did not like his strict and austere rules so he returned to his cave. Started to develop ideas about styles of monastic life and attracted many followers. Wrote the "Rule of St Benedict" for his monasteries. Based on 8 hours of pray, 8 hours of sleep and 8 hours of manual work with sacred reading, works of charity and the Divine Office. He founded the Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino between Rome and Naples and many others. He died aged 67 in 547 and was buried with his twin sister Scholastica in Monte Cassino. Rule of St Benedict used by many communities.
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 12th St Veronica Not clear if Veronica had contact with Jesus before she wiped His face with her veil. Her action is the 6 th Station of the Cross. It is claimed she took her cloth with the miraculous image of Christ and cured the battle wounds of Roman Emperor Tiberius in Rome. Over the centuries there has been great devotion to <i>Veronica's veil</i> and the <i>Holy Face of Jesus</i> .
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 13th July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION	
Your prayers are needed for the following people	
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale Mary Light Trevor Delves Fr Shaun Budden Ann Drumgoole

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Second Collection last weekend for Peter's Pence

This collection is used for supporting the charitable works of the Pope but as it is for the Vatican and not for our parish or diocese, Gift Aid cannot be claimed so all donations had to be considered as a loose collection. The total collection was £1312.45. Many thanks to all the parishioners who donated.

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 16th 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 two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat

Important notice from church cleaners: DO NOT LEAVE CHEWING GUM IN THE CHURCH

Chewing gum can damage the pews, floors and other surfaces. It is also very difficult to remove. Please can we all work together to keep our sacred space clean and welcoming for everyone.

50 year celebration on the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 28th September this year at 9.30am 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. Please email any memory, just a couple of sentences to lizchalland@btinternet.com.

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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
£90	£22.50	£143.10	£242.54	£51.98	£550.12			£131.45	£681.57