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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**      **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
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Mass times		Feast Days	
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> St Stephen of Hungary</b> Born Vajk about 975 in Hungary, son of the pagan Duke Geza of the Magyars. Converted to Christianity and took the name Stephen. Very devout. Married Gisela. Her brother became Roman Emperor Henry II, later made a saint. Christian couple helped spread the faith. Stephen succeeded his father. Relative opposed him. Fought to retain his position with great success and increased his territory. Pope Sylvester II declared him King of Hungary. King Stephen and Queen Gisela were good Christians who helped the poor. They built churches, founded monasteries. Christianity made the State religion. Charged tithes to support clergy, churches and the poor. King Stephen abolished tribal divisions, reduced the power of the nobles and divided kingdom into regional administrations with a system of governors and magistrates. King Stephen repelled invasion of Hungary by the German Emperor Conrad II. His only son Emeric, later venerated as Blessed, supported his parents in the work for the poor and Church. Died in a hunting accident. Shattered hopes of handing kingdom to a devout Christian who would continue the spread of Christianity and control the power of nobles and tribal leaders.		
9.30 am Mass	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
6.30 pm Mass	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> St Helena</b> Helena was of humble birth, possibly the daughter of an inn-keeper, who married the Roman general Constantius Chlorus who later became the Roman Emperor. When Constantius Chlorus died their son Costantine was the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great, Constantine I. He gave his mother the title Empress. It is claimed at age 80 she organised a project to find the true Cross at Golgotha. Three crosses were found near Calvary and to find which was Jesus' cross a dying woman was brought to touch them. When she touched the third one she was cured so it was assumed it was the true Cross of Jesus. Helena finished her days in Palestine.		
10 am Mass	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> St John Eudes</b> Born 1601 in France. Educated by Jesuits at Caen. Joined Oratorians. Ordained a priest in 1625 aged 24. Volunteered to care for victims of plague. Lived alone in huge wine cask to protect others from disease. Began parish missions. Outstanding preacher. Observed poor ministry of local clergy. In 1641 founded <i>Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge</i> , nuns, in Caen to provide a refuge for prostitutes who wished to reform. Special devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Left Oratorians to found <i>Society of Jesus and Mary, Eudists</i> , for the education of priests and planning of parish missions. Opened new seminaries across France to better train priests. Great writer, later named "Doctor of the Church". Died aged 78 in 1680.		
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm  6.30 pm Mass	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> St Bernard of Clairvaux</b> Born in 1090 in France to noble family at castle of Fontaine. After education sent for military training with his 5 brothers. He realised he had a religious vocation. With 31 other noblemen including 4 brothers and uncle, he rode to Citeaux Cistercian Abbey. Youngest brother looked after his father. After 3 years the English Abbot Stephen Harding asked Bernard to start a new Cistercian monastery with 12 other monks. With help they built a monastery in a valley renamed Clairvaux. Reputation of Clairvaux monastery and holiness of Bernard grew. Numbers increased from 13 to 130 including youngest brother and his father. Bernard became a great speaker and writer. Important people sort his advice. Helped write Rules for Knights Templar in 1128. Bernard made their patron saint. From Clairvaux monks founded many new Cistercian monasteries in France and Fountains Abbey and Rievaulx Abbey in England. Met Bishop Malarchy of Armagh from Ireland. Great friendship. Helped him start many new Cistercian monasteries in Ireland. From 1140 Bernard starting preaching through Europe and attracted huge crowds who also sort his advice. In 1153 Bernard was ill. Resolved dispute in northern France. Died at Clairvaux.		
NO MASS	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> .Blessed Victoire Rasoamanarivo</b> Born in 1848 in Madagascar, a pagan princess from a most powerful family. Educated according to the indigenous beliefs. in 1861 after the death of the Queen of Mafagascar who was opposed to Christianity, Jesuit missionaries arrived and she went to a school run by Catholic nuns. Their teaching and example transformed her and, despite the opposition of her family, she was baptised a Catholic. A Protestant school was then chosen for her but it did not change her faith. She was sure she had a vocation to be a nun but was advised with her position in the royal court this would result in problems for all Catholics in the		

country. She allowed her family to arrange a marriage to the son of her uncle who was then the prime minister. The 17 year old bride suffered from a husband who was very cruel, a drunk and a lecher. She prayed for him and accepted the abuse. Protestantism was made the official religion and mild persecution of Catholics changed in 1883 during the Franco-Malagasy War when all Catholic missionaries were expelled. Priests and nuns told Victoire to look after the Catholic communities which she did with great courage. She protested to the royal court when they tried to close churches. Victoire faced down soldiers and led Catholics into churches to pray. After 2 years the priests and nuns returned and a community of 21,000 Catholics remained. Eventually her husband was dying and asked to be baptised a Catholic which Victoire did herself. She was then free to work for prisoners, lepers and the poor for six years. At age 46 this courageous leader died on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1894.

**Big Clean  
2pm to 4pm**

**NO MASS**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Philip Benizi** Born 1233 Italy to a noble family. Studied medicine and philosophy at Paris and Padua. Was a physician in Florence who studied the Scriptures. Gave up medicine and joined the Servites as just a lay brother. Ordained a priest. Promoted to Master of novices. Great preacher. Superior of Order. Named as a candidate for pope so went into hiding as a hermit. Attended Council of Lyons and was a mediator between groups in dispute. Sent to Forli by Pope Martin V to reconcile divided city. One of his antagonists joined Servites. Then foremost preacher in Italy. Talented as organiser and administrator. Founded Third Order of Servites. Sent first Servites as missionaries to the Far East. Retired to a Servite house in Todi. Died 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1285 aged 52.

**Big Clean  
1pm to 3pm**

**6 pm Confessions  
6.30pm Vigil Mass**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> St Rose of Lima** Beautiful baby born to rich Spanish parents in Lima, Peru. Called "Rose" due to her beauty. Parents were against her being a nun. Refused to marry. Took measures to be unattractive. St Catherine of Siena was her model. She practiced severe mortification. Worked as a seamstress and grew and sold plants to support the family. Turned her house into an infirmary. Cared for poor, sick and elderly people and destitute children. Her venture expanded and she was the originator of social services in Peru.

**9.30 am Mass**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Molly Varkey RIP 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

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**Your prayers are needed for the following people**

Sue Chandler    Hazel Sale    Mary Light    Trevor Delves    Fr Shaun Budden    Ann Drumgoole

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**No Mass next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August as Fr Thomas has to attend a meeting on the Isle of Wight**

**Next SVP Social is next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August – 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

**"Big Clean" on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 9.30pm to 1pm**

Volunteers (of all ages) are required next week as we really want the parish looking lovely for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in September so please come along if you are able. Volunteers please contact Liz Challand.



**Liz Challand fundraising for Cancer Research UK by taking part in Southampton Shine Night 10k Walk** The event is incredibly special to Liz as she is walking in memory of friends and family who have bravely battled cancer, some of whom have triumphed, while others have sadly lost their courageous fights. She is reaching out to everyone she knows to support the fundraising. By hosting a raffle with fantastic prizes. The first prize is a wonderful set of ear buds, and there are also amazing second, third and fourth prizes. Tickets are available for a donation of £10 each via my Cancer Research UK fundraising page. You can check out all the prizes and make your

donation at: <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elizabeths-giving-page-4748>.

The raffle will take place at 10am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please feel free to share this with others. Your generous donations will help raise much needed funds for vital cancer research and make a difference to beat cancer.

**Church painting and refurbishment project from September. People needed to assist in this work.**

If you are good with a paint brush please offer your services. Volunteers please contact Liz Challand.

**Our Lady of Good Health Velankani Novena at St Boniface in Shirley from 29<sup>th</sup> August to 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Introductory 6.30pm Rosary followed by Madi Mass at 7pm. All weekdays: 6.30pm Rosary followed by Novena and Mass at 7pm. Saturdays 30<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September: Rosary at 6pm followed by Novena and Mass at 6.30pm. Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Rosary at 5pm followed by Novena and Mass at 5.30pm.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September: Last day of Novena. Procession at 2.15pm followed by Feast Day Mass at 3pm. After Mass a get-together and feast day celebrations in St Boniface Church Hall. More information call 023 8077 3640

### Parish collection for last weekend 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> August

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Donation to parish through funeral directors	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£57	£14.25	£192.80	£242.54	£51.98	£558.57	£350			<b>£908.57</b>