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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24th August 2025

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<p>From the readings this weekend we should ask Jesus for the strength to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Let us be ready to take up our cross and follow Him knowing that He is with us every step of the way although the journey might be very tough. We are called to embrace God's inclusive love, accept His loving discipline, deepen our faith, welcome others, open our hearts to God's guidance and live as true disciples of Jesus Christ. We are also asked to examine our motives for following Jesus. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah emphasises God's call is to people of all nations which must have been a shock for the Jews who thought they were the "Chosen People" God wants a diverse and inclusive family, not limited to one group. In the second reading from St Paul we learn that God disciplines those He loves, just as a parent disciplines a child. This might seem hard and challenging but helps us to develop good habits and virtues and helps us grow as a disciple of Jesus.. In the Gospel Luke uses a question from the crowd so that Jesus has a chance to make a prophetic statement on the final judgement. A few weeks ago he used the same questioning of Jesus to relate the parable of the "Good Samaritan". This time He warns us not to be complacent as salvation requires humility, real effort and genuine faith and love of Jesus. Malcolm</p>			

Mass times

Feast Days

Big Clean 1pm to 3pm	<p>Saturday 23rd 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.</p>
6 pm Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
9.30 am Mass	<p>Sunday 24th August</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Molly Varkey RIP 10th anniversary</p>
6.30 pm Mass Lorraine Rosser for the success of an operation on Wednesday 27th August	<p>Monday 25th St Louis IX, King of France Great Christian monarch, born near Paris in 1214. Father was King Louis VIII of France. Mother was half Spanish and half English. Father died when he was 12 years old after being well educated in Latin, oratory, military arts and government. In 1219 the Sixth Crusade led by King Fredrick was successful mainly due to diplomacy. 10 year truce signed. Aged 15, King Louis IX led 3 campaigns against rebellious nobles. Aged 20, he married Margaret, daughter of Count of Provence. This extended his kingdom to the Mediterranean. Very happy couple who had 11 children. King Louis had a reputation for fairness, moral integrity, great Christian zeal and renowned for his charity. Banned trials by ordeal. Introduced assumed innocence until proved guilty. Helped the founding of College of Sorbonne in Paris. Lived an austere life and couple helped the poor. Beggars were fed from his table, ministered to lepers and founded establishments for disabled, vulnerable, blind and prostitutes. Great arbitrator of disputes and keen on political diplomacy. Skilled military leader. Led 7th Crusade that was partly successful and returned to France after 6 years. 1267, King Louis, his 3 sons and his brother called 8th Crusade. 1270 King Louis died of dysentery in Tunis.</p>
10 am Mass Aleykutty Xavier	<p>Tuesday 26th Blessed Dominic Barberi Born in 1792 to poor family in Italy. Parents died. He was brought up by his uncle. Avoided conscription by Napoleon. Entered Passionist monastery. A brilliant scholar. Ordained a priest in Rome in 1821. 19 years in monastery teaching philosophy and theology. Taught in Rome, now a famous theologian. Met three converts from England. Led mission to England in October 1841 after Catholic Emancipation in 1839. Catholics feared that Dominic and his fellow Passionists would cause renewed persecution. Fr Dominic was a great success and gained many converts and refreshed practices of Catholics. He became aware of Oxford Movement and Anglican John Henry Newman who he received into the Catholic Church in October 1845. Fr Dominic died on 27th August 1849. In 1852 John Henry Newman gave the lecture "The Second Spring" referring to rebirth of Catholicism in England which Fr Dominic started.</p>
6.30 pm Mass Sheild family	<p>Wednesday 27th St Monica Mother of St Augustine of Hippo. Born in 332 to Christian parents in Algeria, North Africa. A Berber, she married at 14 to a poor Roman pagan. Husband was short tempered and was annoyed at Monica's charity to the poor and Christian practices but always respected her. They had 2 sons and a daughter. Perpetua was Abbess of monastery in Hippo and Navigius became a monk. But Augustine was lazy and uncouth. Monica prayed continually for him. When Augustine fell into bad company and took a mistress and stayed with her for 15 years working as a teacher, Monica banned him from the house. After 20 years of marriage, her husband became a Christian. Augustine was shocked by his mother banning him and started to study Christian writings and went to Rome with his mistress, later followed by Monica. Augustine took another mistress, but decided after a time to take a vow of celibacy. Converted by St Simplician and St Ambrose to Monica's delight. She died in 387. Buried in Ostia on the coast near Rome. Then later in Rome.</p>

**10 am Mass
Thanksgiving
Mass for
Jasnamary Joy**

Thursday 28th St Edmund Arrowsmith Born 1585 into a Catholic family in Haydock near St Helens Lancashire. Ordained a priest at English College, Douai at 27. Sent on English mission to Lancashire. Ministered secretly with energy for 9 years. Arrested but released by King James in 1622. Returned to Continent and joined the Jesuits. Went back to Lancashire and resumed his priestly ministry often using the, still standing, Arrowsmith Hall in Hoghton between Blackburn and Preston. Three years later he was betrayed near Hoghton. He escaped on horseback but was captured when his horse refused to jump a ditch. Convicted and executed at Lancaster 28th August 1628

NO MASS

Friday 29th Passion of St John the Baptist Forerunner of Christ. Was the son of Elizabeth, the aunt of Jesus' mother, the Virgin Mary. Lived like a hermit in the desert. A prophet who foretold the Messiah's coming. Jesus asked John to baptise him in the River Jordan. John rebuked King Herod Antipas who divorced his tenth wife and married Herodias. Salome, his new wife's daughter, danced for Herod which greatly pleased him. He then promised her anything and she demanded the head of John the Baptist on a platter, prompted by her mother. John was then beheaded.

**6 pm Confessions
6.30pm Vigil Mass
Rita Forster RIP
6th anniversary**

Saturday 30th St Margaret Ward Born around 1550 in Congleton, Cheshire. In 1585 was in service as housekeeper or companion for noblewoman Mrs Whittel and family. In 1588 Spanish Armada failed and anti-Catholic feeling was at its height. An eccentric and controversial priest Fr William Watson was in the Bridewell Prison in London suffering severe conditions and brutal treatment. Margaret decided to help him with clean clothes and food as he was almost starving to death. Managed to smuggle in a rope so he could escape in the early hours of the morning. Broke his arm and leg in the escape and left rope behind. Margaret and John Roche, the boatman that helped Fr Watson in his escape, were arrested. Tortured but refused to tell the hiding place of Fr Watson. Both refused to seek the pardon of Queen Elizabeth and go to Anglican services. Both Margaret and John condemned to death. Martyred at Tyburn 30th August 1588.

9.30 am Mass

Sunday 31st August **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Pat, John and Valerie Moon, Peter and Carol RIP

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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

“Big Clean” on Friday 22nd August from 2pm to 4pm and Saturday 23rd August from 9.30pm to 1pm

Volunteers (of all ages) are required next week as we really want the parish looking lovely for our 50th 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 3rd 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.

Next SVP Social on Wednesday 3rd 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 two hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pa

Our Lady of Good Health Velankani Novena at St Boniface in Shirley from 29th August to 7th September

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

Sunday 7th 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 16th and 20th August

							Clergy Training		TOTAL of all money
Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Donation to parish	Gift Aid	Loose	
£92	£23	£127.09	£242.54	£51.98	£536.61	£100		£5	£641.61