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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th June 2023

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Jeremiah 20: 10-13

Romans 5: 12-15

Matthew 10: 26-31

Our Scripture readings for this Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to preach Christ through our [words](#) and lives without fear. The first reading tells us how the prophet Jeremiah trusted in the power of God while he faced opposition for his prophetic ministry. He was intimidated by attacks upon his character, but he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in his Resurrection. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "Do not fear!" "Do not be afraid!" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly because they will be protected, just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 24th St Bartholomew of Farne Island Born in the 12 th century in Whitby, Yorkshire of Scandinavian decent. Left home to avoid a marriage. Went to Norway to find his roots. Returned to Durham to become a monk. Took name Bartholomew. Had a great devotion to St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne. Became a hermit who occupied the ancient cell of St Cuthbert on Farne Island and practised a very austere life style.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 25th June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Birthday of Alan Morris
6.30pm Mass	Monday 26th St Anthelm Born in 1107 at the Castle of Chignin, six miles north of Chambery in eastern France near the border with Switzerland. High principled young priest, hospitable and generous. Joined the Carthusian monastery of Grande Chartreuse in the mountains south of Chambery and north of Grenoble. With his business like qualities was elected the 7 th Prior in 1140 and restored its prosperity. It became the mother house and gained a reputation for sanctity and wisdom and attracted many new monks including his father and one of his brothers. After 12 years was pleased to resign leadership that he never desired but was then made Prior of the monastery of Portes in southern France. Supported Pope Alexander III against antipope Victor IV. Made Bishop of Belley in France. Insisted on reforms of the clergy. Still visited Carthusian houses. Dear to his heart was a leper house where he loved to tend to sufferers with his own hands. Died 26 th June 1178 at 71
Change of Mass time due to roof repairs 6.30 pm Mass	Tuesday 27th St Cyril of Alexandria Born in 376 in Egypt. His uncle was Patriarch of Alexandria a powerful position. Attended with his uncle Theophilus the <i>Synod of the Oak</i> in Constantinople. Succeeded his uncle as Patriarch of Alexandria. Controversial theologian who had strong opinions and made impulsive decisions. Quarrelled with civil authorities and antagonised people. Eventually mellowed, controlled his temper and developed humility. Very able theologian. Wrote against heresies. Called the "Doctor of the Incarnation".
6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 28th St John Southworth Born in 1592 to a family who lived in Samlesbury Hall in Lancashire who stayed staunchly Catholic through many years of persecution. Impoverished by heavy fines for not attending Church of England services. Aged 21 in 1613 went to the English College at Douai in France to train for the priesthood. Went to England in 1618 on his first mission in the London area for 6 years but returned to Douai due to ill health. Recovered and returned on his second mission to Lancashire in 1626. Arrested after 1 year and imprisoned in Lancaster and "The Clink" in London. Released and deported to France due to Queen Henrietta Maria, Catholic wife of King Charles I. Back to England on third mission in 1636. Helped plague victims and but arrested after 1 year and imprisoned for 3 years. Released and carried out his ministry for 14 years. Arrested and condemned to death. Martyred at Tyburn 1654. Finally buried in shrine at Westminster Cathedral.

10 am Mass	Thursday 29th St Peter and St Paul Two great saints who founded Church in Rome. Had different strengths and weaknesses. Peter was a tough fisherman chosen by Jesus to be the leader of the 12 apostles due to his strong personality, He was uninhibited, impulsive and demonstrative who at times was hot headed. He was courageous and practical due to life as a fisherman. He was a muscular thickset man with a curly beard. Paul was a highly educated intellectual academic who could speak Hebrew and Greek. He was present at the martyrdom of St Stephen. He was a convert who did not know Jesus personally. He was a Roman citizen who had been a strong supporter of Jewish Law. Paul had practical skills as a tent maker. He was a great missionary, teacher and letter writer. Paul was thin, bald, except at the sides of a long thin face with a long black beard.
NO MASS	Friday 30th First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Persecution of Christians started in Rome by Emperor Nero who was concerned that his pagan beliefs were seriously challenged and who blamed Christians for the Great Fire of Rome in July 64 AD. He killed them in various ways but mainly in the Roman Circus where Christians were nailed to crosses, killed by wild animals including lions and killed by armed opponents who were either criminals fighting for their lives or pagan soldiers.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 1st July St Oliver Plunkett Born in 1625 in Ireland to a wealthy, influential, noble family, some being prominent in the Irish rebellion of 1641 when Oliver was age 16. Studied at Irish College in Rome. Brilliant student. Ordained in 1654. Obtained a doctorate in canon and civil law. Professor of Theology. Appointed Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of Ireland in 1669. Due to penal laws, travel in Ireland as "Captain Brown", wore a sword and carried pistols. Soon was able to travel freely as a bishop. Radically improved the religious practice in Ireland. 10,000 Confirmations. Then implicated with others in false "Titus Oates Popish Plot" to kill King Charles II. Martyred at Tyburn Tree, 1 st July 1681. The last martyr for the faith in England.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 2nd July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Change of Mass time on Tuesday 27th June. Evening Mass at 6.30pm instead of 10am Mass

On Monday 26th June repairs are being started on the porch roof which will continue for at least a couple of days. Consequently the 10am morning Mass on Tuesday 27th June has been moved to an evening Mass at 6.30pm. It is also possible on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening Masses the main entrance through the porch will not be possible and access to the church will be by the other door by the sacristy which is opposite the chemist and Tesco Express.

Next SVP Social this Wednesday 5th July – 1pm to 3 pm

There will be another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you.

8 hours of adoration followed by Mass every third Friday of the month from 9 pm

The next session will be Friday 21st July from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am



Sally Collinge in our parish has a family tent and a two ring gas burner that she no longer needs

Sally would be very pleased if someone in the parish could make use of the family tent in the picture opposite. She also has a two ring gas burner that she used to use when she and her husband went camping. Sally does not want any money for them but to give a donation to the parish of St Vincent de Paul. Anyone interested please contact the editor Malcolm Forster, contact details at the beginning of the newsletter.

Parish collection for last weekend 17th and 18th June

							SPECIAL COLLECTION Day for Life		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£62	£15.50	£124.44	£242.54	£51.98	£496.46	----	£67	£26.90	£590.36