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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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**Zechariah 9: 9-10**

**Romans 8: 9, 11-13**

**Matthew 11: 25-30**

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a “meek” Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who “*raises up those who are bowed down*” under heavy yokes. In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the “flesh” and the “Spirit,” and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the “Spirit” as opposed to the “flesh.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those “*who labor and are burdened*” if they will accept his “*easy yoke and light burden.*” By declaring that his “*yoke is light,*” Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus’ claim is: “*My burden is light.*” Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Yours,  
Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> St Priscilla and St Aquala</b> Tent making married couple who accompanied St Paul on his travels to Christian communities. Both, especially Priscilla, were great preachers.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving Mass from Jomy Joy</b>
<b>6.30pm Mass</b>	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> St Antony and St Theodosius Pechersky</b> Antony was born in Ukraine in 983. He lived as a hermit in the way of the Desert Fathers of Egypt. Went to Mount Athos in Greece as a hermit. Joined a monastery there. 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 and 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 tasks and work
<b>10am Mass P. O. Immanuel RIP</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> St Benedict of Nursia</b> . 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 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. Wrote the “Rule of St Benedict” for his monasteries. Based on 8 hours of pray, sleep and manual work with sacred reading, works of charity and the Divine Office. Attracted many followers. He founded the Benedictine monastery of Monte Cassino between Rome and Naples and many others. Died aged 67 in 547 and was buried with his twin sister Scholastica in Monte Cassino
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> St Veronica</b> Not clear if Veronica had contact with Jesus before she wiped His face with her veil. Her action is the 6 <sup>th</sup> 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>

<b>10 am Mass Ouseph Antony RIP</b>	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> St Emperor Henry II of Germany</b> Born in 973 in Germany. Educated by Bishop Wolfgang and then at Hildesheim Cathedral school. Encouraged by Emperor Otto II to have an ecclesiastical formation to become a monk or priest so giving up his claim to throne. Became a soldier and very able military leader. Fought with Emperor Otto III who died a year later in 1002. Henry crowned as last Saxon King of Germany. His pious wife Cunigunde of Luxembourg was crowned Queen of Germany. Extended his kingdom and brought Christianity and peace back. Popular with the people. Went into Italy and got rid of antipope and established Pope Benedict VIII in Rome. Then made Holy Roman Emperor. He was a pious reformer of Church and monastic life.
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> St Camillus of Lellis.</b> . Born in 1550 in Italy. His elderly mother wanted him to be a holy child. Grew up with his father's temper, very tall and joined his father in Venetian army. Able soldier, gambler with alcohol addiction and an aggressive nature. Then wounded. His regiment disbanded. Penniless from gambling worked as a labourer in monastery. Entered the Capuchin novitiate. Had to enter hospital due to leg wound. Paid for hospital stay by work with sick and dying. Met St Philip Neri which changed his way of life to austerity and penance. Encouraged reforms in the hospital of proper insulation, kinder treatment of patients, good nutrition, fresh air, sunshine, cleanliness and isolation of infectious patients. Great improvement in health and survival. Bursar, then superintendent of hospital. Realised he needed trained and dedicated people to help him, possibly a religious Order. St Philip advised him to join Jesuits first. Entered Jesuits in Rome. Ordained a priest in 1584 aged 34. Founded <i>Servants of the Sick</i> containing religious and lay members. Included priests and brothers dedicated to serving the sick. Wore a "red cross" on their cassocks. Worked in hospitals and on battlefields. Known as <i>Camillians</i> .
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass God's blessings and protection for our families Mr Emmmannuell</b>	<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> St Swithun</b> Anglo-Saxon born about 800 in Winchester. Joined Benedictine monastery in Winchester. Ordained a priest. Chaplain and counsellor to King Egbert of Wessex based in Winchester. Advisor to his son King Ethelwolf after being his tutor when he was a monk. Bishop of Winchester in 852. Humble, pious and helped the poor. Invited them to banquets instead of nobles. Built many churches and the first stone bridge over the River Itchen at Winchester. Paid visits to all parts of his diocese by foot. Died 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 863. Buried at the entrance to the Cathedral at his request. 100 years later his body was moved into a new Cathedral, named after him on 15 <sup>th</sup> July 971 and it rained for 40 days. Legend then developed that if it rained on his feast day it would rain for 40 days. Move into huge magnificent new Norman Cathedral in the eleventh century. Large shrine behind high altar for pilgrims was built. Destroyed and robbed in Reformation. Now a new shrine.
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the happy repose of Dr Mrs Patricia Ifeagurazi and all the souls of the faithful departed</b>

**PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION**

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

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		
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**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT**

**SVP Administrator/Secretary. Renee Sharp is stepping down after many years of unpaid work**

There is a vacancy coming up at the end of August for a volunteer to work in the office at SVP. Hours are negotiable. If you are interested in this varied position, please contact Renee Sharp for further details by email at

[svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:svpoffice@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or speak to Renee in the Church.

Support from Renee will be offered to anyone who has an interest in the position

**St Anne's Open Day on Tuesday and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July**

St Anne's is an outstanding 11-18 state funded Catholic school for girls with a mixed sixth form in the heart of Southampton. Places are open to all families seeking a school with a strong Catholic ethos. The school has been placed in the top 10% of all schools nationally in recent years. Parents can visit us during our Open Mornings (9.00 - 11.00am) Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Parents can book a free ticket via Eventbrite (see poster). We ask that parents arrive at 9.00am to hear from our Senior Leadership team and then take a tour or between 9.30am and 10.00am for tours only.

**Next SVP Social is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 1pm to 3 pm**

There will 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 21<sup>st</sup> July from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

**Parish collection for last weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION  
Peter's Pence**

Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Church use Day for Life	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£54	£13.50	£133.90	£242.54	£51.98	£495.92	<b>£120 £2</b>	£92.81	<b>£50</b>	<b>£760.73</b>