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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th August 2023

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1 Kings 19: 9, 11-13

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 22-33

The readings for this week speak of God's saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God Who always keeps us company, and our need for prayer in storms of life. The first reading tells us of how Elijah the prophet who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of just such a trusting Faith in the power of Yahweh, fled to the Lord God for help and strength on Mt Horeb, and encountered Him there in His mercy. In the second reading, Paul laments and mourns over the Jews who, having lost their Faith in Yahweh and His prophets, had rejected their promised Messiah, Jesus. Paul tells us later (11:7-24), that God's plan allowed the Jews to reject Jesus so that a few believers, like Paul, would be free to carry the Good News outside Judaism, evangelizing the Gentiles. The Gospel episode occurred during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, he allayed their fears by telling them, "It is I." The Gospel episode also explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Michael and Nora Hunter RIP	Saturday 12th St Porcarius and martyred monks In 732 Abbot Porcarius had a community of 500 monks, novices, and students at the great Abbey of Lérins, founded in the 5 th century on an island off the coast of Provence opposite Cannes. He was warned by an angel in a vision that his community was about to be attacked by barbarians. Porcarius sent off by ship all his young students and 36 young monks. He then set about preparing the rest of the community for death and prayed with them for courage. The Abbey was then attacked by Saracens, probably Moors from Spain or North Africa, and all the remaining community were massacred except 4 who were taken into slavery.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 13th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.30pm Mass	Monday 14th St Maxmilian Maria Kolbe Born Raymond Kolbe in 1894 in Russian occupied Poland. Joined the Franciscan minor seminary. 3 years later joined the Polish army in defence of his Motherland. Rejoined the Franciscans. Took the name Maxmilian. Formed <i>Army of the Immaculate One</i> devoted to Mary to convert sinners and oppose enemies of Church. In 1918 ordained a priest. Obtained doctorate of theology. . Founded Franciscan monastery and publishing centre near Warsaw – the <i>City of Immaculata</i> with 800 working for mass media apostolate. 2 nd "City" at Nagasaki in Japan and 3 rd in Malabar India. In 1939 added a radio broadcasting station to his publishing centre. He was arrested by the Germans. Then released to look after Polish refugees and Jews. Resumed publishing religious works many of which were anti-Nazis. Arrested in 1941. Sent to Auschwitz concentration camp. Ministered to fellow prisoners and led them in pray to Immaculate Virgin Mary. After a prisoner escaped, ten prisoners chosen to die. Fr Kolbe volunteered to die in place of a man with a family.
10 am Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Jebin's family for all the blessings 6.30 pm Mass	Tuesday 15th Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Both before and after Mary's miraculous child-bearing she was a virgin, according to the perpetual tradition and teachings of the Church. Mary remained for her whole life absolutely sinless, affirmed by the Council of Trent. It has been for ages the explicit belief of the Church that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin was taken into Heaven. Veneration is due to her but we must not pray to her but ask her to pray with us
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 16th St Stephen of Hungary. Born Vajk about 975 in Hungary, son of the pagan Duke Geza. At age 10 he and his father became Christians. Took the name Stephen. Very devout. Married Gisela. Christian couple helped spread the faith. Stephen succeeded his father. 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 and appointed bishops with pope's permission. Christianity made the State religion. Abolished tribal divisions, reduced the power of the nobles and divided kingdom into regional administrations with a system of governors and magistrates.
10 am Mass Joseph Thoma (Itteera) RIP 9th anniversary	Thursday 17th St Joan of the Cross Born in 1666 in France. Mother had a shop near shrine to Virgin Mary in Saumur. Joan experienced poverty and became selfish and miserly. Her mother died and Joan took over shop.. Provided poor standard accommodation for pilgrims. Min aim was to make money. Visited by a poor scruffy widow pilgrim who said that she had a message from God. Predicted that Joan's future was to care for the poor. Joan's attitude to life changed. She then helped the poor and orphaned. Gathered women to help her. Founded Congregation of St Anne of Providence. Took name Sister Joan of the Cross. Number of nuns increased. Joan died aged 70. Order grew large.

NO MASS	Friday 18th St Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga Born 1901 in Chile to aristocratic family that lost its wealth. Experienced poverty but had a scholarship to Jesuit school in Santiago. Volunteered to help a poor parish in slums of Santiago. Obligatory military service. At 22 entered Jesuit novitiate. After Jesuit suppression went to Belgium. Ordained a priest aged 32. Returned to Chile as professor of religion at his old school. Later professor of the theory of teaching at Catholic University in Santiago. Conservative Catholics opposed Catholic social teaching. Chilean hierarchy refused to publish papal encyclical "In the 40 th Year" an update on "Rerum Novarum" 40 years earlier. He and many clergy, protested. Wrote on the shortage of priests and criticised the quality of catechism instruction with lack of Catholic social teaching. Made the director of "Catholic Action", national youth movement, in 1940. Advocated that Catholic social teaching should be included in religious education of youth. Giving a retreat he described how he saw Christ in all the poor and homeless. Christ is without a home. Given help to start shelters called <i>Hogar de Cristo, Home of Christ</i> . Bought green pickup to travel around searching for the needy. He founded Chilean Trade Union Association to install Christian values. Founded periodical <i>Mensaje, (Message)</i> to encourage discussion of Catholic social teaching. Still published by Jesuits today. This optimistic, joyful and likable priest died aged 51.
8hrs Adoration 9 pm to Mass at 4 am	
Big Clean at SVP 10 am to 12 noon	Saturday 19th August St John Eades Born in 1601 in Normandy, France. Ordained a priest in 1625 aged 24. Cared for victims of plague. Began parish missions. Outstanding preacher. In 1641 founded <i>Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge, Good Shepherd nuns</i> , in Caen to provide a refuge for prostitutes who wished to reform. Founded <i>Society of Jesus and Mary</i> , later called <i>Eudists</i> , for the education of priests and planning of parish missions. Opened new seminaries across France to better train or retrain priests. Great writer. "Doctor of the Church". Died aged 78 in 1680.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 20th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley			
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Tuesday 15th August is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 2 Masses

Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 6.30pm on the feast of the Assumption this coming Tuesday 15th August

Next SVP Social is Wednesday 16th August – 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 2 hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you.

Friday 18th August 8 hours of adoration followed by Mass from 9 pm to 5 am

We are having 8 hours of adoration starting at 9 pm and ending with Mass at about 4 am.

The Big Church Clean on Saturday 19th August

Volunteers are needed to give our church a brilliant clean on Saturday 19th August from 10am to 12 noon. This is perfect for families or individuals to participate. So whether you can spare 30 minutes or the full 2 hours all would be welcome and appreciated. Refreshments will be provided. Any questions please contact Liz Challand.

New Parish Administrator Margareta Livingstone

Fr Tomy and the Fabric and Finance Committee members are pleased to announce the appointment Margareta Livingstone as the new paid Office Administrator who will take up the post from the 1st September to replace Renee Sharpe. Everyone in the parish wishes to offer our sincere thanks to Renee for the years of unpaid service in this important and time consuming role in SVP parish.

Invite from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries to a special Mass on Thursday 14th September

Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries invite all "Red Box" holders and all parishioners to a special Mass to celebrate Mission in the Diocese of Portsmouth. It will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday 14th September at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 757 Christchurch Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth BH7 6AN. For catering purposes, we would be grateful if you would respond to this invitation by informing your parish secretary Graham Churchill.

Carpet donated to the parish is surplus to requirement

There has been a donated piece of carpet 7' x 10' which is not big enough for the jobs that need doing in the Church. Is there anyone in the Parish who might make use of this?

Parish collection for last weekend 5th and 6th August

							Special Collection		
Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Candle money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£58	£14.50	£134.51	£242.54	£51.98	£501.53	£234.00	---	---	£735.53