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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

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**Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7**

**Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32**

**Matthew 15: 21-28**

The first reading is a call for justice and integrity with a reward of salvation for not just the Jews but foreigners who serve the Lord and love his name. This is an unusual comment in the Old Testament that normally emphasises that the Messiah is coming only for the Jews. In the second reading the concept is continued when St Paul writes to the pagans as an apostle sent to convert them to Christianity and to follow Jesus and make the Jews who have rejected Jesus envious. St Paul is emphasising that the message and mercy of God through Jesus is for them and all mankind (all people) as much as for the Jews in Israel.

The Gospel reading is on a similar theme when a pagan Canaanite woman shouts to Jesus for help for her daughter. Surprisingly Jesus ignores her despite his disciples pleading with Him. He replies "*I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel*". This seems a cold hearted Jesus and not one preaching love and mercy. He almost seems like a bigot when he again replies to her demands, "*It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house dogs*". She will not give up and says "*even house dogs can eat scraps that fall from their master's table*". This attitude of Jesus is to test how genuinely she believes in Him despite all his rebuffs and he now warms to her and says "*Woman you have great faith. Let your wish be granted*". These readings should lead us to believe that Jesus came down on earth for all of us and we should have great faith in Him and His message of love, justice, integrity, mercy and peace which we should share with others. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August St John Eades</b> 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.
9.30 am Mass	<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
6.30pm Mass Molly Varkey RIP 8 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of death	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> St Pope Pius X.</b> Born 1835 into a poor family in Italy. Ordained a priest in 1858 aged 23. He enjoyed parish work. Particularly cared for poor and sick. Popular with parishioners. Raised funds in his new parish to restore church and expand hospital. Able to care for sick during cholera plague. Fr Sarto was appointed Bishop of Mantua in 1884. Then Cardinal Patriarch of Venice in 1894. Controversially elected pope in 1903. He did not like the pomp and ceremony of the Vatican and wore an old gilded cross for his coronation to the horror of his entourage. He stopped the custom of dining alone and invited friends to eat with him.. Reduced the age for First Communion from 12 to 7 years old and promoted daily Communion for lay adult Catholics. Still had a great concern for the poor and sick and sought help for the vulnerable and marginalised. In 1914 preached to try to resolve the political disputes. His heart was broken when the Great War started. Died that year aged 79.
10 am Mass Remembrance Mass for Ammal Abraham RIP	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> St Philip Benizi</b> Born in 1233 in Italy to a noble family. Studied medicine and philosophy in Paris and Padua. Was a physician in Florence. Gave up medicine and joined the Servites. Ordained a priest. 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. Then foremost preacher in Italy. Talented as organiser and administrator. Third Order of Servites founded by him. 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.
6.30 pm Mass	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> St Rose of Lima.</b> 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. 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.
10 am Mass	<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> St Bartholomew</b> Nathanael Bartholomew was one of the twelve Apostles and both names are used for him in the Gospels. When Philip asked him to join Jesus he said "Can anything good come out of Nazareth". Jesus said to him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is

	no deceit” Bartholomew replied, “Where did you come to know me?” Jesus said “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you”. Nathanael was shocked at this revelation as it would not appear he was just reading and replied “Rabbi, you are the Son of God!” He then became one of the devoted 12 apostles. After the death of Jesus, Bartholomew was a missionary to mainly to India in the area of Mumbai, Bombay, and even to Mesopotamia, Persia and Egypt. Nathanael was martyred in India.			
<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> St Louis IX, King of France</b> . Great Christian monarch, born near Paris in 1214. Father was King Louis VIII of France. Father died when he was aged 12. Aged 15, King Louis IX led 3 campaigns against rebellious nobles. At 20, he married Margaret, daughter of Count of Provence. Happy couple who had 11 children. 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. Louis ministered to lepers and founded establishments for vulnerable, disabled, blind and prostitutes. Great arbitrator of disputes. Keen on political diplomacy. Skilled military leader. Led 7 <sup>th</sup> Crusade. Returned to France after 6 years. In 1267, he and his 3 sons called the 8 <sup>th</sup> Crusade. They and his brother arrived in Tunis in 1270. King Louis IX died of dysentery			
<b>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Jasnamary Joy</b>	<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Blessed Dominic Barberi</b> Born 1792 to poor family in Italy. 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 3 converts from England. Led mission to England in October 1841 after Catholic Emancipation in 1839. 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 27 <sup>th</sup> August 1849 aged 57. In 1852 John Henry Newman gave the lecture “The Second Spring” referring to rebirth of Catholicism in England as being started by Fr Dominic.			
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>		<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b>				
<b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b>				
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Shelagh Moon who is just out of hospital	

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

**Fr Tomy Chirackalmanavalan is leaving St Vincent de Paul in September**

The SVP Pastoral Council has just been informed that Fr Tomy is leaving the parish in September and has been appointed by the Syro-Malabar Eparchy to a parish in Ipswich. His replacement is Fr Thomas Parakandathil.

**Message from Renee - gardening work needed in the house previously occupied by Fr Roy Bennett**

I have been asked by a gentleman from the clergy support department if there is a gardener in the Parish who could attend to the garden in 156 Oakwood Drive? This house belongs to the Clergy retirement fund and has been vacant ever since Fr Roy Bennett died. They are hoping to rent the property out however need the garden attended to first. The department are happy to pay for this work to be carried out.

**Appeal for any parishioner who would host and celebrate the rosary in their house in October**

Would you like to host and celebrate the rosary in your house during October (Tuesdays or Thursdays from 7-8pm). Each house would be blessed by Father and you as the host would have to open your house to members of the congregation (so parking should be available) and provide light refreshments after to attendees?

If you are interested please contact Liz Challand on [lizchalland@btinternet.com](mailto:lizchalland@btinternet.com).

**Next SVP Social is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 1pm to 3 pm**

There will another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends.

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

The next session will be Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Mass of thanksgiving at 9.30 am to celebrate any special event in the year at SVP**

Thanksgiving mass at 0930 with a procession before Mass and everyone is encouraged to bring something to put on the table which the congregation can share after Mass. Anyone who has celebrated a special occasion in the year such as a First Communion, Confirmation or Wedding etc. may like to wear their special outfits again and celebrate again with the SVDP congregation at this celebration Mass. (please contact Liz Challand on [lizchalland@btinternet.com](mailto:lizchalland@btinternet.com)).

**Carpet donated to the parish is surplus to requirement**

Is there anyone in the Parish who might make use of a donated piece of carpet 7' x 10'.

**Parish collection for last weekend 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August**

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Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Use of the church	Envelopes	Loose plate	
£122	£30.50	£133.37	£242.54	£51.98	£580.39	£230.00	---	---	<b>£810.39</b>