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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th August 2023

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Isaiah 22: 19-23

Romans 11: 13-15, 33-36

Matthew 16: 13-20

We might call this Sunday "Power Sunday" because the main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with civil rulers elected to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children. Today's Gospel challenges us to accept the authority of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour as St. Peter did at Caesarea Philippi. The first reading, taken from Isaiah, tells us how God hates unfaithful and selfish officials. He removed the proud "master of the royal palace" from his office, taking from Shebna the power and responsibility of which he had proven unworthy, and gave both to the humble and faithful Eliakim. The *robe*, the *sash*, and the *keys* are the insignia of this office. In the second reading, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom, knowledge, and correct judgments, asserting that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven. Today's Gospel passage shows us how Peter confesses Jesus as his *Lord and Saviour* and how Jesus, in turn, approves Peter's words and gives him teaching and ruling authority in his Church. Thus, Jesus establishes a "Magisterium" in his Church to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the Church members. By Jesus' statement, "I will give you the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven," he gives Peter and his successors the power to bind and to loose (make laws; exercise authority) in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven.

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Jasnamary Joy	Saturday 26th Blessed Dominic Barberi 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 th 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.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 27th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.30pm Mass	Monday 28th St Edmund Arrowsmith Born into a Catholic family in Haydock near St Helens Lancashire in 1585. Ordained a priest at English College, Douai at 27. Sent on English mission to Lancashire. Ministered secretly with energy and sincerity 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 in 1628
10 am Mass Thanksgiving Mass for Albrit and Jobrin	Tuesday 29th St John the Baptist Forerunner of Christ. John was the son of Elizabeth, the aunt of Jesus' mother, the Virgin Mary. Lived like a hermit in the desert. He was 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.
6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 30th St Margaret Ward Born around 1550 into a noble Catholic family in Congleton, Cheshire. In 1585 was in service as housekeeper or companion for a Catholic noblewoman of high rank, 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 condemned to death and martyred at Tyburn 30 th August 1588 with 6 others.

10 am Mass Rita Forster RIP 4th Anniversary	Thursday 31st St Aidan, first Bishop of Lindisfarne There is no record of the early life of this missionary Irish monk who was sent in 634 from the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland to be the first Bishop of Lindisfarne on the east coast of Northumbria and convert the Anglo-Saxons to Christianity. This was at the request of King Oswald of Northumbria. Aidan was a man of outstanding gentleness, holiness and moderation. Any wealth given to Bishop Aidan was given to the poor or used to free slaves. His austere life style affected the behaviour of the king who adopted similar ways. Became great friends. King Oswald was killed in battle. Replaced in the southern province of Northumbria by King Oswin who also came under Aidan's influence. He was killed 11 days before death of Bishop Aidan on 31 st August 651. Called the <i>Apostle of Northumbria</i> .				
NO MASS	Friday 1st September St Giles Greek born in 7 th century to noble Christian family in Athens. Became famous for charity and miracles. Wanted austere life style and moved to Arles in France. Then a hermit in forest near Nimes. Lived on wild plants and the milk of a red deer. Wounded by hunting party of Frankish King Wamba. Offered compensation. Built monastery of Saint-Gilles-du-Gard in the valley near his cave. Giles gradually gathered many followers. Became Abbot and used Rule of St Benedict. A large town grew around Abbey, on the pilgrimage route to St James shrine in Spain of Santiago de Compostela. He was a very popular medieval saint. Died about 710.				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Rita Forster RIP	Saturday 2nd Martyrs of the French Revolution Over 1,500 clergy and very many nuns and brothers were killed by mobs or executed by the guillotine as martyrs. The Revolution started in 1789 and all Church property was taken and the taxing by tithes was stopped. The Church had always provided primary and secondary education and controlled the hospitals. Now priests, monks, nuns and bishops were required to swear an oath of allegiance to the new government that was killing the all French nobility. Hardly any conformed so the mob often took over and 100's were martyred and often monasteries, convents and churches stripped of anything of value. The <i>Reign of Terror</i> ended in 1794 after the execution at the Place de la Concorde in Paris of the Revolution leader Maximilien Robespierre on 28 th July. Another 21 leaders also guillotined				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 3rd September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Fleurett and Michel Waldron				
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	Shelagh Moon		

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Fr Tomy Chirackalmanavalan is leaving St Vincent de Paul in the last week of September to go to a parish in Ipswich

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 hopefully be blessed by our new parish priest Fr Thomas Parakandathi 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.

Next SVP Social is Wednesday 6th 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 15th September from 9 pm to 5 am ending with Mass at about 4 am

Sunday 24th 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 St Vincent de Paul congregation at this celebration Mass. (please contact Liz Challand on 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 19th and 20th August

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Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Hire of church for Polling	Envelopes	Loose plate	
£74	£18.50	£146.47	£242.54	£51.98	£533.49	£400	---	---	£933.49