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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd September 2023

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Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Romans 12: 1-2

Matthew 16: 21-27

Today's Gospel passage reminds us that Christian discipleship demands self-control ("*Deny yourself*"), the willingness to suffer ("*take up your cross*"), the readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love, and generosity in surrendering our lives to God. Today's readings explain how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship. Jeremiah, in the first reading, is certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 63), the Psalmist manifests his profound trust in God, just as Jeremiah himself does. In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans and us (Rom 12:1-2): to "*offer our bodies as a living sacrifice*" to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behaviour of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he "*must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.*" After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the 3 conditions of Christian discipleship: "*Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.*"

Yours, Fr. Tomy

Mass times	Feast Days
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 all the 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 were also guillotined
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 3rd September Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Fleurett and Michel Waldron
6.30pm Mass	Monday 4th St Rose of Viterbo Born 1234 to a poor Italian family in Viterbo, just north of Rome. Very religious from a child, during an illness at age 8, Rose had a mystic experience when a vision of the Virgin Mary told her she should be clothed in the habit of St Francis, but to stay at home and be a good example to her neighbours. She became a lay penitent at age 12, and started to preach in the streets of her hometown. Earlier Pope Gregory IX had excommunicated the Holy Roman Emperor Fredrick II three times due to his opposition to the papacy. Rose spoke against Fredrick and in favour of the then Pope Innocent IV who was having political difficulties with Fredrick. Crowds gathered to hear her but supporters of the Emperor had her and her parents banished. Rose then foretold of the death of the Emperor who died in 1250 and she returned to her hometown. She wanted to join the convent but being poor, for want of a dowry, she was refused. She died at home in 1252 aged 17.
10 am Mass	Tuesday 5th St Mother Teresa of Calcutta Born in 1910 into an Albanian family in North Macedonia. Father died when she was 8 years old. Brought up by her mother who had been born in Kosovo. Left home at 18. Joined Sisters of Loreto in Ireland to learn English and be a missionary in India. In 1929, she continued her novitiate in India. Took the name Sister Teresa. Teacher at Loreto Convent in Calcutta for 18 years. Made headmistress in 1944 and then felt she needed to help the poor in Calcutta. Left the convent in 1948 in white blue bordered sari to train for social work with the poor. Started each day with Communion. Rosary in hand went to serve "the unloved, the unwanted, the uncared for". She visited families, washed the sores of children, cared for those she found sick in the street and nursed those dying of hunger and tuberculosis. In 1950 established <i>Missionaries of Charity Sisters</i> . By 1960's Mother Teresa was sending Sisters to other parts of India. Later she started new houses for her Sisters in other countries where there was extreme poverty - almost all of the Communist countries including Soviet Union and Cuba. To help the work she founded <i>Missionaries of Charity Brothers</i> in 1963. For the Catholic laity that were helping in the work she founded <i>Co-Workers of Mother Teresa and the Sick</i> . She was awarded the <i>Nobel Prize</i> in 1979. By 1997, she had nearly 4,000 Sisters, 300 Brothers who were established in 610 foundations in 123 countries and over one million <i>Co-Workers</i> . Mother Teresa died in Calcutta on 5 th September 1997.

SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm	Wednesday 6th Blessed John Duckett Born in 1603 to a Yorkshire Catholic family. Grandson of Blessed James Duckett, a bookseller of Catholic books in London who was martyred at Tyburn on 19 th April 1602. At 17 was sent to France for his education. Reputation for his gift of contemplation and prayer. Reached a high academic level. Ordained a priest at Douai in 1639. Studied for 3 years in Paris. Returned to England on English mission in 1643. Ministered mainly around Durham. He was renowned for hard work, cheerfulness, sanctity and spiritual guidance. Arrested during the Civil War by Roundheads in July 1644. Taken to London with Fr Ralph Corby SJ and imprisoned in Newgate. All impressed with the joy and sanctity of the pair. Found guilty 4 th September. Sentenced to death which they both accepted with cheerfulness. Both priests executed at Tyburn on 7 th September 1644.				
6.30 pm Mass					
10 am Mass Happy Birthday Siby Mathew and Joanna Siby	Thursday 7th St Cloud Born in 522 son of King of the Franks. When his father was killed in battle when he was 2 years old, his 2 brothers were murdered in dispute over claim to throne so Clodoald gave up his claim to the throne and became a hermit with St Séverin at the gates of Paris. Appeared before the Bishop of Paris to emphasise his choice of religious life rather than material riches. Was popular with people who sought his spiritual guidance so secretly went to Provence in southern France for solitude. After 11 years returned with the demands of the people of Paris. Ordained a priest in 551 for a village outside Paris which is now the suburb St Cloud. He soon became popular for his humility, charity, counselling, gifts of healing and his inspirational preaching. His 2 uncles now pleaded forgiveness for murdering his brothers. Gave him castles, estates and land which he sold and gave the proceeds to the poor. With more gifts he built a church and a monastery. Died with all his monks around him on 7 th September 560, aged 38. Later St Cloud was a diocese with a bishop.				
NO MASS	Friday 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 9th St Peter Claver Born 1580 Spain. Went to Jesuit Barcelona University. Noted for his intelligence and devotion. Joined Jesuits. Studied on island of Majorca. Advised by the humble porter St Alphonsus Rodriguez to help slaves in the new Spanish colonies. Sent to Cartagena in Colombia one of the main ports for the slave trade. Studied theology. Ordained a priest in 1616. Started to work with missionary Fr Alonso de Sandoval SJ who had worked for 40 years to minister to the slaves brought in terrible conditions from Africa. Fr Peter visited slaves on the ships as soon as they arrived, at slave markets and where they worked. When he visited plantations or the mines he stayed with the slaves as the owners were not pleased to see Fr Peter. He preached about the love of Jesus for everyone and was hearing Confessions and preparing baptism at the rate of 5,000 a year. Developed a team of assistants. In 1650 caught a very virulent form of the plague. Died 8 th September 1654				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 10th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan and Iris Cassar RIP				
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

Next SVP Social is next 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.

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

It is hoped to rent the property. However need the garden attended to first. The diocese is happy to pay for this work.

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.

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).

Parish collection for last weekend 26th and 27th August

Parish Collection							Special Collection		
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
£79	£19.75	£138.00	£242.54	£51.98	£531.27	---	---	---	£531.27