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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 15th October 2023

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT NEXT WEEK

This last week work was carried out to repair the roof over the Porch. Next week from Thursday 19th October after the 10am Mass the floor will be worked on removing the carpet and preparing the floor to be covered with the same material as in the main body of the church.

Anyone who wishes to access the church between 11am on Thursday up to the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday must enter by the Coxford Road door opposite Tesco Express or through the kitchen. This is essential as the floor must not be walked on until the treatment has properly dried or the floor will be ruined.

Page 140 Isaiah 25: 6-10 Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22: 1-14

The readings this weekend follows on from last weekend's metaphor of the Jews rejecting Jesus and his invitation to live His message and consequently God inviting the Gentiles to have a chance of reaching heaven. In Matthew's gospel's perplexing parable of the wedding feast, the seemingly exaggerated reactions of the king emphasises intent to jolt its audience into recognising the magnitude of the divine invitation they received. While God's grace is freely given, there's an expectation for believers to develop and live a spiritual and morally aligned life, much like being dressed properly for the wedding feast or divine feast of heaven and not being cast out like the guest in the parable. In the first reading the prophet Isaiah has a similar idea of a feast as he refers to a banquet of rich food provided on God's holy mountain, Mount Zion. He paints a picture of God's benevolence and commitment to his people. He prophesies a time when God will prepare a feast for all people, wipe away tears, and remove the disgrace of His people from the earth. This vision is not just about a distant future but serves as a reminder of God's continuous promise of care and salvation in heaven. In the second reading St Paul is writing to the Philippians while being imprisoned in Ephesus and thanks them for their support and gifts. "It was good of you to share with me your hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs". He refers to his life when he was rich and when he suffered poverty and how there was nothing he could not "master with the help of the One who gives me strength". In the Psalm we accept the Lord as our shepherd, guiding us on the right paths, not for our pride, ego or recognition, but for His name's sake. Then only goodness and kindness follow us, by flowing from our actions and attitudes. The Lord strengthen us, we do not strengthen ourselves, as God gives us courage and fully supplies what we need for salvation. We have to respond by following the guidance that Jesus has given us. Malcolm.

Mass times Feast Days	
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 14th St Pope Callistus I Born a Roman slave. Became a Christian and was eventually ordained a deacon in 199. Put in charge of the Christian cemetery on Appian Way. Very good at the job and gained prestige for his meticulous work. Still called the <i>Catacombs of St Callistus</i> . Became advisor to Pope Zephyrinus. He was the natural successor. Made Bishop of Rome in 218. Liberal Pope who always forgave sinners and heretics. Allowed marriage between Romans citizens and slaves. Opposed by Roman antipope Hippolytus who held that certain sins were too serious to be forgiven. Pope Callistus was charming and a very likeable person. Preferred resolving disputes than causing conflict. Murdered by a pagan uprising and died a martyr in 222,
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 15th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6.30pm Mass	Monday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque Born in 1647 in Burgandy, France. Father died when she was 8. From childhood had a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and was attracted to life of a nun. Preferred prayer to play. In secret she practiced severe mortification. Had visions of Christ. Received Confirmation and added name Mary. Aged 24 joined the Visitation Convent.. Experienced visions of the Passion of Christ, Then received "private revelations" about the devotion to the <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> over 18 months. Included Communion on 1 st Friday of the month, <i>Holy Hour</i> adoration of the Eucharist on Thursdays and the need for a feast day. Her Convent observed the devotion and a feast day from 1686. Jesuits encouraged the devotion in their many communities. Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque died on 17 th October 1690. Devotion of the <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> was recognised in Poland in 1765 and universally in the Church in 1856.
10 am Mass Mariyam Cheriya RIP 1 st Anniversary	Tuesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch Born in 1 st century in Province of Syria, the area in present day Turkey, part of the Eastern Roman Empire. Converted with friend Polycarp by John the Evangelist. Third Bishop of Antioch. St Peter had been the first Bishop of Antioch. Early Christian writer and skilled in pastoral care. He inspired hope and strength against persecution by Roman Emperor Domitian. Period of peace for Christians until new Emperor Trajan demanded pagan

	worship. Ignatius refused to obey. Arrested, slowly taken to Rome so he could preach and send 6 letters to churches on his route.. Entered Rome in 108. Martyred in Roman Coliseum killed by lions.				
SVP Social 1pm to 3pm	Wednesday 18th St Luke A Greek doctor from Antioch, in present day Turkey. He travelled with St Paul as his doctor. The third evangelist who also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. He wrote in Greek for the non-Jewish community. Brilliant storyteller. He obtained a lot of his information from Mary or the other women who followed Jesus. Wrote about them more than the other 3 evangelists. In the <i>Acts</i> he used "we" in three sections as he was involved and was with Paul to the end. In his <i>Gospel</i> on the ministry of Jesus he stresses concern for the weakest, the action of the Holy Spirit, the role of women, detachment from material things and providing for the needy and the importance of prayer. Many beautiful narratives and parables are only related in <i>Luke's Gospel</i> .				
6.30 pm Mass					
10 am Mass	Thursday 19th Canadian Martyrs Jesuits St John de Brébeuf, St Antoine Daniel, St Isaac Jogues, St Gabriel Lalemont, St Noel Chabanel and St Charles Garnier. Lay missionaries St René Goupil and St Jean de la Lande. First Jesuits arrived in 1625 in Canada to help the Franciscan missionaries to convert indigenous Huron Indians. Fr John de Brébeuf wrote a dictionary of the indigenous languages. Fr Antoine Daniel was attracted to the missions by one of his students in France. Fr Isaac Jogues, ordained in 1636 at Rouen, Fr Charles Garnier, son of the secretary to King Henry III of France, joined them. Lay brothers Jean de la Lande and René Goupil arrived. In 1643 Fr Noël Chabanel, who had studied the Algonquian language, arrived. The last to arrive was Fr Gabriel Lalemont. All 8 were martyred between 1642 and 1649, killed by rival Iroquois Indians.				
Porch Closed					
NO MASS	Friday 20th St Paul of the Cross Born in 1694 in Italy. After his early education he taught the Catechism in local churches. Aged 26, influenced by the writings of St Francis de Sales, he founded <i>The Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ</i> or the <i>Passionists</i> . His first recruit was his brother. The badge on their habit illustrated their love of the Passion. Brothers accepted invitation to start a new hospital in Rome. Provided nursing care and pastoral needs to patients and staff. Both ordained priests in 1727. Wrote over 2,000 letters. Easy to read, simple and often humorous. <i>Diary</i> written during a long retreat, <i>Mystical Death</i> and <i>Passion and Death of Christ</i> .. Founded an Order of enclosed nuns. Fr Dominic Barberi, who converted John Henry Newman, was a Passionist.				
Porch Closed					
8 hours of Adoration from 9pm ending with Mass at 4am					
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 21st St Philip Howard Born in 1557 in London, eldest son of Thomas Howard, 4 th Duke of Norfolk. Baptised a Catholic by his Catholic parents but educated a Protestant after Queen Elizabeth came to the throne a year after his birth. John Knox, founder of the Church of Scotland, was his teacher from the age of 7 in London. His father appeared to accept Queen Elizabeth and the new religion but was involved in a plot to marry the Catholic Mary, Queen of Scots, depose Elizabeth and restore Catholicism. The plot was discovered; Thomas Howard was tried, found guilty and executed in 1572. Philip was only 15 years of age so did not share the blame. He was sent to Cambridge University where the teaching was firmly Protestant. Had a frivolous life which continued in the royal court where he became a favourite of Queen Elizabeth who allowed him to inherit his maternal grandfather's title as 13 th Earl of Arundel but not his father's title as 5 th Duke of Norfolk. As a secret Catholic, his wife Anne had a good influence on him and raised Philip's interest in religion. After hearing debates by Catholic priests Philip became a Catholic. The now devoted couple decided to leave England. Philip left a letter for Queen Elizabeth. Couple captured before departure to France in 1585. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the queen's pleasure. Requested to see his son born after capture. Only allowed if he attended Anglican service with Elizabeth. Refused so never saw his son or wife before he died 10 years later in October 1595 aged 38.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 22nd October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
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 18th September – 1pm to 3 pm

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

Friday 20th 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.

Portsmouth Diocesan Conference – Finding God in the non-Christian world – Saturday 4th November

A day to learn about the Church's engagement with other religions organised by the newly established Dialogue Team led by Mgr Vincent Harvey. This first conference is being held at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke and is open to both clergy and lay people who will be warmly welcomed. To apply: <https://shorturl.at/mvFOY> (See poster).

Parish collection for last weekend 7th and 8th October

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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
£174	£43.50	£101	£242.54	£51.98	£613.02	---	---	£194.65	£807.67

HMRC has told us we cannot claim gift aid when collecting for other charities other than our parish and the diocese. So all the money for CAFOD has to be treated as loose plate. Send donations directly to CAFOD to obtain gift aid.