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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 14th January 2024

Next weekend there is a special second collection for Portsmouth Cathedral

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1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20

John 1: 35-42

In the first reading is God's calling of the young Samuel which took place some one thousand years before the coming of Christ. No prophet had arisen in Israel during the approximately two centuries since Moses. Samuel mistook God's call for that from Eli, the priest and judge at the important Shiloh sanctuary which existed before the Temple at Jerusalem and was some 20 miles north of Jerusalem. It took several tries from God for Eli and Samuel to understand that it was God who was calling the young Samuel. He then says "*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening*". We are told "*Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him*", indicating that the prophetic mission of Samuel was under God's watchful care. As an adult he was the primary voice of God for his time

In St Paul's letter to the Corinthians, his friends in Greece, he stresses that followers of Christ are to form a bond of union and strive for holiness together, thereby becoming a temple of the Lord, made up of many individuals who were temples of the Holy Spirit. Sinfulness is understood as a desecration of the temple and an offense to God and other parts of the temple, that is, other people in the family of the faith. So their bodies can be temples of the Holy Spirit, which is a gift from God purchased at a great price.

John's gospel continues the story of John the Baptist and how he identified Jesus as the Messiah calling Him "*the Lamb of God*". Two of the disciples of John now follow Jesus, one of them being Andrew. Jesus asked them "*What do you want?*" When they explained they wanted to follow him, He took them to where he was staying in Galilee. The next day Andrew went to see his brother Simon Peter and took him to Jesus to also become a follower. From these readings are we temples of the Holy Spirit and listening to the Lord. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
<p>6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass</p>	<p>Saturday 13th St Hilary of Poitiers Hilary was born about 310 a pagan in Poitiers and was married with a daughter. Family converted to Christianity. Church Council in 325, called by the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, declared Arianism a heresy. Hilary was elected Bishop of Poitiers in 350 and was known as "Hammer of the Arians" but he had compassion for the heretics hoping they would change to orthodox views. Gentle, courteous and friendly person whose theological writings even today are engaging. Bishop of Arles and the new Roman Emperor Constantine II became Arians and sent Hilary into exile. Pope Liberius in 358 capitulated to Roman Emperor and became an Arian leaving Bishop Hilary the sole champion of orthodox beliefs in Western Church. In exile he had time to compile many theological works opposing Arianism. The important documents worried Arians so they let him free to return to his diocese hoping the work running his diocese would stop him writing. His journey back was an orthodox campaign and made many converts. With Martin of Tours made Gaul a bastion of orthodox opinion. Called Synod of Paris in 361 and agreed Nicene Creed. Synod of Italian bishops in 364 confirmed Arianism a heresy. Died 367 worn out by his struggles. Later declared a "Great Doctor of the Church".</p>
<p>9.30 am Mass</p>	<p>Sunday 14th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>
<p>6.30 pm Mass</p>	<p>Monday 15th January St Arnold Janssen Born in 1837 at family farm in Germany near the Dutch border. Large family was intensely religious. Farm boy Arnold was very bright at school. Read degree in science and mathematics at Bonn University. Ordained a priest in 1861. Taught physics, mathematics and theology at a High School in Germany. Devoted to pastoral work. 1873 became chaplain and director of Ursuline Convent. In 1867 he had been made diocesan director of Apostleship of Prayer which led to him started the German language journal <i>Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart</i>. Attracted to missionary work. He was then banned in Germany. Moved to Holland. Founded seminary to train priests for missions and Order of <i>Missionary Priests of the Divine Word</i>. Was pioneer of evangelisation by the written word. Produced more popular Catholic magazines at his printing press in Holland. Founded <i>Divine Word Missionary Brothers</i> to help with printing. Missionaries went to many countries in the world including the Far East and South America. Also founded two congregations of women in Holland. <i>Servants of the Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters</i> and the enclosed congregation of <i>Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters</i>. Died 15th January 1909. By 1912 there were 1,250 students studying for the priesthood, 625 priests, 600 nuns and 800 brothers.</p>

10 am Mass Sr Joan Movan RIP	Tuesday 16th St Joseph Vaz Born in 1651 in Goa in India to converts to Catholicism. He was bright and learnt Latin from his parish priest. Ordained a priest in 1676. Went barefoot to live like the poor. Popular preacher and confessor. Gained reputation as a holy ascetic. Worked as a missionary in southern India. Built churches, Rosario Cathedral in Mangalore and small schools in many villages. Established a large number of <i>Irmidades</i> , groups of voluntary laypeople, to conduct religious activities in the absence of priests. Fr Joseph would visit them periodically to celebrate important festivals. Miraculously escaped being killed by a group of Hindus who objected to his missionary work. Wanted to join a religious Order but as non-white was banned. Started Order for Indian priests, the Goan Oratory of Saint Philip Neri. Led mission to Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, during Dutch occupation, living on alms alone Buddhist style. Fr Joseph was revered by Buddhists for his care of the sick during epidemic of smallpox. He was known as the "Apostle of Ceylon".								
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm	Wednesday 17th St Anthony of Egypt Born in 251 in Lower Egypt on the Mediterranean coast to wealthy landowning Christian parents who died when he was about 20 years old. Gave away and sold the land he inherited and became a hermit. Became a model of virtues living a very austere life style. In many years of solitude in the desert he experienced many temptations which he resisted. Travelled up the River Nile to Thebes, present day Luxor, to meet the holy hermit Paul of Thebes which is depicted in a painting in the National Gallery. Seeking greater solitude Anthony went to an abandoned Roman fort on a mountain top and stayed there refusing to see visiting pilgrims for 20 years. Gradually groups of his admirers and disciples lived around the fortress in huts or in caves living as hermits practising a very austere life style similar to his. He eventually emerged from his fort to organise these hermits into communities with strict rules so gaining the name in history of <i>Father of All Monks</i> . He continued to make rush mats which he had always done as a hermit to support himself. He then had many people seeking his advice and had to employ a fellow monk to vet them. He visited Alexandria to give support to the Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor. Patriarch Athanasius asked him to help oppose the Arian heresy which he did with great success and converted many pagans. Anthony of Egypt died on 17 th January 251 aged 105.								
10 am Mass	Thursday 18th St Wulfstan Born in 1008 in Warwickshire. Clerk to the Bishop of Worcester then joined Benedictines. Made treasurer and then Prior of the monastery in 1050. Generous to the poor and made the sons of gentleman educated at the Priory school serve poor people at the monastery table. On the advice of pope, King Edward the Confessor made him Bishop of Worcester. Managed to retain his position after Norman Conquest. Strict clerical celibacy and opposition to the trade in slaves marked his 32 years as the bishop. Tried to keep peace between the Normans and Anglo-Saxons. The only English born bishop at his death in 1095.								
NO MASS	Friday 19th St Canute IV, King of Denmark Born in 1042 in Denmark son of King Sweyn. Brought up as a skilful soldier but also very religious. He was involved in two unsuccessful raids on England to capture the throne from William the Conqueror after his grandnephew King Canute the Great was King of England from 1016 to 1035. After his brother died, Canute became King of Denmark in 1080. Strong, ambitious but very religious king who strongly supported the Church with taxes. Devout and prayerful with austere life style who funded the building of many churches and Lund Cathedral and associated school. Tried to raise a fleet to attack England by enforced recruitment. This and his high taxes caused a rebellion. Killed in church by a mob in 1086								
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 20th St Sebastian of Rome Sebastian entered the Roman army in 283 aged 27. Due to courage was promoted captain of the Praetorian Guard. Greatly respected by his men for his bravery authority and wisdom, unaware he was a Christian. Arrested for supporting two deacons who refused to sacrifice to pagan gods. He converted many people outside and inside prison. Healed the wife of his jailor. Emperor Diocletian asked his archers to use him as target practice which he survived. Confronted Emperor on his persecution of the Christians. Beaten to death 288.								
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 21st January Third 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							

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

SVP Social this Wednesday 17th January – 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 two hours, whatever suits you. Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

This coming Friday 19th January: 8 hours of adoration from 9 pm to 5 am

As usual on the third Friday of the month we are having 8 hours of adoration from 9 pm to 5 am in the church.

Parish collection for last weekend 6th and 7th January

Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Use of Church	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£74.00	£18.50	£132.00	£242.54	£51.98	£519.02	£15.00	---	---	£534.02