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Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 25th August 2024

Father Thomas is looking for volunteers to join the two parish committees

The time commitment is no more than a couple of hours per month for either the Fabric and Finance Committee (FFC) or the Parish Pastoral Committee (PPC).

Fabric and Finance Committee (FFC)

By Canon Law each parish must have a finance committee to help the parish priest in the administration of the goods of the parish.

What Is Its Purpose?

- Advises on all capital expenditure programmes of the parish.
- Assists in the preparation of a capital expenditure programme (ie: collecting estimates, suggesting contractors, liaising with Diocesan and other authorities).
- Plans a programme of upkeep and maintenance of all parish property.
- Keeps an accurate maintenance diary.
- Ensures parish premises/activities are fully compliant with all statutory requirements.
- Draws up and keeps an accurate inventory of parish property and equipment.
- Advises and liaises with other parish/diocesan groups.
- Assists with the Gift Aid programme/collection counting teams.
- Assists with preparing the annual Financial Report to the parish and diocese.
- Assists with the upkeep of the parish account books.
- Works closely with any fund raising group(s) of the parish.
- Liaises via the parish newsletter with the wider parish community.

Current members include: Joe Heatley, Janet Springer and Joe McMahon. 3 or 4 members are sought.

Parish Pastoral Committee (PPC): The purpose of the PPC is to advise and make recommendations to the Parish Priest on the spiritual, pastoral and social life of the parish community.

It is expected that PPC members will:

- Share the parish vision for building a community of missionary disciples and developing a culture based on mission rather than maintenance.
- Have enthusiasm (and ideally a skill set) for developing the vision for parish renewal.
- Commit (as far as is possible) to attending the PPC meetings each year.
- Be willing to prepare for meetings by reading/viewing materials provided beforehand.

Current members include: Liz Challand, Joe McMahon, Felicia Bile and Kay Duggan. 2 or 3 members are sought.

If you would like to know more then please speak to current committee members after Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Page 123	Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18	Ephesians 5: 21-32	Gospel: John 6: 60-69
<p>In the first reading Joshua manages to convince the Jews to turn away from false gods and be true to and serve the Lord God. In the second reading St Paul continues to preach how Christians should behave with dubious comments on the role of women. John's Gospel is again from chapter 6 concerning the Eucharist with Jesus explaining that He has brought "bread down from heaven" and "he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him" and "I shall raise him up on the last day" and "anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". This is too much for the crowd of Jews to understand and they start arguing.</p>			

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 24th St Bartholomew the Apostle. 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 India in the area of Mumbai, Bombay, and even to Mesopotamia, Persia and possibly Egypt. An unlikely claim is that Armenia was visited by him. There is St Bartholomew monastery in the area which is now in Turkey. Nathanael was martyred, possibly horrifically, most likely in India.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 25th August Twenty – First Sunday in Ordinary Time Birthday of Ashika

6.30 pm Mass	Monday 26th Blessed Dominic Barbari Born in 1792 to poor family in Italy. Parents died. He was brought up by his uncle. Avoided conscription by Napoleon. 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 three converts from England. Led mission to England in October 1841 after Catholic Emancipation in 1839. Catholics feared that Dominic and his fellow Passionists would cause renewed persecution. 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. In 1852 John Henry Newman gave the lecture "The Second Spring" referring to rebirth of Catholicism in England which Fr Dominic started.
10 am Mass Aleyamma Joseph RIP Death Anniversary	Tuesday 27th St Monica Mother of St Augustine of Hippo. Born in 332 to Christian parents in Algeria, North Africa. A Berber, she married at 14 to a poor Roman pagan. Husband was short tempered and was annoyed at Monica's charity to the poor and Christian practices but always respected her. They had 2 sons and a daughter. Perpetua was Abbess of monastery in Hippo and Navigius became a monk. But Augustine was lazy and uncouth. Monica prayed continually for him. When Augustine fell into bad company and took a mistress and stayed with her for 15 years working as a teacher, Monica banned him from the house. After 20 years of marriage, her husband became a Christian. Augustine was shocked by his mother banning him and started to study Christian writings and went to Rome with his mistress, later followed by Monica. Augustine took another mistress, but decided after a time to take a vow of celibacy. Converted by St Simplician and St Ambrose to Monica's delight. She died in 387. Buried in Ostia, later in Rome.
6.30 pm Mass Thanksgiving Mass from Jasnamary Joy	Wednesday 28th St Augustine of Hippo Berber son of St Monica, born 354 in Algeria, North Africa. His father was a Roman pagan and civil official. 3 children brought up as Christians and well educated, fluent in Latin which they spoke at home. Brother and sister entered religious life but Augustine fell into bad company and in his first 30 years led an immoral life taking at least one mistress. Became an academic and teacher in Carthage and his home town. Mother prayed he would reform as sister Perpetua had become Abbess of Hippo. Augustine started to study Christian writings of St Simplician, famous theologian in Milan. He then went to Rome and Milan with his mistress. Also met St Ambrose and was converted back to a Christian much to the delight of his mother who had followed him to Italy. She now planned to return to North Africa but died in Ostia, Rome's port. Devastated by her death, Augustine returned to North Africa with his son and became a great theologian, philosopher, writer and the Bishop of Hippo in Algeria. He wrote <i>On the Holiness of the Catholic Church</i> in 388 and <i>Confessions of St Augustine</i> in 396 and <i>The City of God</i> in 410. Died 28 th August 430 in Hippo.
10 am Mass	Thursday 29th The Passion of 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.
NO MASS	Friday 30th St Margaret Ward Born around 1550 in Congleton, Cheshire. In 1585 was in service as housekeeper or companion for noblewoman 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 or to go to Anglican services. Consequently both were condemned to death. They were both executed as martyrs at Tyburn on the 30 th August 1588.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Rita Forster RIP 5th Anniversary	Saturday 31st St Aidan, 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> .
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 1st September Twenty – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Pat, John, Valerie, Peter and Carol Moon RIP

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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 4th September – 1pm to 3 pm

This is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along with your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of 2 hours, whatever suits you. Renee and Pat.

Parish collection for last weekend 17th and 18th August

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Oortory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£69	£17.25	£207.94	£242.54	£51.98	£588.71	----	----	----	£588.71