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Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 29th September 2024

Celebration of feast of St Vincent de Paul this Sunday 29th September - come in tradition dress

Page 138 Numbers 11: 25-29 James 5: 1-6 Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

In the first reading Moses was the leader of the Israelites after they left Egypt, had received the law at Mount Sinai, and were now in the wilderness. The Lord directed Moses to choose elders to help him lead the people. The elders were gathered with Moses for a meeting in a tent but Eldad and Medad were still in the camp and missed the meeting when the spirit of the Lord came down on the elders. However the two began to prophesy in the camp which upset Joshua who from his youth had been Moses' close aide and would later follow Moses as the leader of the Israelites. Moses answered "Are you jealous? Would that all people of the Lord were prophets". This should remind us by virtue of our baptism we are all called to be prophets of the truth. In the second reading from St James there is a stark warning for the rich who abuse their position of power, especially those who do not pay fair wages or condemned the innocent who offered no resistance. After a life of comfort and luxury the cries of those that suffered will reach the ears of the Lord. No matter how much they had they will not be able to take it with them when they die. Therefore we are called by the Lord to be detached from our material possessions. They should never take precedence over our relationship with God.

Mark's Gospel is on a similar theme to the first reading when Jesus explains that anyone who does good will be rewarded even if they are not acting on behalf of Jesus. Consequently we must respect people from other religions who work for the common good. "Anyone who is not against us is for us". There are also some severe warnings about what might cause you to sin and uses hyperbole to suggest what action should be taken. Malcolm.

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Maria Pereiron RIP	Saturday 28th St Wenceslaus of Bohemia Born about 908 in the Czech Republic, eldest son of Duke Ratislav of Bohemia who was ruler of Bohemia in 915. His mother was a baptised Christian but was still a pagan in belief. His grandmother ensured he had a good Christian education. His father was killed in battle in 921 when he was 13. His grandmother acted as his regent until she was murdered by supporters of his pagan mother who then took over as his regent. When Wenceslaus reached 18, he led Christian nobles to overthrow his mother. Wenceslaus was a strong ruler, promoted Christianity and education and promised to be a just and show mercy. He built churches and founded St Vitus Cathedral in Prague. He gave control of a section of Bohemia to his younger brother to avoid any disputes. In 929 Bohemia was invaded and King Wenceslaus had to pay tribute to King Henry of Germany. Nobles angered by the surrender, plotted against the king in alliance with his younger brother. They murdered King Wenceslaus in 935. Great Christian King in the carol "Good King Wenceslaus".
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 29th September Twenty – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebration of the feast of St Vincent de Paul during and after 9.30 am Mass
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 30th St Jerome Born about 345 to a wealthy Christian family in Italy. Had bouts of guilt as a student after immoral behaviour. While travelling around Europe had a sudden desire to study theology. With a friend joined a community of monks north of Venice. His fiery character caused division so moved east with some fellow monks to Antioch. Not keen to be a priest, preferring monastic life. But was then ordained by Pope Damasus I who had been Bishop Paulinus of Antioch. Took part in the First Council of Constantinople and the Synod of Rome. 3 years secretary to Pope Damasus I and revised and updated Psalms and translations of scriptures. Attracted disciples including rich well educated women in Rome. In 385 went with them on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Became a hermit in Bethlehem. Worked on translations of religious works with his skills in Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic. One of the greatest scholars of the Christian Church. St Augustine said, "If Jerome doesn't know it, then no one knows it." A fiery theologian who was involved in religious disputes.
10 am Mass Ita de Souza RIP	Tuesday 1st October St Teresa of Lisieux Born in 1873 in Normandy, France, to devout Catholic parents later the first married couple canonised together by Pope Francis. They were very charitable to poor and sick in the area. Teresa was the youngest of 9 children, but very frail as a baby. Four of her sisters were nuns. Educated by Benedictine nuns at Lisieux. Very able academically. Very sensitive to bullying. Had great support from her sister and father. She suffered nervous tremors which stopped when she looked at a statue of the Virgin Mary. Entered the Carmelite Convent in Lisieux to join two of her sisters. Widely known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" after father gave her a white flower. Her father became ill. Recovered to see Teresa receive the habit in 1889. Bullied by other nuns due to lack of skill in handcrafts and manual work. Teresa was tall and had the nickname "the big nanny goat". Read <i>Imitation of Christ</i> and writings by many great theologians and mystics such as St John of the Cross, St Teresa of Avila and St Francis de Sales. Developed a devotion to the <i>Holy Face</i> and took the religious name <i>Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face</i> . Sister Pauline was elected Prioress as Mother Agnes. Teresa made assistant to the Novice Mistress. Teresa revealed a talent for clarifying doctrine to novices who had not received as good an education as her. Teresa continued to write, encouraged by her sisters, Her <i>little way</i> in her <i>Story of the Soul</i> became famous. She did not search through stacks of books for prayers but said they should come naturally. In the final months of her life she wrote <i>Dark Night of the Soul</i> .

SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm 6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 2nd Guardian Angels That every soul has a Guardian Angel has never been defined as an article of faith. In the 4 th century St Jerome wrote "how great the dignity of the soul since each one has from birth an angel commissioned to guard it". In the 12 century the theologian Honorius of Autun stated that every soul was assigned a Guardian Angel. Thomas Aquinas agreed but said the lowest order of angels served as Guardian Angels. Pope John Paul II referred to the concept and on the feast day of Guardian Angels on 2 nd October 2014 Pope Francis gave a homily and told people to pay attention to their "travelling companion".					
10 am Mass	Thursday 3rd St Gerard of Brogne Born of noble birth in 895 in Belgium. Became a soldier, courtier, diplomat and a monk at Saint-Denis monastery on the outskirts of Paris. Studied theology and monastic styles. Understood the problems of the Church at the time. Reformer of monastic life. Ordained a priest. Sent to his home area to be abbot of the new Brogne Abbey. Shocked at the laxity of the local clerics. He requested more monks to help him improve the situation and to replace lax clerics. When things had improved he retired as a hermit. Then called to reform many other monasteries. Was then superior of 20 monasteries across Belgium and France. In 953 aged 58 he appointed abbots and superiors to replace him and returned to Brogne Abbey due to illness. Still had energy to go to Rome to obtain a "Papal Bull" for privileges for his Abbey. Made final visits to the communities he had reformed over the 30 years. Retired again as a hermit where he died peacefully in 959.					
NO MASS	Friday 4th St Francis of Assisi Born in late 1181 or early 1182 in Assisi, Italy to noble and prosperous parents. Helped his father as a cloth merchant. Lived a high spirited life of a wealthy nobleman and enjoyed pleasure and fine clothes. Was popular with other nobles but at times showed charity to the poor. Started a military career but was made prisoner after a conflict. He became ill in captivity and questioned his life style. However, when he recovered returned to his old ways. Equipped himself as a knight. Voices told him to stop fighting for man but fight for Christ to restore my Church. Francis restored a chapel with his father's money. Father disinherited him and Francis lived as a beggar. By begging he restored many chapels with the help of others. Travelled around preaching to the people. Realised his vocation was to restore the whole Church. He gained 11 followers which he called Friars and gave them a <i>Primitive Rule</i> . Visited Rome. <i>Friars Minor</i> recognised by Pope Innocent III in 1210, start of <i>Franciscan Order</i> . In 1211 with Clare of Assisi founded the <i>Order of Poor Ladies</i> , later known as <i>Poor Clares</i> . Founded <i>Third Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance</i> for those who could not leave home. Great lover of birds, animals and all creation. Order grew quickly across Europe. Wrote <i>First Rule</i> in 1217. Emphasised absolute poverty and the apostolic life. In 1218 Francis did a missionary tour of Italy. Attracted large crowds. In 1219 tried to bring peace in 5 th Crusade in Egypt with negotiation with Muslims. <i>Chapter of the Mats</i> in 1220 with about 5,000 friars. Gave up leadership of Order to Brother Elias. Francis wrote <i>Second Rule</i> . 1224 Francis had stigmata. Died in 1226. Pope chose name Francis in his honour.					
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 5th St Mary Faustina Kowalska Born in 1905 in Poland to a devout peasant family. Helped in home with her 9 siblings. At 16 left home to work in domestic service. Age 20 had a vision to go to Warsaw to become a nun. Refused at many Convents. Accepted by Sisters of <i>Our Lady of Mercy</i> . Did menial tasks as a nun and mystic. Special devotion to the Divine Mercy. She was very natural, serene, outgoing and kind. Developed a great union with God, a relationship with the Virgin Mary, angels, saints and souls in Purgatory. She suffered hidden stigmata and as a mystic experienced a number of visions including the <i>Divine Mercy of Jesus</i> . Asked to paint an image with the title <i>Jesus, I trust in You</i> and to start the feast of Divine Mercy. Helped by Fr Sopoćko. She had a vision of the <i>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i> which was about a third of the length of a rosary. Wrote rules for a new contemplative religious Order of Divine Mercy but not allowed to leave her Order in 1935. Fr Sopoćko wrote first brochure on <i>Divine Mercy</i> to the delight of Sister Mary. In 1936 Sister Mary was ill. Went to a sanatorium in Kraków. 1937 saw the first <i>Divine Mercy</i> prayer cards and a pamphlet explaining the chaplet, novena and the litany of the <i>Divine Mercy</i> . Sister Mary predicted a terrible war which she saw in her visions. She died on 5 th October 1938 just before World War 2 started in 1939. Fr Sopoćko founded <i>Sisters of Divine Mercy</i>					
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 6th October Twenty – Seventh 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	Fr Shaun Budden	Trevor Delves	Valerie Baker	

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SVP Social is on this Wednesday 2nd October – 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.

Celebration of the feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday 29th September at 9.30 am Mass

All are invited to come in their traditional clothes. Weather permitting there will be a procession around the church. Church volunteers will be recognised for their good service, as Sacristan, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Choir members, Florists, Organists, newsletter editor etc. So many parishioners make up the team. After Mass, we will have a finger buffet. Donations of paper plates, serviettes, soft drinks, crisps, biscuits etc. are welcome in advance and any freshly made goods brought along on the morning (with a list of ingredients please). We will have a fundraising raffle, to raise monies for church improvements, including refreshing the toilets. Tickets will be on sale after Mass and are priced at £1 a ticket or £5 a strip. Prizes include a Pizza Making set, Champagne, Wine, Chocolates, Biscuits and other prizes.

Parish collection for last weekend 21st and 22nd September

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Parish Raffle	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£82	£20.50	£118.74	£242.54	£51.98	£515.76	£70	----	----	£585.76