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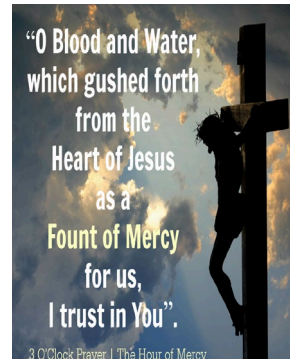
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### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Year A. 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

#### Holy Mass & Services

Mon - Fri: 10am

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 10am, 12 Noon & 5pm

Children's Liturgy 12 Noon Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: -Mon – Sat 9am – 9.55am

Divine Mercy Novena: Mon 2pm

Confessions: Mon - Sun 9.30am – 9.55am

Baptisms & Marriage: - To arrange a baptism or marriage please contact Father Ghislain

#### Holy Day of Obligation 29<sup>th</sup> June St Peter & St Paul

**Please note Thursday in a Holy Day of Obligation and mass will be at 10am & 7pm.**

#### Mass Liturgy - Year A

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- First Reading: Jer 20: 10-13
- Responsorial Psalm: **In your great love, answer me, O God**
- Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15
- Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

#### Weekly Collection

Please support your parish through the weekly collection, our income relies solely on the donations of our parishioners.

#### Last week's collection

First Collection:£826.77

Day for Life: £350.44

**This weekend there is a second collection for our Building Fund**

Thank you for your generosity.

#### 500 Club Winners!

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** 502 Margaret Brankin

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** 670 Margaret McLaughlin

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:** 279 Margaret Kelly

#### Please keep in your prayers

**Sick:** Ann & John McShane & Family, Linda Webb, Isobel Reilly, Carol McGuinness, Pauline O'Rourke, Anne Marie Snodden, James Donnelly, Patricia McGhee, Bernadette Homer, Kelly Noble, Michael McGarrity, Sadie McBride, Mary Torbett, Sharon, Elizabeth McKenna, Alex Cooper,  
Sr Kathleen Owens, Ann Smith, Helen Smith, Margaret Gallagher, Alice Kilmurry, Danny Dick, Peter Alexander, Ann McAlinden, Mary Cunningham, Patricia McGhee, Margaret Wallace, Irene Leckie, Jenny Divine, Kay McDonagh, Daniel McAuley, Mary Glasgow, Jamie McCormack.

**RIP:** James Docherty, Eileen Larkin, Pat Quinn

**Month's Mind:** Sadie Slowey. Patsy Robertson, John, Margaret & James Deigan, Mr & Mr Tommy Deigan, Mr & Mrs William Deigan Snr & Jnr, Mr & Mrs Prost, Mr & Mrs Fagan, Mr & Mrs Frank Grant & Marie, Mr & Mrs Deigan & Brian, Anne Marie Deigan, Jack, Gill, Ryan Brown, Norman MacLean, Justin, Agnes, Peter & Frankie Waitkins, Vincent, Netta & Lizabeth McKeown, Danny Watson, Alphonsus Sludden, Arthur, Sadie & Ann Craig, Anne Holmes, Fr Frank Kelly

**Anniversary:** George & Margaret Currie, Nora Sludden, James McCann Jnr

**Please also remember the souls who have no-one to pray for them.**

#### Electrical Works in the Church

Electrical works will be carried out inside the church this week and therefore some days mass will be said without electricity.

#### FR BERNARD'S FUND RAISER

Thank you to all those who attended and supported us on the night and to all those who were unable to attend but donated so generously.

The sum of £1086 was raised on the night. This together with donations and monies previously saved will enable Fr Bernard to commission the installation of a well in 2 villages giving people access to safe and clean water.

## Reflection: 12th Sunday of the Year - A

There is such a thing as a holy fear. The Bible says, 'Fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.' It means the fear of displeasing God, the fear of losing God, the fear of eternal damnation. These can be powerful motivation forces. Fear sometimes has a protective function, warning us of the presence of danger. In this case, fear is a grace. Jesus is not telling us that we should base our relationship with God on fear. Rather, He is urging us to base it on trust. He says, 'Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.' What Jesus is doing is trying to move us from fear to trust. Fear creates suspicion, distance, defensiveness and insecurity. Trust leads to closeness, intimacy, and a sense of safety. Good religion makes a person fearless. Bad religion increases one's fears.

When Jesus says, 'Not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father knowing,' he wants us to know how far-reaching and all-embracing is the knowledge and care of God. Everything that happens to any of his creatures, even the most insignificant of them, is seen by God and is important to him- yes, even the fall of a single sparrow. The fact that he doesn't prevent this fall, doesn't mean that he is indifferent to it. God is never indifferent about the fate of any of his creatures. If then God is concerned about the sparrow, we can be sure that he is concerned about us who are his children. Still, we have no guarantee that nothing bad will ever happen to us. However, we believe that even should death come, God will take care of us. Faith is not a comforting illusion that all is well. Rather, it means to know that life is full of risk, full of insecurity, and yet we rejoice in it. That is the essence of faith.



### *Saints of the Week*

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June St Cyril of Alexandria** was born in Egypt. He became Bishop of Alexandria in 412. It was a ferment of various cultures, and tensions erupted from time to time. In his efforts to defend Christians and orthodox teaching he could, in his younger days, take strong and controversial actions. At the Council of Ephesus in 431 he championed the doctrine that our Lady is the Mother of God. He was endowed with a sharp intellect and his spiritual writings are considered of great value, for which he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1882.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June St Irenaeus** came from Smyrna, present-day Izmir, Turkey, where the

bishop was St Polycarp, one of the last to have known St John, the longest-surviving Apostle. Irenaeus emphasised the importance of the unbroken succession of bishops since the time of the Apostles as a guarantee of orthodox teaching. He became a missionary at Lyon. He was its second bishop. Tradition says he died a martyr about the year 200. On January 20 2022, he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis.

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June St Peter & St Paul**

**St Peter** originally Simon, son of John, brother of St Andrew, from Bethsaida in Galilee, married, a fisherman to trade, has his call from Jesus recorded in all four Gospels. With James and John, he makes up the threesome taken by Jesus with him on special occasions. He recognises Jesus as "the Christ, the son of the living God" and Jesus gives him the new name Peter "and on this rock I will build my Church" The Gospels witness to his growing authority among the apostles. Tradition has him as the first Bishop of Antioch before settling in Rome where he was crucified during the persecution instigated by the Emperor Nero in the year 64.

**St Paul** originally Saul, was from Tarsus, present-day Southern Turkey. He arrived in Jerusalem shortly after Our Lord's time and became a student of the rabbinical school of Gamaliel. He was present at the stoning of St Stephen. After this "Damascus moment" conversion he was treated with suspicion by Jews and Christians alike. Barnabas brought him to Antioch. That became his base for his three great missionary journeys. Tradition has him dying a martyr's death in Rome in the year 67.

### **Friday 30 June the First Martyrs of the Roman Church**

are those who died in the persecution instigated by the Emperor Nero. It was the first persecution of several which Roman Emperors periodically inflicted over the next 250 years. According to the Roman historian Tacitus, Nero used the Christians as a scapegoat to blame for the disastrous fire which destroyed two-thirds of Rome in the year 64.



*Wishing you all a*  
**HAPPY SUNDAY**