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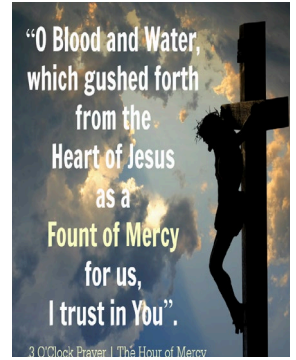
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13th Sunday – Year A. 2nd July, 2023

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

Mass Liturgy - Year A

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- First Reading: 2kg 4:8-11.14-16
- Responsorial Psalm: **I will sing forever of your love, O Lord**
- Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4,8-11
- Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

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: £826.74

Building Fund: £495.21

This weekend there is a second collection for Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 234 A McAlinden

2nd Prize: 208 M Gollugly

3rd Prize: 110 S Kane

*Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY*

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: Thomas Toal

Month's Mind: Lawrence, William & Mary Brankin, William, Ellen & Annie Brankin, Joseph, Agnes, Eddie & Joe Mina, Brian, Patricia, Brian Jnr Sharkey, John, Anna & Kevin McGrath, Kathleen Smith, David Hayton, Mary McSwiggan, Tom Sharp, May & Jimmy McLaughlin, Kathleen & Peter Dolan, Mattie, Tommy & Thomas Collins, Tilly & Marie Clarke, Jim Boyle, James, Elizabeth & Sadie Prunty

Anniversary: John Haley, Agnes Welsh, Jean McMahan, Joe McMahan, Agnes Philips

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

Mass for the Sick

Saturday 15th July at 1pm

Mass for the Sick and Housebound.



Thank you

Thank you to Mark McConville and his team for all the work they done in the church grounds. Your help is very much appreciated.

Peter's Pence Today

In the first year of his Pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI stressed the proper meaning of this offering:

“Peter’s Pence’ is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome’s charitable initiatives in favour of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one’s brothers; and therefore, your service possesses a refined ecclesial character”. (Address to the Members of the St Peter Circle, 25 February 2006).

The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of faithful in grave difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to Bishops or dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants, etc.).

The general criterion that inspires the Peter’s Pence Collection is derived from the primitive Church: “The primary source of support for the Apostolic See should be in offerings freely given by Catholics throughout the whole world, and by other persons of good will. This is in harmony with a tradition dating back to the Gospel (cf. Lk 10:7) and the teaching of the Apostles (cf. 1 Cor 9:11-14)” (Letter of Pope John Paul II to the Cardinal Secretary of State, 20 November 1982).



Reflection 13th Sunday A. The cross: Following in his footsteps.

Each of us has a cross to carry. But are we willing to take it up, to accept it as our cross. Jesus took his cross. What we have to do is take up our cross. Our cross is made not of wood but of our burdens- worries, problems, illness, conflict within the family... the list is endless. Perhaps there is no big cross, only multiplicity of little crosses. However, enough drops eventually fill the cup to overflowing. The cross we carry may not even be visible to others. It may not be an outward thing but an inwards thing, such as depression or grief. These are heavy crosses though we cannot weigh them on a scales.

The most painful cross of all, however, is one in which we have no choice. For example, the cross of living with a difficult person. It is a lot easier to choose a cross for

oneself than to accept the one that comes, so to speak, in the line of duty. Over and above these crosses, which come to everyone, are the crosses which come to us because we are Disciples of Christ. The most common reasons for giving up practice of the faith are not intellectual but moral. People know that to follow Christ would subvert their plans, which are often mercenary and vain-glorious, and would mean saying no to themselves in certain things.

Saints of the Week

Monday 3rd July St Thomas “called the twin” was the Apostle who encouraged the others to go with Jesus to Judea “and die with him” and whose questioning elicits Our Lord’s response “ I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”. Famously he is Doubting Thomas but who eventually addresses the Risen Jesus as “My Lord and my God”, the Easter Faith of the Church. Tradition has him taking the Faith to Kerala in India in the year 52 and being martyred near Chennai in the year 72.

Tuesday 4th July St Elizabeth of Portugal a Spanish princess, was given in marriage to King Denis of Portugal. From her earliest days she had established a strong daily timetable of prayer. She used her position to found institutions to help the poor and needy. King Denis was well-known to be unfaithful, and she suffered much, but he later repented and she helped him die a good death. After he died, she took on the habit of the Third Order of St Francis, continuing her life of prayer and charitable work. The Portuguese call her “The Peacemaker” for her strenuous efforts to reconcile warring factions. She once rode a mule between the opposing armies of her husband and son, to stop a civil war.

Thursday 5th July St Maria Goretti was born into a poor farming family. Because of their poverty, they had to share with the Serenelli family, at Nettuno, south of Rome. Alessandro Serennelli, aged twenty, made persistent approaches which she always resisted, being a prayerful and spiritual girl. Her refusal on the final occasion led to a frenzied attack with an awl. She died the next day, forgiving her attacker. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison, unrepentant. Maria appeared to him while in prison, offering him flowers. This changed him, on his release his first act was to visit Maria’s mother and ask for forgiveness.