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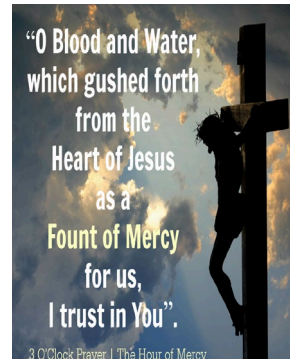
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16th Sunday – Year A. 23rd July, 2023

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: Wis12: 13.16-19
- Responsorial Psalm: **O Lord, you are good and forgiving**
- Second Reading: Rom: 8: 26-26
- Gospel: Mt 13: 24-43

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: £868.83

Second Collection : £686.37

Building Fund

There will be a second collection next weekend for our Building Fund

Thank you for your generosity.

500 Club Winners!

1st Prize: 128 M Slevin

2nd Prize: 23 J Docherty

3rd Prize: 2 E Gillick

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, John Slevin, Cathie Wilson

Month's Mind: Caroline & James McKinley & Family, John, Cathie & Thomas Finnigan, Kristopher Toyne, Baby Victoria McCann, Lizzie & Sammy Marshall, Patsy Robertson, Sadie Slowey

Anniversary: Willie Ferrie, Albert Gould, James Drummond, Betty Connolly, Cathie Seggie, Daniel Ferguson

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

Happy World Day for all Grandparents and the Elderly

This is a celebration established by Pope Francis throughout the Church. It is held on the fourth Sunday of July, near the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was on July 25, 2021, with the theme "I am with you always". The celebration emphasises the pastoral care of the elderly, their mission of evangelisation and prayer, and their intergenerational relationship with young people. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is part of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on March 19, 2021, and concluded in June of 2022.

Reflection 16th Sunday A. Weeds among the wheat.

There have always been two views of the Church, one exclusive, the other inclusive. The exclusive view holds that the church is for good people, the fully committed. In the inclusive view, the church must be open to all, to the hot, the cold and the lukewarm, to saints and sinners. For some, the presence of sinners in the church is a cause of scandal. If they had their way, only saints would be admitted. The emergence of paedophiles among the clergy has thrown the Church into turmoil in recent times. A church that admitted only saints would be like a hospital that admitted only people who are well. The church is not a museum for saints, but a school for sinners.

The issue of sinners in the Church was a big one in the early Church too. So how did they approach it? Some were for weeding sinners out. But others turned to the example of Jesus for guidance. First of all, they had his practice to guide them. Not only did he not exclude sinners, he welcomed them. He declared that he had come, not to call the just, but sinners to repentance. Then they had his teaching to guide them. The parable about the field in which wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest was a response to this very question. The Church is a mixed bag. It must not play God by trying to purify itself completely through purges and inquisitions. The definitive separation must be left to the last judgement, to God alone. Everybody will answer to him for their deeds.

We must not despair but know that the world is a mixture of good and evil, of darkness and light. Evil has to be resisted, but we have to do so in such a way that we do not do further evil in the process. Evil can only be overcome by good.



SCIAF Ethiopia Emergency Appeal

The changing climate has led to severe food and water shortages. Ethiopia is experiencing its worst drought in recent history. Rivers have dried up, crops have withered and died, livestock have perished. Families are trapped in a deadly cycle of poverty. Millions of people are on the brink of famine. There are severe food and water shortages. The amount of available food has reduced dramatically. Adults, especially mothers, will choose to go without food so that their children can eat.

Bishop Toal encourages parishes to support the appeal.

There are collection boxes at the back of the church and side entrance for anyone who would like to donate to this appeal

Monday 24th July St Sharbel Makhluf (1828-1898), born in Lebanon to a Maronite – Catholic family. As a shepherd boy living a lonely life, he loved to pray; soon he became a monk in a Maronite monastic order. Their lifestyle stressed asceticism, prayer and penance rather than community. In fact from 1875, he lived the austere life of a hermit. The cures at his tomb have earned him the reputation of ‘Miracle Monk of Lebanon’

Tuesday 25th July St James the Greater (i.e the elder of the two apostles called James) and his brother John, while working on their father’s boat on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, promptly obeyed Christ’s call to follow him. The two brother, who Jesus nicknamed the Sons of Thunder, formed with Cephas (nicknamed Peter) the trio whom Jesus often had closest to him. After Pentecost, the history of James is told in popular belief; that he went to Spain to preach the gospel and, on a return visit to Jerusalem, was arrested and suffered martyrdom under Herod Agrippa in AD 44; that his body was taken back to Spain and buried where now the great cathedral of Santiago (‘St James’) de Compostela still draws pilgrims in their thousands.

Wednesday 25th July St Joachim and St Anne are the names given to the parents of Our Blessed Lady and, therefore, grandparents of Jesus, according to a second- century tradition. Pope Francis has declared them to be patrons of grandparents.

Saturday 29th July Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus. These three siblings lived in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem, and were friends of Jesus. On one visit, Jesus had Mary sitting at his feet and listening to him when Martha complained that she was not helping her to prepare the meal. Jesus chided Martha, telling her that her sister ‘had chosen the better part’ Later, we hear the graphic account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead to the delight of the two sisters. Pope Francis decreed that henceforth the three siblings should share this feast day.

*Wishing you all a
HAPPY SUNDAY*