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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 June/1 July 2018

“Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich,
but he became poor for your sake.”

2 Corinthians 8, 9

SEA SUNDAY Next week, 8th July, is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the agency which provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. Gift aid envelopes available in narthex.

PARISH GARDEN PARTY Please join us after 10am Mass on Sunday 15th July in the Presbytery garden for tea, coffee, Pimms, cakes & biscuits, fun and games for the children, tombola, a raffle and bacon or sausage patty rolls from the BBQ.

Tombola donations - If you have any items such as unused toiletries, unwanted gifts or unopened sweets or chocolates to donate for the Garden Party tombola, please put them in the box in the Narthex, thank you.

MONTH'S MIND FOR NELSON CARWANA The 18.30hrs Mass on Sunday 8th July will be a special Mass for Nelson - a chance for parishioners and everybody who remembers Nelson to pray for the repose of his soul.

MAPLEDURHAM MASS Fr Patrick will be celebrating Mass in the chapel at 18.00hrs on **Wednesday 11th July**. All welcome.

ACCOMODATION URGENTLY REQUIRED Young family urgently seeks 3 bedroom accommodation in the Reading area. If you are able to assist/would like more info. ring Barbara - Secretary at English Martyrs on 0118 957 2149.

THE ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL is now into its 6th year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 21st July** and tickets are now on sale.

It is a family event and, as with past events, will generate funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association as well as being a major contributor to Parish income. There is a full bar, provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast.....oh, and England will have won the world cup the weekend beforehand. Tickets are **£10** for adults, **£5** for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after Mass or by calling 0118 958 4498 during office hours or visit www.facebook.com/rocknale.

If you can help promote the event then please take some of the leaflets or posters that are available in the Narthex.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING The SVP are arranging a fabulous day trip to Savill Garden, Windsor for senior citizens on **Tuesday 17th July**. Come and enjoy a lovely day out with good company.

Meet at Our Lady & St Anne car park at 9.45 am, coach will be back by 4pm.

If you think you might like to come, contact the parish office on 0118 947 1787 or speak to John Woodard for details.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£167.29	Loose	£487.07
Standing Orders			£484.00

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers

Domingo Antao, Betty Brown, Tess Carter, Lucy Collaco, Barbara Dalton, Jean Davison, Mollie Durnin, Lady Anne Eyston, Dorothy Jennings, Maureen Kinnon, Nancy Lynch, Ruby Mason, Lucy Maszowska, Evlyn Novell, Carrol O'Donovan, Theresa Parking, Veronica Perkins, Jenny Pollard, Carmel Potton, Claudina Rodriguez, Sheila Smith, Pamela Thompson, Tilly Walters, Marjorie Whitehead.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The prayers book of the Jews, the psalter which contains 150 prayers of varying length, closes with a great hymn of praise to God. He is praised on his own account, his glory and majesty are saluted, and he is praised on account of the greatness, beauty and wonder of his creation. The vision which the Jewish people of old had of the future was of all peoples from across the earth gathered in Jerusalem praising God with one voice. Another vision which they had was of the good news about God and his love being preached, proclaimed and spread across the world. And in the decades after the birth of resurrection faith, that is precisely what Jesus’ disciples did. All people were invited into God’s family and into faith in Jesus Christ as universal Saviour and Lord. The message may have originated in the religious vision of the Jews but no one was excluded from God’s loving embrace, especially not his own chosen people. The promises may well have been first made to Israel but, through the preaching of the Apostles and in fidelity to Jesus’s command that the news be communicated to all nations, the message was extended to the whole world, to all men and women of good will. Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation issued in Ester Week highlights the universal call to holiness, an idea which emerged from the Second Vatican Council. And the liturgy this weekend also invites us to reflect on the call which is issued to us all to seek and pursue holiness.

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 1, 13 – 15; 2, 23 – 24: Today’s text has only come down to us in Greek and does not form part of the Hebrew bible. Written for the Jewish communities of the diaspora who lived in the Greek-speaking communities of the East, it attempts to translate the central ideals of the Jewish religion into a language and using a vocabulary which was current in the Greek world of the day. That continues to be the mission of the Church today, i.e. explain the biblical message in the languages and to suit the mentality of peoples across the world where the gospel is being preached. The Book of Wisdom is very positive and up-beat, life wins the upper hand over death, and indeed hints at a life which continues after death.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 8, 7.9. 13 – 15: Paul is dealing here with the economic imbalances that are to be found in every community, small or great. One of the burning questions of today’s society, at global level as well as within every individual nation, is the relationship between rich and poor, between the “haves” and the “have-nots”. Paul was writing to the early Christian community at Corinth and he has some suggestions, drawing on the example of Jesus Christ and how generous he was.

Gospel: Mark 5, 21 – 14. 35 – 43): The question which the well-known story we read today asks questions of today’s Church. Jesus intervened to help a man who could find help nowhere else. Do those in need knock on the door of the Church today? Is the Church a place to which people come to solve their anxieties and worried, or find an answer to their problems and questions?

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 101-102

Masses and Intentions

Thirteenth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 30th June
Feria in Ordinary Time

Private intention

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 30th June

17.30

Chris Gaughan

Sunday 1st July

10.00

Patrick Treacy RIP

18.30

People of the parish

Monday 2nd July
Feria in Ordinary Time

09.15

Private intention

Tuesday 3rd July
Feast: St Thomas, Apostle

09.15

Barbara Currie RIP

Wednesday 4th July
Feria in Ordinary Time

09.15

Pete & Shirley McGrath -
intentions

Thursday 5th July
Feria in Ordinary Time

08.00

Private intention

Friday 6th July
Feria in Ordinary Time

12.30

Private intention

Saturday 7th July
Feria in Ordinary Time

10.00

Private intention

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 7th July

17.30

Kath Turner RIP

Sunday 8th July

10.00

James & Elsie McAdden RIP

18.30

Nelson Carwana RIP
[Month's Mind]

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary:

Saturday 16.45