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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time –27 June 2021

“Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death, and he proclaimed
life through the Good News.”

2 Timothy 1, 10

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul Teresa Perkins who died recently. May she rest in peace.

On the Wednesdays of July 7, 14, 21 and 26, a **SUMMER SCHOOL OF PRAYER** will be held in the presbytery garden from 11.00 until 12.00 noon, weather permitting.

It will be a four-week study of **The Psalms**: 40 minutes input, 10 minutes questions, 10 minutes prayer. There will be supporting material for each session and it will be led by Fr Patrick.

PARISH SURVEY

The electronic version of the survey is available at

<https://forms.office.com/r/eJ5fx6vvDB> When you complete it, the response will automatically be anonymous.

A paper version will be available for those without internet access next weekend.

MASSES FULLY BOOKED

If the Mass that you would like to come to says SOLD OUT, do ring Julia [07544 260 440] for Saturday or Tina [07753 605972] for Sunday morning to see if there are any cancellations later in the week.

SPONSORING OUR LADY'S LAMPS

If you would like to nominate an intention for the candle burning in the shrine, envelopes are available at the entrance. A donation of £10 is asked for each intention.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES UPDATE

This year there will be separate Masses @ 12.00 on a Sunday just for children who are making their first Holy Communion.

St Anne's School

- Y4 & above: Sunday 27th June 2021

Children at non-Catholic schools

[those who started to prepare last year with Mrs Freddi & Mrs Carr]:

- Sunday 11th July 2021

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE PARISH FOR CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The next First Communion & Confirmation preparation for children not attending a Catholic school will happen in the new academic year 2021-22. Dates will be published as soon as a programme has been established.

THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS THE 'NEW NORMAL' AT OLSA

As of 3rd July (next weekend) stewards will not be guiding people to communion. Please continue to go row by row and maintain a social distance as you move around the church.



OUR LADY'S LAMPS

This week's lamp is lit for:

**the intention of
Fr Patrick.**

**Please keep him in your
prayers.**

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The news each evening tells us how many people have been infected by Covid in the last twenty-four hours and inform us too on how many have died of the virus during the course of the day. The good news is about the enormous number of people who have been given the vaccine and how slowly we are edging our way back to what we euphemistically term “normal life.” But we are confronted with the reality of death on a daily basis in a way which was not true before the pandemic and the subject of death is on many of our minds. The scripture readings this week address the issue of death but cast in higher relief the desire God has for the welfare of all of us: he is a god of the living, he has destined us for eternal life. The miracles which the gospel tell us about today find Jesus affirming that commitment of God’s to the living through a miracle of healing of a woman who suffered long years from an ailment which threatened to kill her and through the restoration of a twelve-year-old girl from “sleep” to life. The story of the revival of Jairus’ daughter throbs with vitality: it confronts the distress of loss and mourning, but then suggests the restored energy and playfulness of the young girl. There are few things more life-affirming than the sound of children at play (living so close to two school playgrounds one cannot escape the merry chatter) and the humanity of Jesus is revealed in his delight at seeing Jairus’ daughter walking around and also in his general attitude to children – “suffer little children to come unto me.”

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 1, 13 – 15; 2, 23 – 24: These opening verses of the Book of Wisdom proclaim a fundamental truth that runs through the entire OT. All that he does, God does well; he takes care of the righteous who place their trust in him. Man has not been created so as to die. The God of the OT is not like other pagan deities who delight in killing people. It is the envy of the devil which introduced sin into the world and which frustrates God’s plan by bringing about the death of man/woman.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 8, 7. 9. 13 – 18: The latter part of Paul’s second letter to the Christian community in the Greek port city of Corinth focuses on their contribution to the poorer disciples in Palestine. Paul explains to them what should motivate them in being generous to their brothers and sisters less well-off than they. They should model themselves on the life of Jesus Christ. While being rich himself, he made himself poor. The Christians of Corinth should demonstrate solidarity with their co-religionists in Palestine.

Gospel: Mark 5, 21 – 43: This lengthy extract from the Gospel of Mark relates two miracles performed by Jesus, one of a woman who suffered long years from a haemorrhage and the other of a teen-age girl who had “fallen asleep” and was taken for dead. Both concern faith: they are proofs of persistence in faith and designed by Mark to increase the reader’s/hearer’s faith. The order given by Jesus to Jairus’ daughter pre-figured what was going to happen to him on the first Easter Sunday and highlights the future to which all those who believe in him are called.

Mass Intentions for Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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| Saturday | 26 th June | 17.30 | Canon Giles Goward RIP |
| Sunday | 27 th June | 10.00 | Kazimierz Dubaj RIP |
| | | 12.00 | St Anne's Y4 First Communion Mass |
| | | 15.00 | Baptism |
| Monday | 28 th June <i>Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr</i> | 09.15 | Fr Oliver Kemp |
| Tuesday | 29 th June <i>Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles</i> | 09.15 | Canon Sean McTernan |
| | | 19.30 | Private intention |
| Wednesday | 30 th June <i>Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> | 18.30 | Mary Leddy RIP |
| Thursday | 1 st July <i>Memorial of St Oliver Plunket, Bishop</i> | 08.00 | Fr Michael Crumpton |
| Friday | 2 nd July <i>Friday of week 13 in Ordinary Time</i> | 12.30 | Madeleine Johnson |
| Saturday | 3 rd July <i>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</i> | 10.00 | Canon Giles Goward |

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

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| Saturday | 4 th July | 17.30 | People of the parish |
| Sunday | 5 th July | 10.00 | James O'Brien RIP |