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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28/29 August 2021

“Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart.”

Psalm 14, 1 - 2

30 YEARS OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

This year Fr Patrick celebrates thirty years of priestly ordination. To mark this special occasion there will be a sung Mass on Tuesday 14th September at 7pm followed by a canape reception in the Cenacle.

To help with catering, if you are planning to stay to the reception please either book on Eventbrite or sign the list at the back of the church.

The **ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL** is now into its 9th year. This year's event will be held on Saturday 4th September and tickets are now on sale. It is a family event which generates funds for the Motor Neuron Disease Association as well as being a major contributor to Parish income.

There is a full bar is provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast.

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 4628 during office hours or visit www.facebook.com/rocknale.

GIFT AID TAX LETTERS

If you need to know your gift aided donations made in the last tax year, please email/ring the **parish** office. The diocesan team are still working from home and can't send letters so please don't ring them.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is now an option to sign up for the newsletter on the front page of the website.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Find out more about Climate Change, our Environment and COP 26 from CAFOD. Follow this link to the CADOD climate page:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/What-is-COP26>

CAFOD FAITH IN ACTION DAY

Online event on September 11th 2021.

For online details and to sign up [CLICK HERE](#).



MASS INTENTIONS

Lots of Masses are available in the coming months. Just email/ring the parish office or drop an envelope through the presbytery door with the details. Include your email or phone number so we can get back to you if we need to.

OFFICE OPENS WED 1ST SEPTEMBER



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit:
for Ted Cotter. Please keep him in your prayers.

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): Personal hygiene is highly prized in contemporary society. We shower at least once a day, change our clothes regularly and we see to it that our homes are spick and span. This concern with hygiene has greatly increased since the pandemic hit us. Before entering and on leaving church we sanitise our hands, we wear masks for fear of spreading infection and before we receive the Eucharist the celebrant also sanitises his hands. Most environments we frequent set store by how clean they are, not least our hospitals. This increased consciousness of cleanliness and hygiene has contributed to increased general personal and public health: infections spread less easily, infant mortality has virtually disappeared and the average person in the western world is living a lot longer. Today most of us are conscious of being double vaccinated. The Jews of old too had a very strict and complex code of domestic and personal hygiene: they had rituals of purification, they used certain domestic appliances for specific culinary purposes, and they made sure to clean them. And yet the Jewish hygienic code had little connection with cleanliness or health, the motivation was religious. The code was based on God's commandments. There was a beneficial side-effect of manic fidelity to the hygienic code: health and long life. But observance became an obsession and occasioned a lot of hypocrisy. It was this contrast between outward observance and the inner life that so irritated Jesus. What use was hygiene if the heart produced evil thoughts and provoked wicked actions?

First Reading (OT): Deuteronomy 4, 1 – 2. 6 – 8: For most of us law, rules and regulations which govern every aspect of our lives in the highly organised society in which we live are often irritating and considered to be a burden. This is true in all highly regulated bureaucratic societies such as ours. We often find the legal structure oppressive. The Israelites had a different attitude. They treasured their Law, they venerated it. They prized their Law when they compared themselves to other people. It was a gift from God which offered them protection, guaranteed their welfare and their ultimate salvation. The challenge put before the people by Moses was to internalise the fundamental thrust of the law. They would then observe it and it would lead to their salvation.

Second Reading (NT): James 1, 17 – 18. 21 – 22. 27: Purity and purification is at the heart of this short reading too. The priest washes his hands in the Mass and prays to the Lord to be purified before he offers the gifts of bread and wine. This is a ritual purity. But what James is trying to impress on his readers is that all their actions, whatever they do, be prompted by a pure heart. God helps us attain this end. We need him because all of us are sinners.

Gospel: Mark 7, 1 -8. 14 – 15. 21 – 23: Here we learn about the traditions of the Jews governing personal hygiene, particularly re. food and kitchen. Jesus gets to the heart of the matter and quotes scripture at the Pharisees who have come from Jerusalem to see him. It is the evils which men nurture in their hearts that make them unclean.

Mass Intentions for Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	28 th August	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	29 th August	10.00	Mr James Brendan O'Rourke RIP
Monday	30 th August	<u>10.00</u>	Private intention
<i>Memorial of Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward, Martyrs</i>			
Tuesday	31 st August	09.15	Eric Swallow RIP
<i>Memorial of St Aidan. Bishop and Missionary & the saints of Lindisfarne</i>			
Wednesday	1 st September	18.30	Private intention
<i>Wednesday of week 22 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	2 nd September	08.00	Private intention
<i>Thursday of week 22 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	3 rd September	12.30	Private intention
<i>Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope Doctor of the Church</i>			
Saturday	4 th September	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Memorial of St Cuthbert, Bishop</i>			

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	4 th September	17.30	Noelle Schrieber RIP
Sunday	5 th September	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP