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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
8th – 9th July 2023

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.
Mt 11:25

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
15th – 16th July 2023

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

1S3:9, Jn 6:68

LAUNCHPAD PRESENTATION

Launchpad is a local charity supporting the homeless in Reading. On Saturday 15th July, they will give a presentation in the Cenacle at 7pm highlighting the work that they do and how you can get involved. It is a free event [incl. wine & nibbles] with donations to Launchpad on the evening. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact the office by email if interested.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A collection for Stella Maris [formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea], will be taken after all Masses on 15/16 July. Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. This Sunday gives us the opportunity to support them both with our prayers and financially. Gift aid envelopes are available at the back. Do take one this weekend and bring it back for the collection the following week.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office is closed next week. It will re-open Monday 17th July.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL [SVP]

CIRDIC TOILETRIES DONATIONS

In support of CIRDIC the SVP is organising a collection of much needed men's toiletries including shower gel, roll-on or stick deodorants and shampoo. There will be a box at the back of church alongside the box for food bank

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

In his intention for July, Pope Francis followed his intention for families by urging all Catholics to pray for those living through old age.

"Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."

Responding to the call of creation – July

The average food item travels 1,837 miles before it's eaten in the UK. By growing our own food or buying local and seasonal food we can reduce our impact on the planet. To calculate your food miles and for tips and tricks on how to reduce them visit foodmiles.com

Fact Source: foodmiles.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th July Launchpad Presentation

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

25/06/23	02/07/23
C'tless: £103.00	C'less: £ 235.00
C'less Building £ 3.00	Shop £ 10.00
Shop £ 6.00	Loose plate £ 260.01
Loose plate £252.76	Peter's Pence £ 180.32
Candles £ 57.24	Weekly S Orders: £600
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OUR LADY'S LAMP

8/07 – for David Day

15/07 – for Fr Paul Martin

Please remember them
in your prayers.



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Background on the Sunday Readings

Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did.

Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us.

In the concluding sentences of today's Gospel, Jesus' teaching is again contrasted to the teaching of the Pharisees. This common theme of Matthew's Gospel probably reflects tension that existed between Jesus and the Pharisees and between the Pharisees and the community of Christians for whom Matthew wrote. Pharisaic Judaism became the predominant form of Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem about 70 A.D. Here that tension is expressed as alternative paths of holiness. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful.

Mass intentions for 14th and 15th weeks in Ordinary Time

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time YA

Sat 8th July 8pm

People of the parish

Sun 9th July 10am

Tony McAdden RIP

Mon 10th July 9.15am Cn Giles Goward RIP

Monday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

Tues 11th July 9.15am Int. of Roland

Feast of St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Wed 12th July No Mass

Wednesday of week 14 in Ordinary Time

Thurs 13th July 7.30pm Zygmunt

Memorial of St Henry Powiecki RIP

Fri 14th July 9.15am Private intention

Memorial of St Camillus de Lellis, Priest

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time YA

Sat 15th July 5.30pm People of the parish

Sun 16th July 10.00am James Patrick O'Rourke RIP

12 noon Baptism

Mon 17th July 9.15am

Monday of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Tues 18th July No Mass

Tuesday of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Wed 19th July 7.30pm

Wednesday of week 15 in Ordinary Time

Thurs 20th July 9.15am

Memorial of St Apollinaris [school leavers' Mass] Bishop, Martyr

Friday 21st July 9.15am

Memorial of St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Solemnity of Ss Joachim & St Anne YA

Sat 22nd July 5.30pm Int Maureen Lennon

Sun 23rd July 10.00am People of parish