MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Tony Walley, Rose Monaghan, Tommy Lochlin, Thomas Murray

ANNIVERSARIES : Tony Mcglennon Snr

MONTHS MIND :

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Marie McMillan (birthday), Betty Thomson, Gavin Thompson and Family

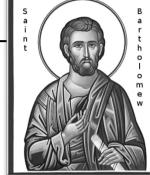
Trusting God Amidst Trials: The Soul's Salvation

In the Gospel passage for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus forewarns his disciples about the trials and persecutions they will encounter as they carry out their mission of spreading his message. While acknowledging the physical risks they may face, Jesus emphasizes that the well-being and eternal salvation of their souls hold greater significance. This teaching highlights the paramount importance of placing our trust in God's care, even in the midst of challenging circumstances.

Jesus' words remind us that our ultimate focus should be on the health and salvation of our souls rather than solely on temporal concerns. He encourages his disciples, and by extension, all believers, to place their unwavering trust in God's love and provision. Jesus assures them that God knows them intimately, valuing each person with deep compassion and care. This message serves as a profound reminder of the profound love and concern God has for each one of us.

Amidst the trials and tribulations we encounter, we are called to emulate the disciples' trust in God's care. By having faith in God's love and provision, we can find solace, strength, and hope in the knowledge that God intimately knows us and is attentive to our needs. This message resonates with the overarching themes of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, emphasizing the importance of unwavering faith in God's guidance and love, especially in the face of adversity.

- Jesus encourages his disciples to prioritize the health and salvation of their souls above all else. How can we apply this teaching in our own lives? How can we deepen our trust in God's intimate knowledge and care for us?
- How does the theme of faith and trust in God resonate with your own experiences? Think of a time when your faith in God's care helped you navigate a challenging situation.



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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th June 2023

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SUNDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's 11:00am and 5pm

St. Margaret Mary's 6pm (vigil) and 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

St. Bartholomew's 9:30am, Mon / Wed / Fri

St. Margaret Mary's 10:00am, Tues / Thurs / Sat FIRST READING : Jeremiah 20 : 10-13 He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 68 RESPONSE : In your great love, answer me, O God

SECOND READING: Romans 5 : 12-15 The gift considerably outweighed the fall

GOSPEL : Matthew 10 : 26 – 33 Do not be afraid of those who kill the body

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

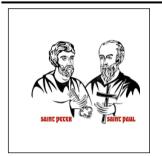
LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

1st Collection

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There are 2nd collections coming up as follows: Next Sunday, 2nd July, for Peter's Pence, Sunday 9th July, Sea Sunday

£569.07



This **Thursday, 29th June** Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. **it is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

There will be 2 Masses in each parish as follows:St. Bartholomew's :9:30am and 7pmSt. Margaret Mary's :7pm (vigil) and 10:00am

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Our Eucharistic Ministers met on Monday night and we are delighted to welcome another 6 parishioners to this ministry and 2 who began ministering after lockdown. All 8 will be commissioned today at the 11am Mass. They are:

Rosemary McKell Carole Maher John Mulheron Rosie Gallagher Jimmy Gallagher Gordon Smith Debbie Mackenzie Anes Arulthas



May God's blessings be upon them today as they begin their ministry and may they be filled with God's love and grace. Amen

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all teaching/supportive staff and pupils of all levels a very relaxing break from "academics". Our faith, unlike the school calendar, does not "go on holiday". We hope that while you enjoy to the full your time away from educational demands, you may use some of your "away from school" time to "water" your faith practice and allow God and God's Spirit to have a significant place in your day so that your days continue to be moments of growth and development.

PARISH HALL

Below is a message Fr. Ian posted on Facebook on Wednesday with the latest news about our Parish Hall.

Dear One and All,

As previously reported, on Tuesday 20th June, a detailed inspection was carried out regarding the condition of our hall. We received the written report this afternoon and our Parish Pastoral Council had a chance to review the findings and recommendations.

Our next step is to contact a few companies and find out how much implementing the recommendations would be in order to continue using the hall in the future. Once we have the quotes in hand we will let you know both the time scale and how much the implementation of the recommendations would be..... and more importantly, how feasible this might be.

The hall will remain out of use for the time being and we will actively investigate how best we might still come together as a community following church celebrations. Stay tuned.....

Thanks for your patience and understanding. Fr. Ian.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM in Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life:

Led by The Most Rev. Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark. Commencing at the 12 Noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation on **Saturday 5th August 2023**. For coach details please go to <u>www.prolifepilgrimage.org</u> or call 01858 571242 / 07779 122365. Follow online at <u>youtube.com/c/WalsinghamCatholicTV</u> or <u>walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/</u>

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Are you a serving or retired Catholic secondary school teacher who qualified after 1965? Would you consider taking part in a research project exploring the identity of Catholic teachers in Scotland? In-person or online interview (60-90 minutes). For more information, please contact Natalie Finnigan at: <u>9906213f@student.gla.ac.uk</u>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tomorrow, Monday 26th June, is Fr. Robert's birthday! Happy Birthday Fr. Robert! Wishing you a birthday filled with God's blessings.

We thank God for the gift of your faith-filled life and pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you as you continue to serve the Church.

Have a great day !