

MASS and PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED : Michael McCarry

ANNIVERSARIES : Thomas McKell, Pat Daniels, Cathie Doyle, Peter McMahon, Susan Docherty, William Potter

MONTHS MIND :

SPECIAL INTENTIONS : Mitchell Crombie, Michael Gallagher, Betty Thomson

****PLEASE CONSIDER GIFT AID ****

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If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please give it consideration. We can claim tax back on your weekly collection contribution, with the parish able to claim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate.

If you are a tax payer and donate via the collections every week, please consider signing up.

- It costs you nothing.
- And we claim the tax based on your contribution

It's not often we can get "something for nothing", but to enable us to claim tax back from HMRC on your behalf, we need you to sign up.

To sign up, speak to any of the priests, sign the form, and we'll issue you with gift aid envelopes that you then put your donation in every week. Or you can setup a standing order.

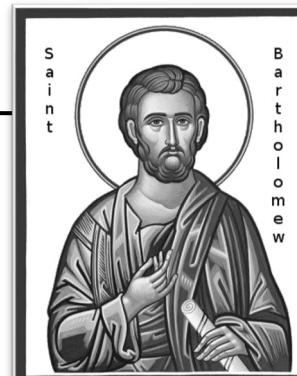
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FUNERAL SCHEDULED

Monday 10th July, 10:00am, St. Margaret Mary's

Michael McCarry

† REQUIESCANT IN PACE †



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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th July 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 : Zechariah 9 : 910

See now, your king comes humbly to you

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 144

RESPONSE : *I will bless your name for ever,
O God my king*

SECOND READING: Romans 8 : 9, 11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds
of the body, you will live*

GOSPEL : Matthew 11 : 25 – 30

*You have hidden these things from the wise
and revealed them to little children*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

LAST WEEK'S MASS COLLECTIONS

1st Collection £447.49
Peter's Pence. £268.51



Today, Sunday, 9th July, and there will be a 2nd collection for **Sea Sunday**.

Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support makes a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need.

The 2nd collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work. Thank you, in advance, for kindly supporting Sea Sunday and the important work of Stella Maris with seafarers, fishers and their families.

Next **Sunday, 16th July**, there will be a **Mission Appeal** by Sr. Mary Thomas Johnston on behalf of the Comboni Missionary Sisters.

The Comboni Missionary Sisters are consecrated women called by the Spirit of God to continue the mission of Jesus Christ according to the charism of their Founder, St. Daniel Comboni. They are committed to:

- Pastoral Ministry.
- The Formation of Leaders
- Education Ministry
- Health Ministry
- Justice and Peace

As '**women of the gospel**' their aim is to go out to meet people, to build bridges between people and with special attention, to the vulnerable and marginalised. They also strive to nurture welcoming and healing multicultural communities.

Please give Sr. Mary a warm St. Bartholomew's welcome. A 2nd collection will be taken up at both Sunday Masses to assist them in their work.

BAPTISM

A warm welcome to Gia Anna Mirren to our parish family. We wish her every blessing as she begins her journey of faith.

At this special time and always, may God look down on her, cherish her and keep her safely in his care. May she be filled with God's love and grace.



PARISH BULLETIN

There will be no bulletin next weekend, Sunday 16th July. Our next bulletin will be published for weekend Sunday 23rd July.

PARISH HALL

The initial assessment is ongoing and once Fr. Ian has any news about the hall, the information will be shared.

REFLECTION

Finding Solace in Jesus

In the Gospel for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, Jesus invites us to find rest and solace in Him. He acknowledges the burdens we carry, the struggles we face, and He offers to share our yoke, to lighten our load. Jesus assures us that the demands of God are not beyond our strength. He invites us to turn to Him, to place our trust in Him, and to seek His help when life becomes overwhelming.

This message is profoundly relevant in our own lives. We too encounter moments when we feel overwhelmed, burdened by the challenges and trials that come our way. We may face personal struggles, societal unrest, or the weight of expectations and responsibilities. In those moments, it is easy to rely solely on our own strength, to become consumed by worry and doubt.

Relying on Jesus in Difficult Times

But the readings remind us that we are not alone. Just as God promised a new king in Zechariah's time, He has given us Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, who offers us His love, mercy, and companionship. Jesus understands our burdens because He carried the weight of the world upon His own shoulders. He beckons us to come to Him, to surrender our anxieties, and to find solace in His gentle and compassionate presence.

Turning to Jesus in our times of need requires humility, faith, and a willingness to let go of our self-reliance. It means acknowledging that we cannot navigate life's challenges alone and that we need the help of our loving Saviour. It involves surrendering our burdens and allowing Him to guide us along the path of righteousness, justice, and peace.

As we reflect on these readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, let us take comfort in the knowledge that God's promises endure, even in the most difficult of times. Let us trust in Jesus, who offers us rest for our weary souls and shoulders the weight of our burdens. May we seek His guidance, His strength, and His love in all aspects of our lives, knowing that with Him by our side, we can face any trial or tribulation. Let us turn to Him and say, "Lord Jesus, help me. I surrender my burdens to You. Grant me the grace to find rest and hope in Your loving embrace."