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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This Sunday, the prayers for the Mass are slightly different as we mark the Translation of the Relics of St Thomas of Canterbury - one of the patrons of our Diocese.

The life and martyrdom of St Thomas of Canterbury reminds us that we are called constantly to conversion - to become more and more like Christ and to witness to the truth, beauty, and goodness of God.

It is not always easy to be a follower of Christ, especially in our own time, but in the martyrdom of St Thomas, we are challenged to live a heroic life of sacrifice for Him. The world wishes us to settle for comfort but, in the words of Pope Benedict, "we were not made for comfort, but for greatness!"

Following the example of St Thomas of Canterbury who was transformed by God's grace and who laid down his life, let us pray that we may strive daily for holiness!

Oremus pro invicem!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Benedict

Benedict was born into a in central Italy, studied at Rome, and early in life was drawn to monasticism.

At first he became a hermit but soon realised that he could not live a hidden life in a small town any better than in a large city, so he withdrew to a cave high in the mountains for three years. Some monks chose Benedict as their leader for a while, but found his strictness not to their taste.

The Rule that gradually developed prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living together in community under a common abbot. Benedictine asceticism is known for its moderation, and Benedictine charity has always shown concern for the people in the surrounding countryside.

St Benedict!

Pray for us!

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Monday - 10am - 2 pm

Tuesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Wednesday - 10 am - 2 pm

Thursday - CLOSED

Friday - CLOSED

Saturday / Sunday - CLOSED

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REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the following whose funerals will be taking place at Our Lady's over the next few weeks.

-**Lorraine McCarthy** whose Funeral Service will take place at 12.30 pm on Friday 12th of July.

-**Mary Maguire** whose Reception into Church will take place on Thursday 25th July at 4 pm and whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 26th of July at 12.45 pm.

For Lorraine, Mary, and for all of our loved ones who have died we pray,

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”

PARISH PICNIC AND GAMES

Our second annual Parish Picnic will take place **THIS SUNDAY** at the Parish Centre.

Everyone is invited to bring picnics and take part!

The event will take place from 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm in the Parish Centre with games.

VINNY'S PANTRY

Vinny's Pantry will be open on Tuesdays between 5.45 pm - 6.45 pm. The Pantry is open to anyone and everyone who may be in need of essential items as well as a place to have a cup of tea or coffee and speak with one of our incredible SVP Members.

The Pantry is currently in great need of tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, cereal, coffee, soaps, and cleaning products.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Our parish will be gifted a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This is a great privilege for us as it means that we are the only Diocesan Parish to have a relic of this Millennial Blessed who, next year, will be raised to Sainthood.

The relic has been collected and there will be Mass on Friday 19th July at 6.30 pm followed by veneration of the relic.

Let us continue to ask for the intercession of Blessed Carlo to help us become the original saints that God created us to be!

OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House will take place on **Monday 8th July** between **5.30 pm - 7pm.**

Open House is an opportunity to book in sacramental celebrations as well as have forms signed.

ALTAR CROSS AND CANDLE STICKS

A new Altar Crucifix and Candle Sticks have been gifted by Fr Barrie McKenzie in memory of his late Mother and Father.

As we use these beautiful items, let us pray for Fr Barrie and for his late parents.

RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the beauty of the Catholic Faith or would like to become a Catholic, then the RCIA Programme is for you!

For more details, please email the Parish Office or phone Kate on 07921 778507

OFFERTORY GIVING

ENVELOPES

Would the owner of Envelope Number 116 please contact the Parish Office for a new set of envelopes for this year.

PUBLIC ROSARY

There is an opportunity to pray the Rosary outside of the church (Castle Street side) from 4 pm every Sunday. All are welcome to join!

SUNDAY VESPERS AND BENEDECTION

There is an opportunity to pray the Evening Prayer of the Church (Vespers) on Sundays at 4.15 pm. This will be followed by Benediction.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Please use the following link to register as a member of the Parish (<https://www.caspar.church/me>)

This is a great way to stay in touch with events at the Parish through the Parish Newsletter as well as keep informed about Sacramental Programmes within the Parish.

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and please continue to pray for priests!

“Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus! Amen”

Our Lady, Mother of Priests

Pray for us!

JOSEPH RICHTER

We welcome Joseph who will be joining us for his Summer Placement.

Joseph is from the Diocese of Bismarck in North Dakota and is currently in his first year in Rome having spent several years in Seminary in the United States.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Walsingham for the Sanctity of Life - Saturday 3rd August 2024. Led by Bishop David Oakley.

Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £24.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. Seats reserved only with payment. Bring a packed lunch and drinks.

For more information go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org and to book kevin.drew@btinternet.com or 07802 525581.

SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

The self defence classes continue **THIS WEDNESDAY** at 7 pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH PRAYERS

Please pray for: Sally Rhodes, Tommy Hannigan, Connor McFadden, Margaret Malone, Alexander El-Lamaa, Margaret Spring, Agnieszka Daniel, Christopher Parfitt, Jimmy, Tina, John McCormick, Jane Matthews, Mary Williams, Michael Curtin, and all who are sick.

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Please pray for: Maureen Friels, Jim Seery, Thomas O'Boyle, Francis Farrell, Augustine Abara and all our loved ones who have died.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

It is now possible to sign up for the Confirmation Programme that will begin in the autumn.

Please collect a form from the sacristy and return it as soon as possible.

ALTAR OF DIVINE MERCY

It is hoped that during the summer, a side altar will be added beneath the Divine Mercy Image.

The purpose of this altar, along with the images of St John Paul II and St Faustina, is to emphasise the incredible mercy and love of God and to act as another area of popular devotion.

MORNING MASS

The Morning Mass that currently takes place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7.30 am has been moved to **7 am**. This is in response to parishioners who would like to attend Mass before work and study.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion!”

- Saint Maximilian Kolbe

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY

Our Bishops have mandated a new translation of the Lectionary [our Scripture Readings at Mass] to be used from 1 December 2024. We currently use the Jerusalem Bible translation. Our books have been in use since before 1980 and many are beginning to show their age.

The new lectionaries are a great improvement physically and will use the English Standard Version for England, Wales and Scotland. For us this will mean a cost of £1139 for lectionaries and a Book of the Gospels. They will, however, last 20+ years so that comes down to less than 20p a day!

We welcome donations towards this cost. Donors' names will be recorded in the Lectionaries.

MASS READINGS AND PRAYERS

Please scan the QR code to access the daily Mass readings and prayers.



PARISH OFFERTORY

A huge thank you to all those who are able to support the mission of the parish through their financial offering.

£1825.47

Please note that no monies are kept on site.

LITURGIES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY 7th July</p> <p>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9am ADORATION 9.30 am MASS</p> <p>11 am ADORATION 11.30 am MASS</p> <p>4 pm Rosary 4.15pm Adoration and Benediction</p> <p>5 pm MASS</p>	<p>Carmel Finn Int.</p> <p>Cecilly McFadden RIP, Jerry O'Mahoney RIP.</p> <p>Pro Populo, Marlyn Dias Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MONDAY 8th July</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity</p>	<p>7 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Doris Bolger RIP.</p> <p>Maura Maguire RIP, Marion & Jim Kerfoot RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TUESDAY 9th July</p> <p>St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions</p>	<p>7 am MASS (LATIN)</p>	<p>Doris Bolger RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAY 10th July</p> <p>Votive Mass of St Joseph</p>	<p>7 am MASS (LATIN)</p> <p>12 pm ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>Doris Bolger RIP.</p> <p>Fr Desmond Sweeney Int., Sr Clare Int., Sr Irene Int.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">THURSDAY 11th July</p> <p>S. Benedict</p>	<p>12.45 pm MASS</p>	<p>University of Bedfordshire.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY 12th July</p> <p>Votive Mass of the Holy Cross</p>	<p>7 am MASS Followed by veneration of the relic of the Holy Cross.</p> <p>12.30 pm Funeral Service</p>	<p>Thomas McCourt RIP, Mary Travers RIP, Maura Maguire RIP.</p> <p>Lorraine McCarthy RIP.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY 13th July</p> <p>St Henry</p>	<p>9 am ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS</p> <p>9.30 am MASS</p>	<p>Mary Travers RIP.</p>