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**Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary      Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**Special Second Collection this weekend for Catholic Education - No Mass on Wednesday this week**

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| <p>The readings this weekend focuses on mercy, forgiveness and belonging to God. They show that God calls people to forgive others, just as He forgives them. Forgiveness is the centre of our faith. Showing anger and resentment can harm us, but mercy brings healing. God's love is full of patience and He asks us to treat others with the same care.</p> <p>The first reading is from the Book of Sirach which often gives practical wisdom for daily life. Wrath and anger are condemned while forgiveness is praised as an act of wisdom and obedience. We are reminded of our human limits and the need to follow God's law. We are called to balance the fear of God with mercy towards others. True justice involves setting aside hatred.</p> <p>St Paul' letters to the Romans often addresses divisions among them and the need for unity in the community. Our lives are anchored in Christ. Whether alive or dead we are His. Christ's death and resurrection brings all together under one Lord.</p> <p>Matthew's Gospel concentrates on forgiveness and mercy. Simon Peter asks Jesus how often we should forgive suggesting seven times which he most probably thought was generous. However Jesus says it should be "seventy times seven" which means no limit. He then gives the parable of the wicked servant which emphasise the importance of mercy and forgiveness.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               |                          |
| Mass times                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Feast Days    |                          |
| 6pm: Confessions<br>6.30pm Vigil Mass<br>9 <sup>th</sup> Wedding<br>Anniversary of<br>Soji and Rosily                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> St Guy of Anderlecht Born about 950 into a poor very pious family in Anderlecht a village near Brusels, Belgium. They were not able to afford to give him an education but instructed him in the Christain faith and its practices. From young he visited and cared for the poor and sick and lived a simple agricultural life. When Guy worked tilling the fields, an angel took over so he could spend more time in prayer. At age 14 he was made sacristan of his parish church. He shared his meager wages with the poor. He was then persuaded by a merchant to enter into a business with him to make more money to give to the poor. When the venture failed he considered it a sign that God wanted him to continue living a life of humble poverty. As penance for his greed he made pigrimages on foot to Rome and the Holy Land. He returned home and "The Poor Man of Anderlecht" died there in 1012 aged about 62.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                          |
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| 6.30 pm Mass<br>Thanksgiving<br>Mass                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> St Peter of Tarentaise Born in 1102 in France. Cistercian monk at age 21 with his brothers. First abbot of new monastery for pilgrims on route from Vienne, south of Lyon, to Milan. In 8 years built guest house and hospital for travellers. Abbot Peter was known for his holiness and care of the poor. In 1142 reluctantly became the Archbishop of Tarentaise. Regularly visited all parts of his mountainous diocese and continued to support the poor and sick. Founded schools and hospitals. Reformed the clergy and changed cathedral chapter to monastic style. Started charity that distributed food known as <i>Pain de Mai</i> , a tradition which continued to the French Revolution in 1789. Disguised as a lay brother, he fled to a monastery for solitude in 1155. Welcomed back after a year. Gave pastoral care to pilgrims and travellers. He shared his meals with the poor. Visited many monasteries. Preached in support of Pope Alexander III against antipope who was supported by the Roman Emperor. Gained a reputation as a peacemaker in his diocese and in the Cistercian Order.                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                          |
| 10 am Mass<br>Mary Vareed RIP<br>40 days<br>after death                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Blessed Anton Schwartz Born in 1852 near Vienna in Austria. At 17 joined the Piarists Order due to their social principles. Left due to fear of Order being disbanded. Ordained in 1875 aged 25 at diocesan seminary. Chaplain to a hospital. Saw the dreadful conditions of working class. Realised that the revival of morals could be achieved if living conditions were improved. Asked to be released of chaplaincy to work with the poor but refused. Advocate of Catholic Social Teaching. Founder of <i>Catholic Apprentices' Association</i> and <i>Congregation of Christian Workers of St Joseph Calasanz</i> named after the saint he had developed a great devotion for in his youth as founder of Piarists Order. Worked to support apprentices, homeless and unemployed. Found good Catholic employers for them. Started saving associations. Promoted social justice and championed the rights and welfare of the workers. Supported strikes for fair wages and shorter working hours. Not always supported by other clergy who sometimes opposed him strongly. Eventually the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna started to give Fr Anton his full backing for his work and actively befriended and helped him. Clergy followed preaching and fighting to seek social justice for the poor and vulnerable workers. |               |                          |
| SVP Social<br>1 pm to 3 pm<br><br>NO MASS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> St Cornelius and St Cyprian Pope Cornelius was a Roman, elected in 251, who forgave sinners and welcomed them back to the Church. Opposed by anti-pope Novatian who wanted severe punishments for sinners. Cyprian was born to wealthy pagans in Carthage. Qualified lawyer. Became a Christian, ordained a priest and made Bishop of Carthage. Soon became a famous theologian, <i>Father of African Church</i> . At Synod in Rome he supported Pope Cornelius against Novatian with his legal skills. Pope Cornelius was martyred when Roman Emperor blamed him for plaque in Rome. Later Bishop Cyprian was martyred in Carthage in persecution by Roman Emperor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |               |                          |

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| <p><b>10 am Mass</b><br/><b>Mathew Morris</b><br/><b>RIP</b></p>                                             | <p><b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> St Robert Bellarmine</b> Born 1542 in Italy. Had a broad education by Jesuits. He joined the Jesuits. Sent to University of Padua to read theology. Finished his studies in Leuven University in Belgium. Ordained a priest in 1570 and ministered in Belgium for 7 years. Inspirational preacher. First Jesuit to be a theological professor in a university. Learned Hebrew to respond to Protestants who emphasised biblical texts as the basis of their claims. Preached to congregations of over two thousand on Sundays. Recalled to Rome by Pope Gregory XIII to lecture at Jesuit College founded by St Ignatius of Loyola, now Pontifical Gregorian University. His lectures formed basis of his great theological work banned in England by Church of England but smuggled in by Jesuits on <i>English Mission</i>. He trained Jesuits at the English College in Rome and encouraged them to go to England. In 1594 he was Provincial of Jesuits in Naples. Personal theologian to Pope Clement VIII. In 1602 was made Cardinal Archbishop of Capua in province of Naples. Carried out pastoral care and reforms for the diocesan clergy. Almost elected pope. New Pope Paul V appointed him Prefect of Vatican Library and member of Roman Curia. Begged his friend Galileo not to assert his theory that the earth revolved around the sun as it was against Church teaching that the earth was the centre of the universe. After this Robert left the Curia and avoided involvement in any other controversies</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <p><b>NO MASS</b></p>                                                                                        | <p><b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> St Joseph of Copertino</b> Born in a stable 1602 in southern Italy due to his widowed mother having to sell the family home to settle large debts his carpenter father had left. Joseph was dim-witted as a child and was scorned socially. He reacted with outbursts of anger to the bullying. Apprenticed to a shoemaker but rejected for slow learning. He experienced visions which drew him to the religious life. Franciscans refused him due to lack of education. Was accepted as a lay brother with the Capuchin Friars working in the kitchen and as a servant. After 8 months had to leave due to his incompetence and continued ecstasies. Eventually accepted by the Franciscans after pleading by his mother. Worked in the stables with competence and real rapport with the horses and was very happy. Fellow friars were impressed with him and his spirituality. Trained for priesthood. Ordained in March 1628 aged 25. For next 35 years he served various communities. His continual ecstasies were sometimes accompanied by "levitation" from the ground. Nicknamed the <i>Flying Friar</i>. People flocked to witness this strange form of seizure, seek his advice and for Confession. Neapolitan Inquisition investigated him for witchcraft in 1638. His superiors in the Order were embarrassed and sent him to Assisi in 1639 where he spent 13 unhappy years, forbidden to say Mass or appear in public. People still flocked to him for private advice and Confession and eventually the Franciscan General called him to Rome where he resumed his normal duties as a priest and was happy again</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>6pm: Confessions</b><br/><b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b></p>                                                  | <p><b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> St Theodore of Canterbury</b> Born in 602 in Tarsus in present day Turkey to a Greek family. Due to war, experienced Persian culture from age 12. 637 Muslim invasion drove him out of Tarsus to Constantinople where he studied various subjects. Went to Rome and lived with Eastern monks. With his Greek and Persian intellect, broad education, he then learned Latin literature both sacred and secular in his religious life. Chosen by Pope Vitalian to become the Archbishop of Canterbury in England after the Synod of Whitby in 664 which had decided on the Latin rite to be used across England. Was consecrated in Rome in March 668 and went with Abbot Adrian to England in 669 finding the Church in some disarray. Vacant sees and still conflicts between Latin and Celtic rites. He conducted a survey of the English Church, appointed bishops and defined boundaries for dioceses. Abbot Adrian founded a school in Canterbury training in both Roman and Celtic rites and did much to unite the two groups. Taught in both Greek and Latin resulting in the "golden age" of Anglo-Saxon scholarship. Archbishop Theodore called the Synod of Hertford in 673 to institute reforms in the calculation of Easter, rules on marriage, monastic life, Episcopal authority, and diocesan boundaries. He divided the huge diocese of York into three and eventually five dioceses. Upset Bishop Wilfred of York who went to Rome to appeal against decision without success. With the help of Abbot Benedict Biscop, founded seminaries at many monasteries. Archbishop Theodore's enlightened zeal, his commanding personality, remarkable powers of administration, intellectual ability resulted in a unified Church and close alliance with secular rulers. Died in 690 aged 88. Buried in St Peter's Church in Canterbury, known today as St Augustine's Abbey.</p> |
| <p><b>9.30 am Mass</b></p>                                                                                   | <p><b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September      Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br/><b>Thanksgiving Mass for the 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Shirley D'Souza</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION</b></p>                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Your prayers are needed for the following people</b></p>                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p>Hazel Sale      Mary Light      Pat Sweeney      Phil Boulton      David Keates      Chris Fitzgerald</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IMPORTANT WARNING: We can longer park in Aldermoor Health Centre car park. They have installed cameras on 24/7 and are imposing £100 fines. We and Kings Church are challenging the decision.**

#### **Special Second Collection this weekend for the Catholic Education Service**

This is a special collection for the diocese so we can claim gift aid if you use the orange envelope in our gift aid box. **Next weekend there is another Special Second Collection for Home Mission** which is a national appeal so we cannot claim gift aid so there is no envelope in the gift aid box.

#### **Next SVP Social is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 1pm to 3 pm**

Another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Come along with your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes or 2 hours, whatever suits you.

Parish Collection for last weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026

| Parish Gift Aid Envelopes | Gift Aid | Parish Loose Collection | Direct debits, standing orders | Gift Aid | Total of Offertory Collection | Coffee fund | Gift Aid | Loose | TOTAL of all money |
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| £62                       | £15.50   | £158.55                 | £242.54                        | £51.98   | £530.57                       | £50         |          |       | £580.57            |

Photographs of the Wedding Chlöe Challand and Charley Heasell on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

