

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June:** Intention for evangelization - The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**Wellspring Collection:** Our monthly collection will take place this weekend (June 26th/27th). The items which Wellspring are particularly needing at the moment are as follows:- tins of ham, tins of corned beef, toilet rolls, crisps, biscuits, cereal bars, small chocolate bars (e.g. Penguins & Club biscuits), bottles of cordial, small bottles of soft drinks and water, soft fruit such as oranges, satsumas and bananas, cartons or tins of custard (liquid not powder). Thank you very much.

**SVP:** There is still a need for donations (joggers, t-shirts and sweatshirts) so we will have another collection at the beginning of June. Please no hats or garments with hoods. Please leave in the bag at the back of church. Thank you.

**Please pray for all those who are sick and for all those who have died recently.** We remember Kevin McDonald, Alan McDonald, Patrick Whelan, William Cox, John Hester, John Davenport, Ivor Hurst, Norman Johnson, Andrew Tasker, Terence Neill, Derek Griffin, Pauline Downie McNamara, Leon Mazurek, Nick Standing, Henry Corrigan, Violet Byrne, Martin Peover, Dorothy Buckley, Mary Gill, Bob Mephram, Gordon Cameron, Beatrice Cameron, Edward Robinson, Edith Halliwell, Denis McDaid, Elizabeth Endsor, Harry Share, Brian Nesfield, Margaret Hanlon, Irene Birdand all those who anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**Parish Safeguarding Reps:** Noel Russell and Bernadette McCrory. If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please speak to them or contact them via the presbytery, in the strictest confidence.

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In more than one of this Sunday's readings we are faced with the subject of death. One of the greatest gifts which Christ has given to us is the removal of the fear of approaching our final hour in this world. The Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as having set us free from "lifelong slavery" to the fear of death. (Hebrews 2:15) During the past week we have celebrated the feast days of saints who demonstrated in their lives in a marvellous manner that freedom from the fear of death which Christ gives to his friends. I shared with those of you who attended Mass on Tuesday the witty remarks and jokes cracked by St Thomas More as he light-heartedly approached the moment of his death on the scaffold outside the Tower of London. G.K. Chesterton says that all throughout his life he had been "an incorrigible leg-puller" and his sense of humour was not diminished by the imminence of a brutal death. He even managed to cheerfully reassure his nervous executioner because he knew he was sending him to eternal happiness. I never tire of recommending the award-winning masterpiece, *A Man For All Seasons*, the film made about his life in the 1960's.

On the day prior to that feast day, Monday 21st of June, we celebrated the feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga, who died at around the age of 23 and who is a patron of the youth. Here is the letter which he sent on his deathbed to his mother who could not be present and which sums up the attitude of a saint before death:

*May the comfort and grace of the Holy Spirit be yours forever, most honoured lady. Your letter found me lingering still in this region of the dead, but now I must rouse myself to make my way on to heaven at last and to praise God for ever in the land of the living; indeed, I had hoped that before this time my journey there would have been over. If charity, as Saint Paul says, means to weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who are glad, then, dearest mother, you shall rejoice exceedingly that God in his grace and his love for you*

is showing me the path to true happiness, and assuring me that I shall never lose him.

*God is calling me to eternal rest; his voice from heaven invites me to the infinite bliss I have sought so languidly, and promises me this reward for the tears I have so seldom shed. And our parting will not be for long; we shall see each other again in heaven; we shall be united with our Saviour; there we shall praise him with heart and soul, sing of his mercies forever, and enjoy eternal happiness. When he takes away what he once lent us, his purpose is to store our treasure elsewhere more safely and bestow on us those very blessings that we ourselves would most choose to have.*

*I write all this with the one desire that you and all my family may consider my departure a joy and favour and that you especially may speed with a mother's blessing my passage across the waters till I reach the shore to which all hopes belong. I write the more willingly because I have no clearer way of expressing the love and respect I owe you as your son...*

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

### Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying.

O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on thee, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.

O what consolation, what sweetness, what confidence, what emotion fill my soul when I pronounce thy sacred name, or even only think of thee.

I thank God for having given thee, for my good, so sweet, so powerful, so lovely a name. But I will not be content with merely pronouncing thy name: let my love for thee prompt me ever to hail thee, Mother of Perpetual Help.

### Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	For all our priests and for vocations to the priesthood
		<b>St Chad's</b>	7pm	Frances Brooks RIP
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>St Chad's</b>	9am	PJ & Ann Duffy & family in thanksgiving.
		St Ann's	11am	Edward & Vincent English
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Irenaeus	St Ann's	10am	Peter & Moira La Mattina
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Peter and Paul	St Ann's	10am	Lily Murphy RIP
		<b>St Chad's</b>	6.30pm	Mary Wolfenden RIP
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>		
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	St Oliver Plunkett	<b>St Chad's</b>	9.30am	Sarah Thornsby RIP
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>		St Ann's	10am	Patrick Campbell
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Thomas  Vigil	St Ann's	5pm	Special Intention (AMB)
		<b>St Chad's</b>	7pm	Vera Kelly RIP
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	<b>St Chad's</b>	9am	Peter Danson RIP
		St Ann's	11am	Bernadette Kraaijeveld RIP

**Mass Intentions:** Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are now into November with Mass intentions.

**Confessions:** Available on request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place before Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Masses.