

**Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday 3rd September 2023**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – CYCLE A**

<b>Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Maura &amp; Richard Kordinski – Special Intention (Wedding Anniversary)</b>
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am	St. Cuthbert	Christopher Piedot – Special Intention (Birthday Wishes)
	2.00 pm		Holy Rosary Group
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September			
Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September			
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am		Frank Billington - RIP
Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September		Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	
Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September		St. Peter Clover	No Confessions today
<b>Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Education Day</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Marie Twist - RIP</b>

**Sick** - Philip Akehurst, Sylvia Armitage, Peggy (Margaret) Atherton, Philip Bond, Sarah Bond, Luke Bryan, Vincent Carr, Pat Chapman, Patricia Chisnall, Imelda Cowley, Francis Curran, Ava Davidson, Gerada D'Orsi, Dennis Edmund, Jim Evans, Elaine Fairclough, Marjorie Fairhurst, Ellen Firth, Father Tom Gagie, John & Lily Glover, Grattan & Hilda Hamlett, Mary Hill, Jack Kelly, Shelagh Lowe, Will McDookin, Angela Monks, Rob Mudd, Margaret Murphy, Annie Plant, Beryl Pudifer, Tanya Rattigan, Nathan Sa Joe, Jean Sharkey, Patsy Shiel, Danny Singleton, Georgina Smith, Moira Smith, Margaret and Frank Speakman, Stan Springford, Howard Thomas, Michael Twist, Marjorie Wills, Eden Rose Wilson, Baby Archie, Baby Callum James, and those suffering from Covid.

**Lately Dead** – Val Campbell, Harry Cardwell (aged 10), Eric Prescott, Mary Quinn

**Anniversaries** –

**Birthday remembrance** –

**Special Intentions** – Maura & Richard Kordinski (Wedding Anniversary), Christopher Piedot (Birthday Wishes), People of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19.

**Weekly offertory** - Last week's offertory collection was **£295.89**. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206). Also, there are details of how to donate via Text on the notice boards at the back of Church.

**Counters** - We are still looking for volunteers who can do the cash count on a rota basis. 2 people have already kindly volunteered, but we need at least a further 4 people. Please let Christine in the office know if you would like to volunteer.

**Children's Liturgy (Little Church)** - This will recommence on Sunday 10th September.

**Education Sunday** – has been embraced by our Church for 175 years, serving as a tribute to the significance of education in our faith journey. This year, on 10th of September, as we come together in our parishes and schools, we are reminded of the words of Jesus: "Where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them". To find out more details about Education Sunday, see resources, and find out how you can get involved, [click here](#). There will be a closing collection on the 10th.

**Looking after our Parish – Saturday 2nd September** We aim to start at 1pm and be finished by 5pm.

**Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** The PPC believes the parish community would benefit from the formation of a Social Committee to organise social events that will encourage and strengthen parish spiritual and pastoral life through social interaction. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please speak to a member of the PPC or to the parish secretary. The PPC Constitution provides that the parish should have an open meeting each year. This will be an opportunity for reports from the PPC and for general discussion about the life of the parish. It will also be the time for elections to the PPC. The date for the open meeting is Thursday, 7 September in the evening at 7.30pm following the Parish Pastoral Council meeting at 6.30.

**COFFEE MORNING – MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** – St. Julie's Mother & Toddler Group are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning at their session on **Friday, 29th September** from 9 am-11 am in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend and if you would like to provide cakes, they would be very much appreciated. Please contact Audrey Baines (07917 762849), Mandy Roberts (07771 773956) or Ann Unsworth (07745 940845) if you can help in any way. Please support this very worthwhile cause.

**St Julie Piety Shop** - New stock has arrived including Children's Birthday Cards, just **80p!** Also, if you want to spread the cost of Christmas ..., boxed cards, individual cards and a few Christmas decorations are available, all at reasonable prices, and support the finances of St Julies!

**St Julies Mothers and Toddlers** is each Tuesday and Friday 9-11 Term time. Starting this back week.

**The August edition of the Catholic Pic** is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdcy94js>

**The Universe Catholic Weekly** – is available online by following this link: Home - Universe Catholic Weekly



# Our Faith on Sunday

## LITURGY

### 22nd Sunday in OT (A)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5  
**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**  
**O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 20:7-9  
*The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.*

**PSALM:** Ps 62:2-6.8-9. R. v2  
**R) For you my soul is thirsting,  
 O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
 for you my soul is thirsting.  
 My body pines for you  
 like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
 to see your strength and your glory.  
 For your love is better than life,  
 my lips will speak your praise. (R)

So I will bless you all my life,  
 in your name I will lift up my hands.  
 My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
 my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

For you have been my help;  
 in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
 My soul clings to you;  
 your right hand holds me fast. (R)

**SECOND READING:** Romans 12:1-2  
*Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Cf. Eph 1:117.18  
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
 so that we can see  
 what hope his call holds for us.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:21-27  
*If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Ps 30: 20  
**How great is the goodness, Lord,  
 that you keep for those who fear you.**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION



No sooner has Jesus appointed Peter to be the rock on which the Church is founded and praised him for recognizing him as "The Christ, the Son of the living God", than he castigates Peter for being Satan, and obstacle in his path. Peter's reaction is one that we all have when we see an innocent person about to suffer unjustly. We have an innate aversion to suffering, especially innocent, unjust suffering. But Jesus wants to take his followers on to another level. Jesus wants them to understand that suffering has immense value in the eyes of God. We may react strongly to Jesus telling us that we must take up our cross and follow him, but he is not mincing his words. What the experience of the cross teaches us is that suffering can be turned into love. In fact, suffering born out of love, has the power to convert and

redeem and to bring sinners back to God. The world does everything to avoid suffering and sees it only as something negative. It is true that, as Christians, we want to help those who suffer, but on a personal level, Jesus invites us to see in every suffering a precious pearl which can transform hearts, minds and souls.

### EVANGELII GAUDIUM (JOY OF THE GOSPEL)



#### LOCAL FLAVOUR

144. It also gives rise to healthy and enriching exchanges. The experience of being raised in a particular place and sharing in a particular culture gives us insight into aspects of reality that others cannot so easily perceive. Universal does not necessarily mean bland, uniform and standardized, based on a single prevailing cultural model, for this will ultimately lead to the loss of a rich palette of shades and colours, and result in utter monotony. Such was the temptation referred to in the ancient account of the Tower of Babel. The attempt to build a tower that would reach to heaven was not an expression of unity between various peoples speaking to one another from their diversity. Instead, it was a misguided attempt, born of pride and ambition, to create a unity other than that willed by God in his providential plan for the nations (cf. Gen 11:1-9).

## Promise Of Good Things GOD'S WHEAT

I am writing to all the Churches and issuing instructions to all that I am dying willingly for God and that you are not to hinder this. I beg you not to help me with untimely kindness. Let me be food for the wild beasts through whom I can come to God. I am God's wheat, and I am ground down by the teeth of wild animals, so that I may be made into the pure bread of Christ.

I would prefer you to entice the wild animals to become my tomb, leaving nothing of my bodily remains behind, so that I shall not be a burden to anyone after I am gone. Then I shall

truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ, when the world can no longer even see my body.

Pray to Christ for me that I may be a worthy sacrifice through these instruments. I am not ordering you as did Peter and Paul, for they were apostles while I am a convict; they were free while I am still a slave. But if I suffer, I shall be Jesus Christ's own freedman, and in him I shall rise again in freedom.

What I am learning from my chains at present is not to desire anything.

*The Letters of Ignatius*

