

Parish of Saint Julie Newsletter

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Newsletter for Week commencing Sunday 17th September 2023

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – CYCLE A

Sunday, 17 th September	9.30 am	Home Mission Day 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Eden - Anniversary
Monday, 18 th September	9.30 am 2.00 pm		Harry Cardwell – Lately Dead Holy Rosary Group
Tuesday, 19 th September		St Januarius, Bishop St Theodore of Canterbury	
Wednesday, 20 th September		St Andrew Kim Taegon	
Thursday, 21 st September	9.30 am	St Matthew, Apostle	Pauline Seagreaves – Lately Dead
Friday, 22 nd September			
Saturday, 23 rd September		St Pio of Pietrelcina	No Confessions today
Sunday, 24 th September	9.30 am	World Day of Migrants & Refugees, 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Luigi D'Orsi – Birthday Remembrance

While Fr Michael is on pilgrimage this week, Masses will take place as usual and will be covered by Frs Owen Ince and Simon Gore, with Deacon Brendan assisting.

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, 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 – Harry Cardwell, Eric Prescott, Pauline Seagreaves, Jean Duffy, John Chisnall, Moira Smith

Anniversaries – Mary Cunningham, John Eden, Ken Ward

Birthday remembrance – Luigi D'Orsi

Special Intentions – People of Ukraine, those suffering from COVID 19.

Weekly offertory - Last weeks' collection was £193.80. Anyone wishing to donate directly into the bank the details are: 40 29 12 / 41545612. St Julies (206). **There will be a closing collection for Home Missions on Sunday the 17th of September.**

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

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-12.00 noon** in the parish hall. All parishioners 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's Mother and Toddler Group meet in the parish hall every Tuesday and Friday 9-11am Term time. New members are always welcome. See notices at back of church for more information.

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!

SVP – There will be a mass at 12 noon at St Teresa of Avila on the 30th of September. Bishop Tom Neylon will be celebrating along with other members of the Clergy. All members and anyone interested in the work of the SVP are welcome. Thank you for the donation of £132 from the after-Mass tea and coffee.

On Wednesday the 8th of November there will be a "Family of Parishes" Roadshow in the Parish Hall. Volunteers to help with refreshments will be welcome. More detail will be published as we get it.

St Helens Foodbank – The foodbank is desperate for the following: Milk, Sugar, Coffee (small), Juice, Soup, Jam, Instant Mash, Rice Pudding, Pasta in Sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Toiletries, Jars of Pasta Sauce. Anything that you can donate is very welcome.

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

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Our Faith on Sunday

LITURGY

24th Sunday in OT (A)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

PSALM:

102:1-4,9-12 R.v.8

R) The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R)

SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

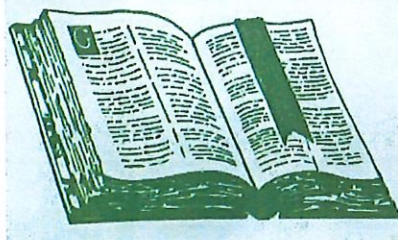
Alleluia, alleluia! Jn13:34
I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

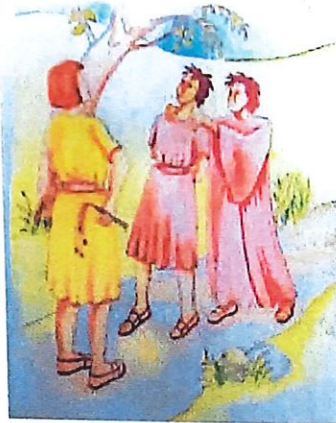
I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 35:8

**How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION



The Year of Mercy celebrated last year in the Church helped make us more aware of the mercy of God for all his sons and daughters. Pope Francis saw it as an essential part of our faith to understand God's love through his unlimited mercy to all of us. The fact is, as today's Gospel tells us very clearly, God's mercy towards us is strictly linked to the mercy we show to others. In fact, there are many people whose relationship with God is at a complete standstill because they cannot or will not forgive someone who has upset them or offended them in the past. And our relationship with God will remain at a standstill until we have the courage to reach out the hand of forgiveness to our 'enemies'. The reason that it is difficult or even impossible for some of to forgive is

because we are trying to do so with our own strength, when it can only be done with God's help. God's mercy is limitless, infinite, whereas ours is at best conditional. If we want to rebuild our relationship with God, then we have to ask him for the grace of his mercy. We need to pray for the opportunity to make things right with our brother or sister and for the grace to recognize and accept the opportunity when he offers it to us.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM
(JOY OF THE GOSPEL)

A UNIVERSAL HORIZON

147. Let us realize that as our minds and hearts narrow, the less capable we become of understanding the world around us. Without encountering and relating to differences, it is hard to achieve a clear and complete understanding even of ourselves and of our native land. Other cultures are not "enemies" from which we need to protect ourselves, but differing reflections of the inexhaustible richness of human life. Seeing ourselves from the perspective of another, of one who is different, we can better recognize our own unique features and those of our culture: its richness, its possibilities and its limitations. Our local experience needs to develop "in contrast to" and "in harmony with" the experiences of others living in diverse cultural contexts.¹²⁸

¹²⁸ Cf. ID., Address to the Roman Curia (21 December 1984), 4; AAS 76 (1984), 506.

Promise Of Good Things BECOMING PERFECT FOR GOD

My brothers and sisters, my love for you is overflowing, and my joy is very great indeed as I watch over your safety. Though it is not I who do so, but Jesus Christ, whose bonds I bear, and I am all the more afraid in that I am not yet made perfect. But your prayer will make me perfect for God, so that I may attain the destiny that divine mercy has allotted me.

I shall take refuge in the Gospel as in the flesh of Christ, in the apostles as in the Church's assembly of elders.

And the prophets too we hold in affection, seeing that they also pointed clearly to the Gospel, hoping and waiting in faith for the one who grants them salvation. Being in union with Jesus Christ, they are saints, deserving of our love and admiration and, approved by Jesus Christ, they are numbered with us in the Gospel which is our common hope.

The Letters of Ignatius

