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**Newsletter for the week commencing 22nd – 28th August 2021**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Entrance antiphon: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me; O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**

**First Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2; 15-18**

**Psalm 33 Response: Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Ephesians 5: 21-32**

**Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 6: 60-69**

**Communion antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.**

**Father Behr writes:**

Dear Parishioners,

The example and witness of St Monica

St Monica was born in Thagaste, modern day Algeria in AD 332.  Monica was the mother of Augustine of Hippo. As a young man he led a wayward life and grieved his mother.  She continually prayed for his conversion and a bishop whom she confided in said to her, "The child of those tears shall never perish."  Her prayers were answered when Augustine was baptised by Ambrose of Milan.  Augustine was eventually recognised as a saint.

We all have friends and family, who for different reasons, have fallen away from the practice of the Catholic faith, so on the feast day of Saint Monica Friday 27 August, we can make a special effort to go to Mass and ask for the prayers of St Monica for our loved ones.



Saint Augustine and his mother, Saint Monica (1846) by Ary Scheffer

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Congratulations to Anne and Michael Delaney who are getting married at St Andrew’s on Monday 30 August. We wish them every blessing for their future together.

Best Wishes,

Father Behr

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:**

**Those ill or infirm:** David Green, Charlotte Elliot (daughter of Maureen Davidson), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Patricia Hook, Elena Peck (senior), Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those self-isolating or suffering from COVID-19.

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Ernest Venables, Pat Wood, Teresa White, Edith Cooper, Vera Gibson, Martin Saunders, Mary Roche, Duncan Bryant, Anne Williams, Rosalie Robertson, Audrey Clark, Hester Rositer and Kevin Thornton.

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| **This week’s services ( 22nd – 28th August ), Feasts and Mass intentions during the week.** |
| **Saturday 21st August**10 am Mass6 pm Vigil Mass | St Pius X, Pope*Thanksgiving (Milton)**David Cockayne wellbeing* | **Thursday 26th August**No Mass | Feria*Holy Souls* |
| **Sunday 22nd August**10 am Mass12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass  | **Twenty-First Sunday (B)***People of the Parish* | **Friday 27th August**No Mass | St Monica*Holy Souls* |
| **Monday 23rd August** No Mass | St Rose of Lima, Virgin | **Saturday 28th August**6 pm Vigil Mass | St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church |
| T**uesday 24th August**  No Mass | St Bartholomew, Apostle | **Sunday 29th August**10 am Mass | **Twenty-Second Sunday (B)** |
| **Wednesday 25th August** 10 am Service of the Word and Holy Communion | Feria |  |  |
| **Flowers: For 29th August - Francien** |

On Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th August Fr Liam Gallagher will be covering Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.