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Sunday 23rd July 2017

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH NEWS ITEMS

THE QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING PARISH MASS TIMES:

At the present time these are being returned and already they are being analysed. Members of our parish PPC will be taking a careful look at the boxes ticked and preferences next week. Please make sure, that if you have taken a questionnaire, it is returned. The more we have the clearer the parish feelings become.

Sometimes it is better to wait before acting too zealously. This is what Jesus is talking about today. He, too, faced a good deal of criticism because He mixed with the wrong sort of people, the tax collectors and the prostitutes. The Pharisees were constantly asking Him why He did not observe the law and get rid of those people who were not pure. But Jesus did not change His behaviour, for He knew some of these sinners would eventually change their behaviour and repent. It helps if we see Jesus as a doctor seeking out those who were sick. In today's Gospel Jesus gives His critics an answer in the parable of the weeds. This parable shows the farmer being more prudent than his servants. He knows the weeds and the wheat are quite similar in appearance, and if the weeds are pulled up the wheat may be destroyed in the process. So he advises patience; by waiting until harvest time when both wheat and weeds are mature, the reapers can cut them and divide them into separate bundles. Jesus teaches us to have a deep faith that God is in control, and that God can bring good out of the most unpromising situations. In the end there will be a judgement and God will bring about justice.

Holidays: It is now the usual time for many people to take a holiday. For those fortunate enough to do so, we wish them a blessed time of peace and refreshment. If you happen to be away when one of your duties is scheduled, please could you arrange for someone else to cover it? Thank you.

Youth Worker: The three parishes working together have appointed Erin Doughty who will initially be working with the 11-14 year age group and will extend that over the three year period. It is an exciting time for our young people and we wish Erin well in her work. Those who signed pledges will already have received a request to send this in.

End of the School Year: As our schools break up for the long summer holiday, we wish all the staff and pupils a very happy time of rest and opportunity to re-charge their batteries for September. We wish the best to all those awaiting exam results and hope that their efforts will achieve their expectations. We thank all the staff of our schools for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Let us keep the sick and the housebound of our parish in our prayers

Edna Hales, Sue Cleary, Shelagh Price, Jenny Bamber, Hollie Savage, Maureen Cowell, Suzanna King, Michael Gallagher, Enda McSharry, Eileen Hiorns, Patricia Robinson, Mary Darby.

Warwick Hospital Brendan Patterson, Mary Hendry
Heathcote Hospital Lena La Spisa, Mario Fasi
The Lawns Bridget Hunt, Mary Behan, Rosa Venetico, John L'Estrange, Kathleen Hammond,

Clarence House Winifred Galvin
Clarendon Manor Mary Craig, Marie Kelly
Castle Brook Angele Handford, Christina Kelly
Galanos House Marjorie Smedley, Frances Lovell

NEXT WEEK	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
30.7.17		
8.00am		
5.30pm		



This week Our Lady's 7 Day candle burns for All Who Mourn

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22 July	SJ	9.30am		Confessions: SJ 10.00am — 10.30am
Sunday 23 July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	SJ SJ	8.00 am 5.30 pm	Richard Bunt David Harwar (Cotter)	
Monday 24 July <i>Psalter Wk 4</i> <i>Feria</i>	SJ	NO MASS		
Tuesday 25 July <i>Feast of St. James, Apostle</i>	SJ	9.30 am	Eucharistic Service	
Wednesday 26 July <i>Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	SJ	NO MASS		
Thursday 27 July <i>Feria</i>	SJ	NO MASS		
Friday 28 July <i>Feria</i>	SJ	NO MASS		
Saturday 29 July <i>Memorial of St. Martha</i>	SJ	9.30 am	Bridget Williams (MH)	Exposition from 10.00am — 10.30am SJ
Sunday 30 July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>	SJ SJ	8.00 am 5.30 pm	People of the Parish & Fr. Bob Derrick Hands	

THE COMING WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sun: 2nd Collection: Parish Maintenance
12.30 pm Baptism Molly Greene

Mon: No Dancing until 4th Sept

Tues: 10.30am Tuesday Club

Wed: No Art Group

Thurs: No Music Group until 14th Sept
7.00pm Weight Watchers

Fri: 5.30pm Karate

Sat: 7.30 , 9.30 + 11.30am Slimming

Anniversaries

Michael Mangan, Barry Whitlock, Glen Hales
May they rest in peace

Baptism
 12.30 pm, Sunday 23rd July 2017
Molly Elizabeth Poppy Greene

LAST WEEK 16.7.17

Offertory Collection: £480.07
Many thanks.

2nd Collection:
None
Attendance
261

