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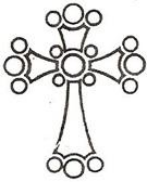
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A – 20 July 2014

Entrance: *See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good*

Responsorial psalm: *O Lord, you are good and forgiving*

Gospel: *Alleluia, alleluia! 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!*

Communion: *The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him*



Chaldean Auxiliary Bishop Saad Sirop of Baghdad has confirmed a troubling report from Mosul that the Islamic State is now presenting Christians in that city with a final ultimatum of conversion, subservience or death. According to sources a number of mosques in the city of Mosul, and through loudspeakers, called on Christians Friday to leave the city. They said they were doing so because bishops had refused to attend a meeting this week with members of the Islamic State in which the new rulers would dictate terms to the Christians: pay a special tax or convert to Islam. Bishop Sirop has confirmed the report to Aid to the Church in Need. *"We are speechless because what happened is really shocking. We are really worried about the future of Christians in this country,"* the bishop said Friday. *"In the last hours, the jihadists of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have forced the few remaining Christians in Iraq's second city to leave their homes. Desperate, Christians immediately fled but were stopped at checkpoints by militias who have looted cars and all their belongings and then summoned them to continue on foot. Most of the families are headed to the North, in the city of Dahuk."* The bishop said Christians in Mosul, whose history goes back to the early centuries of Christianity, have never been driven from their homes as if they had no rights—until now. *"Our worst fears are coming true, and we do not know how to react,"* he said. He pleaded with the international community to exert pressure on the Iraqi government to find practical solutions. *"With a greater internal stability, there will be no place for these groups of fanatics who claim to govern our country,"* said Bishop Sirop. *"And then you have to help these poor people without a home and robbed of all that he had. It's really a tragedy."* After bishops did not attend the meeting called by leaders of the caliphate this week, the Islamic State issued a communiqué to let them know that Christians would be given the chance to convert to Islam or pay special taxes. If they refused, *"their destiny is the sword,"* the communiqué said. Referring to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the letter said, *"The prince of the faithful, Caliph Ibrahim, is allowing them however, to leave on their own, outside the limits of the Caliphate. They have until 12 noon (Saturday), and after that, there is nothing between us and them except of the sword!"* The ultimatum may actually be working for the Islamic State. Fides News Agency reported today that the last Christian families still present in Mosul are leaving and are heading towards Erbil, Dohuk and other areas of Iraqi Kurdistan which are considered safer. *"This is confirmed by sources of the local Chaldean community to Fides Agency,"* the report said. *"The new exodus has accelerated in the past two days, after Sunni insurgents and militants of the Islamic Caliphate began to mark with letters of recognition the homes of Christians and Shiites. As reported by the website www.Ankawa.com, the evacuation of the last Christians is also due to the intensification of the bombing carried out by the military government on many areas of the city, especially at night. In many villages of the Nineveh Plain, the main emergency is currently represented by the suspension of water supply, made even more unbearable due to high temperatures."*

Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

The numbers drawn for week 13 were 6, 11, 37, 7, 22 & 32
No Winner
Prize money for week 14 is £205.00 and seven numbers to be drawn

Just to clarify: the tote numbers drawn on 8th July for week 12 were 29, 35, 5, 9 and 28; there was no winner

The second collection: is for the parish

Tuesday Devotions: Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass, and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary after Mass

Bible Study: on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the parish house. All welcome

Concert at Belmont Abbey: the annual MICHAEL GRÜBE VIOLIN CONCERT takes place on Thursday, 24th July, at 7:30 pm

The Face of Christ: How do we imagine Jesus? We explore how each age has expressed its faith through its portrayals of Christ. A retreat led by Dom Brendan Thomas at Belmont Abbey, running from Friday to Sunday, 25 to 27 July

Day for Life: is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life in England and Wales falls on 27 July 2014. There will be a special collection. For those of you with Internet access, the address is www.dayforlife.org – for those of you without Internet access, here is a sample of what you are missing:

When Does Life End? Cherishing Life, the Bishops' 2004 document on the moral and spiritual well-being of the human person in society, offers clear definitions of subjects concerned with the dignity of life from conception to natural death. "In ordinary circumstances death is diagnosed on the basis of irreversible loss of breathing and heartbeat. However, when a patient is on a ventilator the diagnosis of death is more difficult. In these circumstances medical authorities in the United Kingdom have accepted brainstem death as the death of the patient on the grounds that it inevitably causes the collapse of the bodily system as a whole. In his Address to the Transplantation Society in August 2000, Pope John Paul II accepted as a criterion for ascertaining death 'the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity' but only on the understanding that this can be considered 'the sign that the individual organism has lost its integrative capacity.' In 1998 the Department of Health suggested as a definition of death 'the irreversible loss of the capacity for consciousness combined with the irreversible loss of the capacity to breathe'. The government has subsequently asked for comments on this definition. From a philosophical and theological standpoint, this cannot be considered an adequate definition of death. The ability to breathe spontaneously is one feature of a living body, but it is by no means the only such feature. More thought must be given to what constitutes the functioning of a living body and how to determine when 'the individual organism has lost its integrative capacity' (Pope John Paul II, Address to the Society for Organ Sharing, 1991). If the body retains its capacity to function as a living whole then it is alive, even if the capacity for consciousness is lost. Someone who is in a coma or who is in a persistent unconscious state, is not actually dead and medical authorities rightly distinguish persistent unconsciousness from biological death. Death must not be redefined so that it includes patients who are alive but who are judged to be 'as good as dead'."

Day of refection and prayer: at Belmont Abbey to mark the Solemnity of the Assumption. Friday, 15th August from 10:00 to 4:00 pm, with Solemn Sung Mass at 12 noon; cost of £15 includes morning coffee, two course lunch and afternoon tea. Booking is essential. Please call 01432 374724

Pilgrimage to the grave of St. John Kemble: on Sunday 24th August. At 3.00p.m we will meet for Rosary, readings and prayers at St. John Kemble's grave in the churchyard at Welsh Newton. At 4.15p.m. Benediction follows in St Mary's Church, Monmouth, and afterwards tea will be served in the garden, and produce sold

Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Psalter week IV

Today:

9:30 am	Dorothy & Bernard Rohde
11:30 am	Natalie Chadwick
6:30 pm	

Monday 21 July 9:30am Mass – Davis & Waine int.
St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 22 July 7:00 pm Mass – Special Int. (CM)
St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday, 23 July 9:30am Mass – Duncan Lowe
St Bridget of Sweden, Religious

Thursday, 24 July 9:30am Mass – Pat King
St Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Friday, 25 July 7:00 pm Mass – G Hunkin
St James, Apostle

Saturday, 26 July 9:30 am Confessions
Ss Joachim & Anne 10:30 am Mass – John Farren

Sunday, 27 July (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:30 am	Kerry Niblett
11:30 am	David Martin
6:30 pm	<i>Fr Cenydd Marrison</i>

Please pray for:

The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Julie Martin, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O'Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Joe Carroll, Glyn Matthews, Sam Thomson, Anna Foggo, Catherine Rollings, Katie Richardson, Tony Constantine and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially Ceri Strong, Jan Prosniewski, Romanita Penālosa, Henry Matty and Vera Lampard

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of July, including: Margaret Town, Bruno Kavaliauskas, Kenneth Nicholas, Jeremiah Scully, Joseph Shawcross, Ellen Devereux, Francis Worsley, Philip Barnacle, Veronica Porter, Thomas Hurley, Ada Tipping, Marion Lewandowski, Francis Heavey, Adelaide Weekes, Veronica Robinson, Thomas Joseph Supple, Helen Banas, Pat King, Kathleen Scriven, Jadwiga Pawlowicz, Dennis Knowles, Jim Greenaway, John Connell, Paula Jenkins, Alan Panario and Susan Doherty

A man was walking down a street when he heard a voice from behind, "If you take one more step, a brick will fall down on your head and kill you." The man stopped and a big brick fell right in front of him. He was astonished. He went on, and after a while he was going to cross the road.

Once again the voice shouted, "Stop! Stand still! If you take one more step a car will run over you, and you will die." The man did as he was instructed, just as a car came careening around the corner, barely missing him. The man asked, "Who are you?" "I am your guardian angel," the voice answered. "Oh, yeah?" the man asked. "Then where the hell were you when I got married?"

Rota Schedule for 25 July to 1 August 2014

Flower Arrangers:	T Forder & R Jones
Cleaners:	Wagner family
Ushers:	9:30am A Rollings & E Pawlowicz
	11:30am D Lissaman & D Schofield
	6:30pm C Milsom & M Netting
Readers:	
	9:30am A Spanjers
	11:30am V Thomas
	6:30pm V Woods
Eucharistic Ministers:	
	9:30am S Thompson, F Keogh, T Bray
	11:30pm M Davies, K Davis, C Balestra
	6:30pm D Lissaman, C Milsom, C Sharland
Altar Linen:	M Lynch

Polish Information:

Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 27 lipca godz 16:00

Finance:

The collection on Sunday, 6th July raised **£578.92**
The collection on Sunday, 13th July raised **£378.30**

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