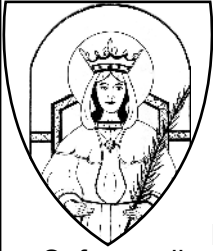


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Week 10

11th June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16; Psalm 147; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy tells us that God humbled the people in the desert to see if they would be faithful to him or not. Throughout their wanderings he kept his people alive with manna – bread from heaven. The Gospel passage comes from St John's Bread of Life discourse. In the section we have today, Jesus tells us that he is unlike the bread – the manna – which the Jews received from God in the wilderness. The bread in the wilderness only satisfied them for a while whereas the food which Christ gives us is his own flesh and blood – food which will bring the believer to union with Christ and eternal life with the Father. In the second reading from his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul tells us that while there may be many of us, through receiving the body of Christ we are all made one and become a single body, which has Christ as its head. Today's feast has the Last Supper on Holy Thursday night as its backdrop and origin but we celebrate it today in thanksgiving for the great gift we receive through the body and blood of Christ given for us.

" Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June 2023

For Victims of Torture



Torture is not past history. Unfortunately, it's part of our history today. There are extremely violent forms of torture. Others are more sophisticated, such as degrading someone, dulling the senses, or mass detentions in conditions so inhumane that they take away the dignity of the person.

In putting a stop to this horror, it is essential to put the dignity of the person above all else, because without this dignity, the victims become 'less than human' and can be mistreated mercilessly, causing death or permanent psychological and physical harm lasting a lifetime.

This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention, ".... that the international community commit itself concretely to abolish torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families."

Saint Barnabas 11th June

Barnabas, a Jew of Cyprus, comes as close as anyone outside the Twelve to being a full-fledged apostle. He was closely associated with Saint Paul—he introduced Paul to Peter and the other apostles—and served as a kind of mediator between the former persecutor and the still suspicious Jewish Christians.

When a Christian community developed at Antioch, Barnabas was sent as the official representative of the church of Jerusalem to incorporate them into the fold. He and Paul instructed in Antioch for a year, after which they took relief contributions to Jerusalem.

Later Paul and Barnabas, now clearly seen as charismatic leaders, were sent by Antioch officials to preach to the gentiles. Enormous success crowned their efforts. After a miracle at Lystra, the people wanted to offer sacrifice to them as gods—Barnabas being Zeus, and Paul, Hermes—but the two said, “We are of the same nature as you, human beings. We proclaim to you good news that you should turn from these idols to the living God” (see Acts 14:8-18).

But all was not peaceful. They were expelled from one town, they had to go to Jerusalem to clear up the ever-recurring controversy about circumcision, and even the best of friends can have differences. When Paul wanted to revisit the places they had evangelized, Barnabas wanted to take along his cousin John Mark, author of the Gospel, but Paul insisted that since Mark had deserted them once, he was not fit to take along now. The disagreement that followed was so sharp that Barnabas and Paul separated: Barnabas taking Mark to Cyprus, Paul taking Silas to Syria. Later they were reconciled—Paul, Barnabas and Mark.

When Paul stood up to Peter for not eating with gentiles for fear of his Jewish friends, we learn that “even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy” (see Galatians 2:1-13).

Bishop:

Refugee policy must prioritise human dignity.

Bishop Paul McAleenan, has made a statement supporting the Archbishop of Canterbury’s comments in The Times and reiterates that we need a more effective and humane asylum system:

“The Archbishop of Canterbury’s comments in The Times embody our belief as Christians, that all human persons are made in the image and likeness of God.

As such, refugee policy must prioritise the dignity of everyone who is driven from their homeland.

The current system, under which people risk their lives making dangerous journeys and languish for months or years waiting for their claims to be heard, fails to do this.”



Saint Anthony of Padua 13th June

The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Saint Anthony of Padua's life. Over and over again, God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians in Lisbon, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks. The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity, and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the Albigensians in France, using his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had been misled by their denial of Christ's divinity and of the sacraments. After he led the friars in northern Italy for three years, he made his headquarters in the city of Padua. He resumed his preaching and began writing sermon notes to help other preachers. In the spring of 1231 Anthony withdrew to a friary at Camposampiero where he had a sort of tree-house built as a hermitage. There he prayed and prepared for death. On June 13, he became very ill and asked to be taken back to Padua, where he died after receiving the last sacraments. Anthony was canonized less than a year later and named a Doctor of the Church in 1946.

Day for Life Sunday 18 June

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. For the first time, it will be celebrated in Scotland and Ireland on the same day. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. The 2023 Day for Life message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. The hope is that this will help break this silence and offer further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

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Liturgy for the Week

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Saturday	10th	6.00pm	Linda McCarthy L.D.
Sunday	11th	11.30am	Holy Souls#
Tuesday	13th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service & Adoration until 3pm
Saturday	17th	6.00pm	Rev. Vin McShane L.D.
Sunday	18th	11.30am	Private Intention B & JC



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**Please pray too for all those who are lonely or housebound and for
those who are sick, at home or in hospital, especially.**

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