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**The Month of August is devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Sunday, 22 August 2021 Psalter Week 1**

**Saturday**

5.00 p.m. (Totley) Sean Crehan

**Sunday**

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. DeVilly Family

**Monday** St Rose of Lima

No Mass

**Tuesday** (Totley) *ST BATHOLEMEW,  
APOSTLE*

10.00 a.m. Dead List

**Wednesday** *Feria*

10.00 a.m. Margaret Stancer

**Thursday** *Feria*

No Mass

**Friday** St Monica

10.00 a.m. Susan Willcock

**Saturday** St Augustine of Hippo

No Mass

**Next week's Masses**

**Saturday (Totley)**

5.00 p.m. Trish Lamb

**Sunday (Meadowhead)**

9.15 a.m. Patsy Patton

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

***Please Pray for:***

**Our sick:** Kath Jarman, Pam McDonald, Doreen Wilde, Danny Grant, Mary & David Gage, Franco Anobele, Angela McKinney, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Michael Goodfellow, Marie Lennox, Rae Goodlad, Linda Costello and Edward Keefe

**Lately Dead:** Pauline Collins, RIP  
**And let** us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

**Responsorial Psalm: 44**

*R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.*

**Events for the Coming Week**

**Wednesday** Rainbows 6.15pm  
Parish Prayer Group (in church) 7.45pm

**Please let me know when your group re-starts. Thank you.**

**Our Parish Prayer Group resumes in church this week** - starting Wednesday 25th August, from 19.45—20.30pm. Do join us if you wish during this time for Exposition, silent prayer, two short readings and prayers together for the parish at the end.

**Saturday Morning Exposition also resumes this week** - from 10.30-11.30am starting from 28th August. Just “drop in”.

**Special Collections this weekend and next.** There will be a special collection for the CAFOD emergency appeal for the victims of the earthquake in **Haiti** at Masses this weekend.

There will be a collection at Masses next weekend for **Survive Miva**.

**Exploring Faith:** Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Do you know someone who is interested in finding out more about the Christian faith? Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? If any of these apply then we are hoping to form a group to help people to explore questions of faith. We will begin with a taster session. Dates to be announced shortly. In the meantime, if you are interested, please let Fr. Stephen know.

*Retreat— I am hoping to organise a retreat at Stonyhurst for next June. Before I can do ahead I need to have an idea of how many may be interested and also, any ideas as to a theme.*

*The cost is likely to be around £60 per night in a twin room, full board. Singles are available, price to be confirmed. All rooms are en suite.*

*If you think you may be interested or have any suggestions please let me know as soon as possible. There is no commitment at this stage.*

#### **A Message from CAFOD:- Responding to multiple emergencies across the world**

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.

The generosity and compassion of our Catholic community have allowed us to stand together with communities in **Afghanistan** since the 1980s, supporting local organisations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people. In the current tragic situation we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are assessing how best to respond. Donations to our General Emergency Fund will enable us to act promptly when plans have been confirmed.

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:

[cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news](http://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 for your solidarity, prayers and support for CAFOD's work across the world.

**If you notice anything** on or around the church premises which has the potential to cause harm, please let the parish secretary know (preferably in writing) so that appropriate action can be taken promptly.

**Ministers for Communion** - Since the relaxing of lockdown it is now permissible for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to visit the sick and housebound. With this in mind it would be very useful to know who is willing and available to carry out home visits and to whom. Also, since lockdown, there are one or two more parishioners who will require visits so they will need to be allocated a minister. Below are the latest diocesan guidelines for home visits. Please read, and if you are happy to resume home visits please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Home Visits

Home visits can now take place by priests, deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and other volunteers. The minister to the sick or housebound person must take care to ensure that a minimum number of visits takes place to different homes in a single session of visiting. There are three important steps to avoid possible spread of the virus, especially if someone is infected but asymptomatic:

- ◆ It is recommended (outside hospital and hospice chaplaincies who have infection control in place) that only one morning and one afternoon visit is made in a day to minimise risk of infection.
- ◆ The use of regular freely available covid-19 home test kits is recommended for those doing pastoral visits, to ensure they are not potential vectors of infection to those who are sick and medically vulnerable. These can be obtained through [www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site](http://www.gov.uk/find-covid-19-lateral-flow-test-site)
- ◆ Careful hand sanitisation and minimising of exposure times indoors are important considerations as well.

This Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, is the feast day of **St Augustine of Hippo**. Born in 354 at Thagaste (in modern Algeria), as a young man he led an unsettled life both in his philosophy and his moral behaviour - much to the grief of his mother **Saint Monica** (feast day this Friday).

In the year 387 he was converted and received baptism from the Bishop of Milan, (the future Saint Ambrose). He returned to his native country and led the life of an ascetic before being made Bishop of Hippo (current Annaba in Algeria). For 34 years he was an exemplary bishop to his flock, teaching his people by his sermons and writings, combatting the errors of the time and striving to make the faith understood.

A Doctor of the Church, his most well-known works include *Confessions*, *City of God* and *On the Trinity*.

This Tuesday, 24th August, is the feast day of **the apostle, St Bartholomew**. In the New Testament, he is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee.

We know almost nothing about most of the apostles, yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones. Their personalities were secondary to their great office of bearing tradition from their first-hand experience, speaking in the name of Jesus, putting the Word made flesh into human words for the enlightenment of the world.



## Thought for the week

Saint Augustine of Hippo recalls his journey to conversion:

“Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there. Unlovely, I rushed heedlessly among the lovely things thou hast made. Thou wast with me, but I was not with thee. These things kept me far from thee; even though they were not at all unless they were in thee. Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odours and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace.”

*Saint Augustine: Confessions*

## Mother's Treasures

Two little children sit by my side,  
I call them Lily and Daffodil;  
I gaze on them with a mother's pride,  
One is Edna, the other is Will.

Both have eyes of starry light,  
And laughing lips o'er teeth of pearl.  
I would not change for a diadem  
My noble boy and darling girl.

Tonight my heart o'erflows with joy;  
I hold them as a sacred trust;  
I fain would hide them in my heart,  
Safe from tarnish of moth and rust.

What should I ask for my dear boy?  
The richest gifts of wealth or fame?  
What for my girl? A loving heart  
And a fair and a spotless name?

What for my boy? That he should stand  
A pillar of strength to the state?  
What for my girl? That she should be  
The friend of the poor and desolate?

I do not ask they shall never tread  
With weary feet the paths of pain.  
I ask that in the darkest hour  
They may faithful and true remain.

I only ask their lives may be  
Pure as gems in the gates of pearl,  
Lives to brighten and bless the world --  
This I ask for my boy and girl.

I ask to clasp their hands again  
'Mid the holy hosts of heaven,  
Enraptured say: "I am here, oh! God,  
"And the children Thou hast given."

*Frances Ellen Watkins Harper 1825-1911*

## Prayer for the Week

### For the victims of crises and disasters

Almighty God, in our distress and grief  
help us to remember that you love us.  
We do not understand why such disasters  
happen, but help us to trust you.

Loving Lord,  
for those who have died, give them eternal rest  
for those who are bereaved, comfort and  
console them  
for those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.  
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering  
brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.  
Heavenly Father be with us now and always.  
Amen.

*Diana Ng-Sutherland, CAFOD*

## This Week's Readings

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** *33*

**Second Reading:** *Ephesians 5:21-32*

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

## Next Week's Readings

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** *Deut. 4:1-2, 6-8*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *14*

**Second Reading:** *James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27*

**Gospel:** *Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

## This week's ministries for 21/22 August

<b>Communion</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Portaluri
	11.15 a.m.	F Glaze
<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	G Higgins, H Simmerson
	9.15 a.m.	J Bourne, S Davies
	11.15 a.m.	D Lewis, M Richardson

## Next week's ministries for 28/29 August

<b>Communion</b>	9.15 a.m.	S Jones
	11.15 a.m.	J Tucker
<b>Readers</b>	5.00 p.m.	A Southeran, E Watson
	9.15 a.m.	J Fogut, S Farragher
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock, J McNally