



St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
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July 2, 2023

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For, she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. *(HEBREWS 11:31)*

READINGS

1st Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

2nd Reading Rom Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL Mt 10:37-42

Introduction: The common theme of today's readings is the work God gives us to do as the followers of Jesus: to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment, and charity. They also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to him.

Scripture readings summarized: In our first reading, we see, in Elisha's welcome by a childless woman and her husband who lived in Shunem, a radical illustration of all four works. The woman recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality by inviting him to dine with her and her husband and by setting aside and furnishing an upper room of her house for the prophet to occupy whenever he should come to town. In grateful response, Elisha promised her, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." **The promise was fulfilled by God Who reminds us in the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 89) "My mercy**

[kindness] is established forever,” for He always keeps His promises; to this the Psalmist refers as he sings, “*The promises of the Lord I will sing forever, / through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.*” The second reading, taken from Paul’s letter to the Romans, reminds the Roman Christians, and us, that by Baptism we have been baptized into Jesus’ death, buried with him, and now look forward to resurrection with him (Rom 6:5). As Jesus died to sin, we, too, must be dead to sin and “live for God in Christ Jesus.” Since Baptism is our entrée into this new life in which we are made part of the Body of Christ, so Christ is truly present in us, the one who welcomes us welcomes Christ and becomes eligible for a reward. Thus, since those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward.

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great “missionary discourse” in which he instructs his twelve disciples on the cost and the reward of the commitment required for being a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of the disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others toward the disciples. Even Jesus’ shameful death on the cross is not too high a price to pay if one is to be a true disciple because the reward is so great. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. So, too, those who help the "little ones" (messengers) will be amply rewarded. Jesus ate with sinners throughout His earthly ministry.

He received children gladly. He taught us to invite the lowly to parties and to welcome strangers. He prepared breakfast for His wayward disciples, including Judas who had betrayed Him. Jesus ate with the Emmaus disciples after His resurrection. Before His departure, Jesus said He was going to "prepare a place" for His people. Jesus also instituted the Lord's Supper or the Eucharistic celebration, giving new meaning to the Passover meal, and told us that He will drink it again with us when "the kingdom of God comes."

**HAVE YOUR SAY! MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
LIFE COMMISSION SURVEY**

The Marriage and Family Life Commission are in the process of planning their next diocesan events, courses and activities; many of which are FREE for families to attend. However, *we need your help!* In order for us to meet the current needs of our families and to be effective in our work, we would be very grateful if **all parents and carers of 0-25 year olds** could take a few minutes to complete our short survey to find out how we can best serve our local families going forward. The survey is anonymous and can be accessed

via <https://forms.gle/Ug7ikfSNYQf4XLBa7>

or from our Facebook Page at ‘Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Wrexham’

at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087071533098>.

Please submit your response by 31st July 2023.

For any questions about the survey, or if you would like to give further feedback, please contact Jeanie Larkin at mfl@rcdwxm.org.uk, or telephone 07542 268728.

Second Collections

There will be a second collection during the Masses of this weekend (July 1, 2) for Peter’s pence.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. Your generous donations will be highly appreciated

JUNE 24/25 COLLECTIONS

Loose cash	150.60
Gift Aid	85.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>235.60</u>

MASS INTENTIONS July 1-7

Date	Offered by	Intentions
01/07/23-		For the Parishioners
02/07/23	Margaret McDonagh	For the souls in purgatory
03/07/23	Casey	Cilris Casey
04/07/23	Bridget Doren	Healing
05/07/23	Gerardine Collins	Kieran and wife
06/07/23	Bridget Doven	PJ Dovan Hannahan
07/07/23	Jessica Miraanda	Pearson Miranda and Family

Please Pray for our Sick

Ann Parry, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,
Phillip Mc Greavy, Anthony Parry

ANNIVERSARIES (July-1-7)

Fr. Thomas Williams, Angela Hughs '02: Mary Mills, James Francis Waters. 2021, Roy David Davies, 2020, Mary Williams '76.: Maurice John Wright, 2022, Chris Hall '14, Heather Angel Thompson Guest, '05. Winifrid Keene: Eileen McInnally '85: Barry Sandham '90: Peter Jelley:, Teresa Jones '01

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday
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