



**St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
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**July 9, 2023**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Though young men faint and grow weary, and youths stagger and fall, They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles’ wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint”.

**(ISAIAH 40: 30-31)**

**READINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**                      **Zec 9:9-10**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Rom**            **Rom 8:9, 11-13**

**GOSPEL**                              **Mt 11:25-30**

**Introduction:** During the U. S. Independence Day celebrations yesterday, Americans probably heard all or part of Emma Lazarus’ poem inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty: “*Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me.*” (<https://youtu.be/rsRemx7ANg4>) Today’s readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: “*Take my yoke . . . and you will find rest.*” ( A homily starter anecdote may be added)

**Scripture lessons summarized:** ***In the first reading,*** the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a “meek” Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. ***The Responsorial Psalm*** (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who “*raises up those who are bowed down*” under heavy yokes. ***In the second reading,*** Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes,

namely, the “flesh” and the “Spirit,” and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the “Spirit” as opposed to the “flesh.” **In the Gospel**, Jesus offers rest to those “*who labor and are burdened*” if they will accept his “*easy yoke and light burden.*” By declaring that his “*yoke is light,*” Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus’ claim is: “*My burden is light.*” Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

### **"Why me?"**

When we are tested with trials and overburdened with pain and suffering, we ask God, “Why me?” And we fail to count the innumerable blessings that we have received. Arthur Robert Ashe Jr. ((pronounced Ash)) was an American professional tennis player. He is considered the best African- American male tennis player of all time. He won three Grand Slam titles. Ashe was the first black player selected to the United States David Cup team and the only black man ever to win the singles title at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, and the Australian Open. Arthur Ashe was dying of AIDS which he got due to infected blood received during a heart surgery in 1983.

From the world over, he received letters from his fans. One of them conveyed: “Why does God have to select you for such a bad disease?”. To this Arthur Ashe replied: “The world over—50 million children start learning tennis. 5 million of them learn to play tennis, 500,000 learn professional tennis, 50,000 come to the circuit, 5000 reach the grand slam, 50 reach the Wimbledon, 4 to semi-finals, 2 to finals. When I was the one holding the cup, I never asked God ‘Why me?’ And today in pain, I should not be asking GOD, ‘Why me?’”

## **PARISH ACCOUNT-MAY 2022-MARCH 2023**

### **Income**

Sunday Collections	18021.00
Legacy	2000.00
Other Income	3195.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>23216.00</b>

### **Expenditure**

Diocesan Levy	3888.00
Second collection paid	1081.00
Insurance	5998.00
Light and Heat	6389.00
Alter costs	606.00
Office Costs	2765.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>20727.00</b>

**Surplus** **2489.00**

**Payment due-** Salary to the priests- 9633.00

Thanks to all the parishioners who generously contributed through your sacrificial offerings

### **BANK DETAILS OF THE PRISH**

Ac/ Name: Wrexham Diocesan Trust

Ac/ Number: 08190771

Sort Code: 55-81-42

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, four children will receive the First Holy Communion during the 10.00 am Mass

- 1) Noa Edwards
- 2) Maxie khloe Dela Cruz
- 3) Piotr Byzdra
- 4) Violet Elizabeth Doherty

## **Donation of Flowers for the Church**

Decorating the church with flowers is an honour given to God. Those who would like to donate flowers please contact Angela Taylor

## **Second collection**

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea. Please be generous

## **JULY 1/2 COLLECTIONS**

<b>Loose cash</b>	<b>134.40</b>
<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>135.00</b>
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>269.40</u></b>
<b><u>Second Collection</u></b>	<b><u>95.70</u></b>

### **Please Pray for our Sick**

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

### **ANNIVERSARIES (July-8-14)**

Delia Reilley, Emile Moore, '13., John Rogers: Monica O'Grady: Tom Rowlands: Francis Parfitt:, Marjorie Bonner, Kathleen Ann Benson, 2020, Peter Grady '14, Fr. Alexander Burgess '75: Alice Schwarz '80:, Mary Evens '79:, Sr. Bernadette: William Davies: Winifred Sumner '83:

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday**  
**ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277**

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