



St. David's Parish
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,
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JUNE 9, 2024

10TH SUNDAY

Mass Timings

Saturday Vigil Mass **4.00 Pm**
Sunday Mass **10.00am**
Weekdays **9.00 am In Denbigh House**

READINGS

First Reading: **Genesis 3:9-15**
Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**
Gospel: **Mark 3:20-35**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

The First Reading is from the Book of Genesis (3:9-15) gives two immediate but lasting consequences of the First sin of the First Parents: 1) breaking of relationship with God and 2) Breaking family relationship. Adam and Eve had intimate relationship with God and between themselves. But after the sin they tried to hide themselves from God and gives the excuse of the feeling ashamed of their nakedness. Feeling ashamed of their nakedness is a symbolic way of saying that their freed of love is lost. The sign of loss of intimacy is seen in their mutual accusation and not taking responsibility for the mistakes. Mutual accusation is the sign of breaking of relationship. But God of mercy promises that one offspring of the woman will crush the head of Satan and that was fulfilled in Jesus.

In Second Reading (2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1) St. Paul expresses his hope in the eternal life. After giving a brief description of the afflictions the apostles are enduring for the Gospel he says all these are passing and the reward awaiting them is eternal. They suffer for

the sake of the faithful that they may be saved. God the Father who raised Jesus up will raise them also to the eternal life. This give hope to all Christians who suffer afflictions in this world.

Today's Gospel Passage (Mark 3:20-35) can be divided to three parts- 1) reaction of the family of Jesus to his ministry of healing and exorcism. 2) Misinterpretation of Jesus ministry by the Scribes and Jesus refuting his stand. 3) Response of Jesus when he was told of the visit of his mother and brothers.

The relatives of Jesus failed to accept Jesus as the Messiah and the growing number of people who came to see Jesus and get healed disturbed the family, and they wanted to dissuade him from continuing the ministry.

The Scribes misinterpreted exorcism and healing ministry of Jesus as works of the Satan. Jesus warns them that attributing that which is coming from the Holy Spirit to Satan is a sin against the Holy Spirit which will never be forgiven. Those who willfully deny the works of the Holy Spirit will not be able to repent and receive the mercy of God which leads to forgiveness. Jesus claims that he is using the power of his Heavenly Father to evict devils just as a strong man guards a house and its possessions from the thief. "The exorcisms of Jesus are the plundering of Satan's house and the binding of the power of evil. Further, "Satan is the strong man who has now been bound and his property is being plundered, i.e., by Jesus. The image derives from Jewish eschatology: the binding of Satan is a feature of the eschatological end-time. The claim being made here is then that the end time has arrived: Jesus' exorcisms are not just everyday events, but the final overthrow of the power of Satan."

Jesus used the visit of his mother and brothers as an occasion to teach the crowd a new lesson about relationships. Jesus has changed the order of relationships and shows us here that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. God's gracious gift to us is His adoption of us as His sons and daughters. This gift enables us to recognize all those who belong to Christ as our brothers and sisters.

Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God and His kingdom. “Everyone who does the will of the Father,” that is, who obeys Him, is a brother or sister of Christ, because he is like Him who fulfilled the will of His Father. But he who not only obeys but converts others, begets Christ in them, and thus becomes like the Mother of Christ”

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- JUNE 2, 2024

Loose cash	£114.26
Gift Aid	£100
Total	£214.26

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday.
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME CALL 0741-749-4277

Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer
 Philip McGreevy, Antony Parry

The Café remains open on Saturdays and Sundays.
 The parishioners are welcome to have refreshments after the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	OFFERED BY	INTENTION
June 8, Saturday		For the Parishioners
June 9, Sunday	Saddie Mendes	For Annora’s healing
June 10, Monday	Savio Miranda	Good health for family
June 11, Tuesday	Feliston and Paula	Wedding Anniversary
June 12, Wednesday	Joan Okmira	Agatha and children
June 13, Thursday	Gerard Rhodes	Harry Bell
June 14, Friday	Armanda Mendez	For son and daughter

ANNIVERSARIES

Harry Bell, Marjorie Braddy
Let their souls rest in peace.

PARISH MEAL

Parish is a Micro-Church and is a family. To enhance family relationship and solidarity a Parish Meal is scheduled for 20th June, Thursday, 2024. The programme will start at 6.00 pm with a short prayer service in the Retreat Hall followed by meals in the Retreat Centre Refectory. Invitation cards will be distributed after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays

NEW LECTIONARY SPONSORS

The Liturgical Committee has prepared a new Lectionary in four volumes for the use in the Liturgy. The Pre-publication price is £695.00 (£174.00 each). If anybody would like to sponsor any one volume or the whole set it will be highly appreciated. The name of the sponsor will be written in the Lectionary.

COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES APPAEL

A member of Columban Missionaries will come to speak during the Masses of the coming weekend to solicit funds for their missionary activities. A second collection will be taken for the support of the Mission. Please be generous.

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