



St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
Holywell. CH8 8PE



**JULY 7th, 2024**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**

**Mass Timings**

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

**READINGS**

**Sunday Mass**

**First Reading:**                      **Ezekiel 2:2-5**  
**Second Reading:**                  **Cor 12:7-10**  
**Gospel:**                                  **Mark 6:1-6**

The **First Reading** from the *Book of Ezekiel 2:2-5* treats of Ezekiel's appointment as prophet among the exiles in Babylon. God warns him that his mission is going to be tough, because of the nature of the people to whom he is going to be sent. The prophet has to be faithful to proclaim the Word irrespective of the stubbornness of the people.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10*. St Paul feels forced to prove that he was a true Apostle — who suffered much for Christ and his Gospel and who also had been given the privilege of special visions and revelations. He goes on to describe some weakness he had which troubled him very much. He concludes that he is content with weakness and sufferings because the power and strength of Christ, working through a weak instrument, will be more visible and convincing.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Mark 6:1-6*. It presents the rejection faced by Jesus in his own hometown Nazareth. The very people who were amazed at the wisdom in teaching and acts miracles by Jesus later

turned against him and rejected him out of jealousy. What happened in Nazareth was a foretaste of the later reaction of the scribes and Pharisees, the leaders of the people, to Christ's claim to be the promised Messiah. What the people of Nazareth tried to do (Lk. 4:29-30), the religious authorities in Jerusalem succeeded in doing, because they were able to threaten the Roman governor with blackmail. Even in their wickedness and unknown to themselves, they were putting into action God's plan for mankind. It was necessary that Christ should die so that all men could live forever with God. Christ's death, followed by his resurrection, was the key that opened the door of eternity for humanity.

Unfortunately for the leaders of the Jews, the good end did not justify the evil intentions and evil means which they used. It is hard to understand the irrational opposition of the Nazarites on this occasion, and of the Pharisees of Jerusalem later. The people of Nazareth had heard nothing but marvellous reports of his wonderful preaching and outstanding miracles. One would therefore expect that if they were at all reasonable, they would rejoice on having one of their fellow-citizens admired by thousands and looked upon by so many as the long-promised Messiah. Instead, they turned against him in bitter hatred and there and then decided to put an end to his career (Lk. 4:29). Why? Because the demon of envy, a daughter of pride, laid hold of their hearts and minds. Why should a neighbour's son, and one of a lower status than many of them—a mere carpenter, be given this privilege while their sons were passed over? This could not be, their envy told them, and so they shut their minds against any proof to the contrary.

Would that all the opposition to Christ and his teaching, caused by human pride and envy, had ended with the Nazarites and Pharisees! Far from it. Pride and envy are still rife among us. All through the twenty centuries of Christianity, there have been proud men, men high in their own esteem. Not only would they not have Christ to reign over them, but they have tried to prevent his reign over even those who are gladly and proudly his subjects. Not content with dethroning Christ in their own hearts and minds, they have devoted all their energies to abolish him and his Church from the face of the

earth. Such enemies of Christ are still among us. They are more numerous than ever today but just as their predecessors failed in the past, so will these fail today. Christ will continue to reign, and his Church will continue its mission of leading to heaven all men whose minds are free from sinful pride and therefore open to the truth. Let us renew our loyalty to Christ today.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- JUNE 30, 2024**

Loose cash                    £ 128.00  
 Gift Aid                        £ 145.000  
**Total                            £ 273.00**

**Peters Pence                £81.46**

**Candles.                    £ 221.24**

**Columbian Mission Appeal 244.00**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION at 11.30 am on saturday**  
**ON EMERGENCY please call 0741-749-4277**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
July 6th, Saturday	Praveen	R.B.Sequeira RIP
July 7th, Sunday		For the parishoners
July 8, Monday	Angela Terry	Healing of Brain tumor
July 9, Tuesday	Priyamol waley	For the departed soul
July 10 Wednesday	Norman Benson	Kathy Benson RIP
July 11, Thursday	Ward Family	For financial blessing
July 12, Friday	Bridgetine sisters	For good health of sisters

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

## **CONDOLENCES**

We express our heartfelt condolence on the demise of Nicholas Kenelm Pritchard aged 83 years at Denbigh Infirmary on July 1st 2024. Let us pray for the repose of the soul and consolation of the bereaved family, especially Julie Pritchard, his wife

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Teresa Jones, Delia Reilly, Emile Moore, John Rogers, Monica Grady, Tom Rowlands, Francis Parfit, Marjorie Bonner, Kathleen Ann Benson, Peter Grady, Fr. Alexander Burgess, Alice Schwarz, Winifrid Keene, Eileen Mcinnally, Barry Sandham, Peter Jelley

**Let their souls rest in peace**

### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP CONCERT**

St. David's Parish, Pantasaph invites all to the Praise and Worship Concert which will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. 2024, Saturday at 5.15 pm in the Parish Church. Featuring Fr. Francis Maple OFM Cap, Ursula Krukowska-Byzadra, Richard Oats, and Brendan Fernandes. Free entry with retiring collection for parish church renovation. A light complementary refreshment will be served after the concert

## **DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

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