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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A]

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This Sunday is a Day for Life. It couldn't have fallen at a more opportune moment. The world has witnessed a string of air disasters at least some of which are the result of evil actions. Last weekend Christians and others of good will defended the elderly and the terminally ill – some of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters – from a proposal which would mean that doctors would be allowed to “help” them commit suicide. In the Day for Life leaflet you will receive at the end of Mass, is the story of Donal Walsh, a terminally ill teenager to inspire us all in this battle.

Abroad we are bewildered by news of conflict in so many places conducted with such ferocity, much of it directed against Christians. One example. Over the last week more than 1,500 people fled Mosul city, northern Iraq (the ancient city of Nineveh). The “Islamic state”, (formerly ISIS), issued an ultimatum calling on Christians and other “polytheists” to convert to Islam. The Islamic State, which governs a large swathe of land straddling northern Iraq and Syria, warned Christians and others that “if they refuse, there is nothing for them but the sword”. The National Director of ACN said: “...Christians flee terror into exile from their ancient homelands where for centuries they have built understanding and trust between different communities. ... Like Biblical times, we cry with them 'by the waters of Babylon' in tears and prayers.” For the first time in 1,600 years no Sunday Mass was celebrated in Mosul last week. Crosses, statues and other Christian symbols have been removed from the top of church buildings. A 1,800-year old Syriac Catholic Church was reportedly desecrated and burnt to the ground. Christians' homes have been labelled with the Arabic letter for 'N', referring to 'Nazarenes', an Islamic term for Christians. The ancient monastery of Mar Behnam, outside Mosul, has been stormed.

What can we do? Certainly support good Catholic aid agencies. Raise awareness of the plight of our co-religionists among our friends and family. Above all, pray! Why not use this prayer, popular in the 1960s, in your family today:

“Almighty, everlasting God, look with compassion on all those who suffer persecution for justice' sake. Grant them grace to carry their cross with patience in the name of Thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let the chalice pass from them if such be Thy holy Will: yet, in all things, may Thy Will be done. Grant to those who persecute them light to see the truth, and the grace of mercy and forgiveness, for they know not what they do. Mary, Mother of Jesus, Comfort of the Afflicted, help thy children in their time of bitter trial. O Lord our God, by the sign of Thy Holy Cross deliver us from our enemies. Amen.”

Fr Neil Brett

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 7:45pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Val Crane, Pauline Critchley, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Irma Knowles, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Jean Mansell, Cara Maude, Colleen Mercedes, Byron Miller, Margaret Norman, Anne Renwick, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Catherine Spicer, Angela Udall, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorcey Young.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 29th and Friday October 3rd in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray from the repose of the soul of Victoria McLellan. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. Victoria's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 28th July at 10:30am.

FILIPINO MASS: There will be **no Filipino Mass** this Sunday 27th July.

DAY FOR LIFE: Please do take a leaflet this weekend and say the prayer provided.

ASSISTED DYING: The noble lords decided not to take a vote at the end of the debate last Friday. There were enough spirited and cogent speeches against this measure to give the Government pause for thought. There were about 50 people outside protesting against the Bill in the blazing heat and Members made reference to them in their speeches. Please continue to pray for the protection of life from conception to natural death.

SECOND COLLECTION: This Sunday 27th July – there will be the annual Day for

Life collection. On Sunday 3rd August there will be a collection for the White Fathers.

WHITE FATHER'S APPEAL: Next weekend the 2nd / 3rd August we welcome Fr Joseph Cummins of the Missionaries of Africa (The White Fathers) to our parish. He will be saying all the Masses for us at Priory St on the Sunday and will make an appeal on behalf of the White Father's. They are an international team of priests, brothers and lay associates from Africa, Britain and many countries around the world. Any ministry which has a real relationship with Africa, no matter in what part of the world it may be, is considered by the Missionaries of Africa to be within the scope of the apostolate. Through parish work, building up small Christian communities, working with the media, involvement in justice and peace, agriculture, seminary training, education and social welfare; the Missionaries of Africa aim to work in partnership with the Church in Africa and above all else, to help build up the leadership of the Churches.

THANK YOU: To Fr Pat for his work here these past weeks. He has certainly brought good weather with him! A number of you have fond memories of him from his time here as a Curate. One parishioner discovered that he had Baptised her! We wish him a safe journey back to Tipperary on Tuesday.

PRAYING FOR IRAQ: Friday 1st August 5:30pm. Nineveh, better known today as Mosul, is witness to an exodus of Christians and the violence against them intensifies. This week the tomb of St Jonah the Prophet, famous in the Old Testament for his conversion of the people of Nineveh, was destroyed. May another Jonah rise up to bring this country to repentance! We will meet at 5:30 for the rosary. At 6pm there will be Vespers but no evening Mass to follow.

EVANGELIUM CONFERENCE: next weekend. For 18-35 yr olds, it starts on Friday 1st August with registration in the afternoon. Great speakers and preachers include: Bishop Philip Egan, Lynette Burrows, Dr. William Newton, Fr. Armand de Malleray. Wonderful setting outside Reading and excellent company. Google to register, or contact Fr. Neil for further information.

THE GREAT WAR: Monday August 4th starting at 5:30pm. It was on this day 100 years ago that Great Britain declared war. We will say Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm followed by Mass for the dead at 6:30. After Mass there will be Exposition with Benediction at 7:30pm. There will be no Mass at 7:30am that morning.

MERSEA NEWS: The August coffee morning will be hosted by Bernadette Ebling on Tuesday August 12th at 3 Firs Road. Come along and enjoy it with friends.

PARISH FAMILY BBQ: Saturday August 16th 3 – 5pm in the church garden. Adults £6, Children (5 to 12 yrs) £3. Play area for children available. Good food. Live entertainment, Raffle. Please contact Nora: 503410 or Frances: 369568.

SOUP RUN: Two volunteers are needed to cover from 20th August – 20th September. Must be car owner – all equipment provided. Please contact Armando T: 854 921

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 31st July – Team 5

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Saturday July 26th 6:15 pm Anna Norfolk RIP [R&AK]
Sunday July 27th 8:00 am John Egan RIP

10:30 am Joan Norman RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Geoffrey New RIP
8:30 am Parishioners
9:15 am Mrs Anna Mele RIP
10:15 am Ints: Brown Family [CB]

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Monday 28th

Feria

Church 7:30 am Private Intention [MW]

Church 9:15 am Phyllis, Cora, Deirdre and Ann RIP

Church 10:30 am **REQUIEM MASS – Victoria McLellan RIP**

Tuesday 29th

St Martha

Church 9:15 am Phil Treby RIP

Wednesday 30th

Feria

Church 7:30 am Vivienne Andrews RIP [ER]

Church 12:15 pm Phyllis Joseph RIP

Thursday 31st

St Ignatius Loyola, Pr

Church 9:15 am Fr Paul Thompson RIP

Friday 1st

St Alphonsus Liguori, Bp, D

Church 9:15 am D/Rels: Herbert / Richards Families

Saturday 2nd

Feria

Church 9:15 am Howard Ashcroft RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [A] – 3rd August

Saturday August 2nd

6:15 pm Xavier Swampillai &
Mare Basdiambillai RIP

Sunday August 3rd

8:00 am Mary Maloney RIP
10:30 am Anna Norfolk RIP [GM]

2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**

6:30 pm Roger Thurlow RIP [TW]

8:30 am Matt, Eddie & Pat Hogan RIP

9:15 am Parishioners

10:15 am Ints: Catherine Spicer

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm*
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*

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