



ST JOSEPH'S NEWSLETTER

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Duccio di Buoninsegna - Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles 1308-11

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

As we honour our fathers today we hear Jesus reassure his disciples by reminding them of the tender care of his heavenly Father. Our heavenly Father watches over us assiduously, faithfully, lovingly; every hair on our heads is accounted for. Let us recall all the times our own fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and father figures—living and deceased—made us feel safe and secure with their vigilant care.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please pray for those who are sick at home or in hospital – Helen Clark, Anya Behl, Bruce Blaney, June Christison, May Cosgrove, Elinor and James Crighton, Fletcher Ditchburn, Paul Drummond, Alison Dunn, Elizabeth Forbes, Shannon Fox, Morrice Hendry, Derek Henry, Tracey Hepburn, Sandy Hill, Beth James, Sandy Kutcha, David Loudon, Jean Low, Brian Low, Bob Low (Jnr), Rene MacPherson, Mgr Ken McBride, Shelia McCallum, Norma McKinnie, Christine Murray, Marjory Robson, Jeff Sanderson, Margaret Traynor, Ledice da Cruz Welsh and Joseph White and all those who are sick in our Parish and beyond: **in the midst of sickness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul.**

Please pray for those who have died and gone before us in faith – for the souls of Monsignor Joseph Holder, Mary Flynn and Angus MacPherson whose anniversaries occur around this time: **that Christ may welcome them into the eternal light and joy of God's presence.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Especially remember to include Helen Clark in your prayers as presently she is gravely ill in hospital. Also remember her husband Arthur and their loving family at this worrying time.

12th WEEK OF THE YEAR

Monday 22nd June

Memorial of St Paulinus of Nola

St Paulinus of Nola, Bishop. Baptised after the death of his son, this imperial administrator gave away his wealth, was ordained and after the death of his wife became Bishop of Nola, near Naples. He died 22 June in the year 431.

Memorial of St Thomas More and St John Fisher

St John Fisher, Bishop and **St Thomas More**, Martyrs. John was Bishop of Rochester and Thomas was Lord Chancellor of England. Both were executed in 1535 for refusing to acknowledge Henry VIII as head of the Church of England.

Wednesday 24th June

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

St John the Baptist, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, lived in the desert where he led a life of austerity and penance, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; like the new Elijah, humble and strong, he prepared his people to receive the Lord. Jesus said of him: 'of all children born to women, there is no one greater than John'.

Thursday 25th June

Memorial of St Luan

St Luan (Moluag) was a monk of Bangor in Ireland and a contemporary of St Columba. He preached to the Picts on Lismore and in Ross-shire and was venerated as the Patron Saint of Argyll. He built many churches, which he dedicated to Our Lady; St Bernard attests to his being the founder of no less than one hundred monasteries. St Luan died in 592.

Saturday 27th June

Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria

St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, was born in Egypt in 370 AD and died there on this day in 444 AD. Monk, priest, then Bishop of Alexandria, he took the lead at the council of Ephesus in defending orthodox Christianity against heresy.

RADICALLY AND BASICALLY
ALL SIN IS SIMPLY INGRATITUDE

SAINTLY THOUGHTS

If something uncharitable is said in your presence, either speak in favour of the absent, or withdraw, or if possible stop the conversation.
St John Vianney

MINUTE MEDITATION

Anger, resentment, jealousy, desire for revenge, lust, greed, antagonisms, and rivalries are the obvious signs that I have left home. And that happens quite easily. When I pay careful attention to what goes on in my mind from moment to moment, I come to the disconcerting discovery that there are very few moments during the day when I am really free from these dark emotions, passions and feelings. Constantly falling back into an old trap, before I am even fully aware of it, I find myself wondering why someone hurt me, rejected me, or didn't pay attention to me. Without realizing it, I find myself brooding about someone else's success, my own loneliness, and the way the world abuses me. And in so doing I move far away from my father's home and choose to dwell in a "distant country." *Henri Nouwen*