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13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2023 Psalter Week 1 Cycle A		
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 02 July</b>	8.30 am	Mary, Felix & Vincent Edwardson RIP
	10.30 am	Geraldine McNally RIP
Wednesday	10.00 am	Dec'd of Noone & Byrne Fmlys
Friday	10.00 am	Kit King RIP

**FEAST DAYS: 2<sup>ND</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Monday: St Thomas, Apostle

**ANNIVERSARIES: 2<sup>ND</sup>- 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Don Kelly, George Burke, Dorothy Riggs, John McAteer, Ernest Gould, Patrick Hall

**COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS**

Parish Funds: Pat Russell and Ann Hannan

14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2023 Psalter Week 2 Cycle A		
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	Mary Hughes RIP
<b>Sunday 09 July</b>	8.30 am	Michael Diemer RIP
	10.30 am	All Parishioners
Wednesday	10.00 am	Tony Mason RIP
Friday	10.00 am	Wellbeing Neville & John Cossou
Saturday (Vigil)	6.00 pm	All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 16 July</b>	8.30 am	Eilish Brennan RIP
	10.30 am	Michael Flaherty RIP

**FEAST DAYS: 9<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Tuesday: St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

Saturday: St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

**ANNIVERSARIES: 9<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Michael Diemer, Mary Brooks, Michael Flaherty, Maud Copley.

**COFFEE AFTER 10.30AM MASS:**

Rainbows

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**Saturday, 10.30 am – 11.00 am or by appointment**

**RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING:** Please pray for: Steve Kamm, Chris Williamson, Jocelyn Bowen, Joseph Ewing, Maritina Savage, Mel Alvarez, John Stratford, Shona Dane, Teresa Jones, Jean Marshall.

**DEATHS:** Please remember Mary Frost who died recently. Our sympathy to Tina and Jerome – her children.

**GROWING TOWARDS JESUS** Certificates for those children who completed the programme recently will be available at all Masses this Sunday 1st/2nd July.

**SUMMER FAIR :** **Our first since 2019.** Many thanks to all who helped and contributed. A special thanks to Lesley and Ann for co-ordinating the occasion. The net profit is £2,594.70 plus £600 donation – for which we are very grateful. This gives us a grand total of £3,194.70.

A list of prize-winners is in the narthex. Thank you to Robert, Helen and Jane for dealing with the finances and banking.

**PARISH QUIZ NIGHT -9<sup>TH</sup> JULY:** Due to a hall double booking, we have moved the next Parish Quiz to Sunday 9th July (a day later than previously advertised). **The hall doors will be open at 5.30pm, ready to start at 6pm.** Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to come along for another fun and sociable evening. Bring your own drinks and entrance is just £1 per person. Any queries, please ask the Hannans or phone Robin (our quiz master) on 07810 647733.

**JUNE 200 CLUB WINNERS:** Anne-Marie Van Loon No.214 £30 Alfred Street No.104 £20 Congratulations!

**St Clement's School Summer Fair:** **Saturday 8th July, 12-3pm.** Please join us for food, drink, stalls, games, raffle, performances and lots more fun with a Summer Holiday theme.....best of all its free admission!

**CATECHISTS:** Day at Worth School, Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

This early notice will enable you to plan with your fellow catechists for this engaging and inspiring event. You can view information and book at: [Catechists' Day \(23-Sep-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Also, if you are currently, or interested in, using Sycamore as a tool in your catechesis, you may like to tune in to a webinar in July with folk from Sycamore: More information and booking at: [Sycamore Webinar \(04-Jul-2023\) · ChurchSuite Events](#).

**THOUGHT & REFLECTION:** "If we feel we are beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, as indeed we are, how can we fail to be happy all the time?"  
*St Josemaria Escriva*

Margaret's book, *Motherhood and God*, was rejected by several publishers, but eventually Geoffrey Chapman brought it out, and it was a huge success. As her Amazon review says: "She writes about the pain, humour and overwhelming joy familiar to any mother who brings three children into the world, but she goes beyond her personal story to theological insight into a God who is not only our father but our mother too."



## WIDOWHOOD

Peter died when Margaret was still in her forties. "I was young, and I made a decision to have a positive widowhood. I thought it would be good for me to live abroad again." When her youngest child reached eighteen she went to Latin America: she had become very interested in basic ecclesial communities. Eventually she found a village, Santa Maria de Fe near the city of San Ignacio in Paraguay, where she knew she could live out her Christian vocation, be happy and help others. She was asked to teach English, and she went on to found a charity, the Santa Maria Education Fund, and worked with a Jesuit college of tertiary education to provide free, vocational training to young people who needed to learn skills so they could find employment. Everything she did in Santa Maria, she says, was a response to what its inhabitants requested.

Now seventy-one, Margaret is back in Oxford, and though she will continue to travel to Paraguay, she's planning to spend more time in the UK. She now has three young grandchildren – "they're the delight of my life" – and she's looking forward to what the next chapter of her eventful life will bring.

## Mass text

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**All peoples, clap your hands.  
Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

### FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

### PSALM Psalm 88

**RESPONSE I will sing for ever of your love,  
O Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim  
your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the  
heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their  
bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of  
their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of  
Israel. **R.**

### SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 10:37-42

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all within me, his holy name.**

**Next Sunday's Readings:**  
Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9. 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

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# SUNDAY BULLETIN



## FINDING HER OWN PATH



Margaret Hebblethwaite could hardly have imagined, when Jesuit teaching first made an impact on her life, how far-reaching Ignatian spirituality would be for her. Raised in a Catholic family in London, she'd become disillusioned with the Church: she thought the nuns who taught at her school were "soppy" and she was agnostic about whether God existed.

What changed everything was when three Jesuits arrived at her convent school to give a retreat. "It knocked me sideways," she says. "There was an amazing session on Ignatian contemplation, and it converted me instantly back to Catholicism. I became

a fervent Catholic from that day on, spending a lot of time in the chapel, praying, and trying to work out my future path."

After a switch of school for A levels, Margaret went to Oxford University to read Classics, quickly realising when she got there that she was on the wrong course – she changed to study Philosophy and Theology. And at university she got to know a Jesuit priest some years older than her: Peter Hebblethwaite, then editor of the Jesuit magazine *The Month*, who had been ordained a decade earlier.

The two fell in love, and Peter left the priesthood. Yes, remembers Margaret, it was shocking to some of the people around them; but Peter had no quarrel with the Jesuits and the pair both remained close to Ignatian spirituality. She never discusses the events around the marriage: it was a personal issue. Peter went on to become a journalist specialising in Vatican affairs, and for a time the Hebblethwaites lived in Rome.

By this point, Margaret had young children; but despite that, she managed to attend lectures at the Gregorian University, broadening her knowledge of theology. Back in Oxford she wrote articles and a book: and then for her second book, she decided to bring two strands of her life together, motherhood and God. "I wrote imagining us human beings in the womb of God, so God was our Mother," she says. "I imagined us drinking milk from the breasts of God. It was all about the motherhood of God, and nothing like it had been done before."

## Great women of contemporary Catholicism



Joanna Moorhead  
on Margaret  
Hebblethwaite.

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women in the Church. Mary fought to force the Church into change when child abuse cast an increasingly dark shadow across the Vatican.

Currently chancellor of Trinity College Dublin, Mary spends a few months of each year in Glasgow, where she is Professor of Children, Law and Religion; her thesis for her doctorate at the Gregorian was on children's rights, and she is committed to moving what she maintains has been an ignored area of canon law into the spotlight. She's currently also working on a document on Pope Francis' Synod on Synodality.

Two and a half years ago, Mary published her own account of her life – *Here's the Story* – which Waterstones described as a "witty, candid and unapologetic" read. In it she recounts stories of meetings with Pope St John Paul II and Queen Elizabeth; the former, she reveals, asked Martin what he felt about his wife being president, and wouldn't he rather it had been him in the role? When Mary pointed out that his response was a touch sexist, the Pope apologised profusely: she has never been afraid to call things out when they need calling out.

Mary has long been a questioning Catholic, a disruptive Catholic, a Catholic for change; but in her heart she's remained a Catholic because she knows the huge amount of good the Church can do and does do, right across the world. It's precisely because it's such a powerful institution that she feels it needs to continue to work on reforming itself: there's a long way still to go, but – now in her seventies – Mary is as energetic as ever for the cause.

## Mass text

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

### FIRST READING Zechariah 9:9-10

### PSALM Psalm 144

**RESPONSE I will bless your name for ever,  
O God my King.**

**Or Alleluia!**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

### SECOND READING Romans 8:9. 11-13

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL Matthew 11:25-30

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Come to me, all who labour and are  
burdened,  
and I will refresh you, says the Lord.**

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11  
Romans 8:18-23  
Matthew 13:1-23

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## THE PRESIDENT CALLING FOR REFORM

Mary McAleese is a force of nature: a world-stage politician who, since she left office after fourteen years as president of Ireland, has devoted herself to encouraging the Catholic Church to reform itself in areas where its behaviour is questionable – including, but certainly not limited to, its attitude to women.

Raised in a working-class Catholic family in Belfast in the fifties and sixties, one of nine children, Mary remembers that the usual pathway for girls like her would be to leave school at fifteen without qualifications, and then go into a low-skilled job. But she shone academically from a young age and from somewhere came the dream that she'd become a lawyer, and work for social justice. One day she told the family priest, explaining that she intended to go to university. He was, she says, very amused: he told her it wouldn't work. She was a female; and who did she know in the law?

The priest's attitude only fired Mary further: after A levels she qualified in law at Queen's University Belfast. In 1975 she became a law professor at Trinity College in Dublin before returning to a chair at Queen's, and then becoming the first Catholic vice-chancellor. She moved into politics as an independent, and was twice elected president of Ireland, serving from 1997 to 2011 on a platform of social equality and building bridges. In 1998, she was instrumental in facilitating the Good Friday Agreement.

A proficient knitter, a mother of three and a grandmother, Mary seems to blend a wholesome home life effortlessly in alongside her role as a globally-respected stateswoman. She and her husband Martin, a dentist and accountant, have been married since 1976.

Her stock-in-trade is straightforward common sense, and both as president and in her life today as an academic and veteran leader, she's never afraid to share her take on justice and fairness. Faith has always been fundamental to her life; after her time as president she moved to Rome to study at the Gregorian University, and qualified as a canon lawyer. Her stance on gay rights – her son Justin came out as gay some years ago, so it's a personal as well as a justice issue for her – has challenged church leaders, as has her vociferous support for a more equal role for

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Joanna Moorhead on  
Mary McAleese.



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