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Sunday 9th July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR SEA SUNDAY 10.00 am: Mass Retiring Collection for Stella Maris
Monday 17th July	Feria No Mass
Tuesday 18th July	Feria 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Wednesday 19th July	Feria No Mass
Thursday 20th July	Feria (St Apollinaris) 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Friday 21st July	Feria (St Lawrence of Brindisis) 8.30 am: Adoration 9.30 am: Mass
Saturday 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene 9.00 am: Rosary 9.30 am: Mass
Sunday 23rd July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR (St Bridget of Sweden) Day of Special Prayer for Europe World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 10.00 am: Mass

Confessions are available before and after Mass, or on request.

Please pray for: Joanne Arundell, Sheila Mary Robinson, Sharon Barwick, Ernie Cooper and Peter Crummay whose anniversaries occur during the coming week.

Notices

Change of Mass Times

There will not be a Mass at St Anthony's on Wednesday 19th July, as there will be a Mass at St Anthony's Primary School at 10.30 am.

Thank you from St Anthony's SVP

On Tuesday members of the SVP will be delivering food hampers to St Anthony's School. These will help two families, who are struggling during these difficult times, over the six week summer holiday period. The SVP would like to thank the parish very much for their support with donations of food. They will not be collecting any items for hampers during the school holidays, but will start again in September in readiness for the October half-term break. Thank you.

History of the Donated Painting of St Anthony

Many parishioners will remember Sister Nora Callaghan, (formerly known as Sister Mary Raymund), who was very active in this parish for many years and who also taught at St Mary's College. Back in the 1960s, Sister Nora also managed to find time to be a regular prison visitor at Hull Prison and here she met a man named Chips Rafton. It was he who painted the image of St Anthony, which he gave to Sister Nora on 6th June 1968, as a token of his gratitude for her friendship. At this time Edith Russell was working at Endsleigh Convent for the Sisters of Mercy, and when she retired Sister Nora gave the painting to her as a 'farewell gift'. Edith Russell was the grandmother of Eileen and John MacKay's sister-in-law, who died in 2017. At some stage the painting had been passed down to her, and when her husband was clearing out some cupboards he found it. Knowing of John and Eileen's connection with the Parish of St Anthony he then donated the painting to them - who became its fourth owners. With the initial connection with Sister Nora and our parish, Eileen and John decided to have the painting framed and they donated it to the Parish of St Anthony and our Lady of Mercy on 25th June 2023, to be placed in a prominent position for all to see.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2023

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage takes place in Walsingham on Sunday 23rd July, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. All are welcome to this celebration of family and faith through the generations. The Bishop of Northampton, David Oakley, will be the principal celebrant.

Visit: catholicgrandparentsassociation.org for more information.

House Visits

Please let Fr Joseph know, if you would like him to visit you.

Hospital Chaplain

If you, or someone you know, is in hospital and would like a visit from the Chaplain, please contact Deacon Bob directly on 470456.

**Prayer for those in Turkey and Syria
affected by earthquakes**

God of Mercy,
we pray for the people of Turkey and Syria
following the recent earthquakes.
We mourn the death and destruction,
and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured,
and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods and homes.
Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.
Grant those affected courage and resilience
as they rebuild their lives and communities.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Inspire us to unite in solidarity,
acting swiftly and generously,
so that help may reach all who need it.
Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.
Amen.

Prayer for those affected by the Pakistan Floods

O Lord, in the goodness of your constant love,
be with the people of Pakistan
as they face devastating floods.

At this time of great loss –
loss of lives, homes and crops –
may we be filled with your compassion
and moved to reach out in love.

As we stand alongside our sisters and brothers, we pray that
they may find consolation in their sorrow,
strength as they seek shelter and safety
and courage to carry on.

Forgive us, O Lord,
for our part in the climate crisis,
and inspire us all to play our part
in protecting the earth, our common home.

So that together we may build a world
that reflects your glory,
where hope drives out despair
and all things are made new.

Prayer for Ukraine

(Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Church)

God of peace,
your prophet Isaiah promised swords
would be turned into ploughshares,
and your Son's mother Mary
proclaimed the mighty would be put down
and the humble exalted.

Visit the people of Ukraine:
deliver them from fear, violence, attack,
injury, destruction and death;
and give them courage, solidarity,
and allies in their hour of vulnerability and sorrow.

Turn the hearts of those bent on war and invasion.
Strengthen the hand of all seeking to halt conflict,
restore order, and pursue justice.

And make this moment of peril an occasion
for your Holy Spirit to show your world the cost of conflict,
and our dependence on one another.

In Christ our Lord who went to his death
because of our hatred,
and rose again
because our hatred is never stronger
than your indomitable love.

Amen.

Prayer sent by Missio