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21st Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A
27th August 2023

CHURCHILL VISITS THE NUNS AND MONTECASSINO STANDS TALL

There are many remarkable things about the history of the Catholic Church.

One of the most remarkable is that the Church not only has survived the unbroken succession of catastrophes since her foundation that have put an end to kingdoms, empires, and even civilisations, but after each one it continues to grow, spread, and shape the course of human history.

Winston Churchill recognised this:

He was not Catholic himself, but soon after the War had ended, he visited a Catholic convent

of cloistered nuns and was deeply moved by his experience.

Before he left, he told the nuns that they and the other convents like theirs were like a "*ring of bright lights on the shores of a black, burnt-out world.*"

The Benedictine monastery of Montecasino is an architectural symbol of this indestructible dynamism of our Church.

In 520AD, fifty-one years after its foundation by St Benedict, it was demolished by the invading Lombard tribes.

But the monks rebuilt it.

In 642 the Saracens captured and devastated the mountaintop monastery.

Again, it rose from the rubble.

In 1343 an earthquake levelled the entire complex of buildings.

A new complex soon emerged from the ruins.

In 1943, American planes unleashed a merciless bombardment on the monastery, mistakenly thinking that it was being used by the German army, and doing more damage than ever before.

But soon after the war, a group of American Catholics built it back up.

This is an image of the Church. You can bomb it, you can burn it, but you cannot bury it.

Built on the solid and indestructible foundation of the papacy, nothing can hold it back from fulfilling its God-given mission.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: DATE FOR THE DIARY
Saturday 23rd September 2023.
Mandatory Safeguarding Training for
All Parishioners who hold or will hold a DBS certificate
issued to parish volunteers.

More details to follow or email safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com

Your Weekly Offering

A huge thank you for all your generosity. But could we ask your help with two things:

1. If you give in cash would you be able to give by either Standing Order or through one of the Card Debit machines. Why? Paying Cash in now is now done through the Post Office Counters for which we are charged by the Bank. The charges are steadily increasing (averaging £120 per month) and we would like to avoid your donation lining the pockets of the International Banking systems and Bankers' profits.
2. If you already give by Standing Order perhaps you could you review your amount and consider whether it is still a reasonable donation for the work of your church. All your donations go to the work and supporting of the Church. Thanks to the NHS and the number of funerals the priests are doing, they are completely self-funded!!

Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card.

Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.

GIFT AID 2022/23

As a result of this year's claims for Our Lady Queen of Peace, we will receive £26934 (£26076 for 2021/22). In addition, we will also receive £2715 for Small Plate collections. The Diocese has provided individual letters for each parishioner who had a current Gift Aid Declaration for the tax year 2022/23. These confirm the amount given together with the amount of tax that we have been able to claim back. The letters also provide information for the ever-increasing number of those who pay tax at the higher rate and can claim additional valuable personal relief through their tax returns. These letters are now available for collection at the back of Annunciation (rear door) or will be posted out to individuals at Holy Family and Holy Spirit.

Please note for Annunciation that the addresses shown may not have been updated from the date the original declaration was signed.

Could we please ask that everyone in the scheme to collect their envelope and check their details. If these are incorrect or there is no envelope or if you are a tax payer and would like to join the scheme then please contact Peter Sharp Tel 01246 569417 or email pete@pasharp.co.uk. To join the scheme, you need to pay by standing order, offertory box (both of which can also be provided upon request) or via the contactless machines in Annunciation.

SUE HANCOCK RIP

Please pray for the soul of Sue Hancock, who, after nobly battling illness for some time, was this past week granted the peace of her eternal rest.
Her funeral Mass will be announced in due course.

RCIA ROMAN CATHOLIC INITIATION OF ADULTS JOURNEY IN FAITH

Registration for the RCIA Program 2023/24 is now open. Those who wish to become Catholics or find out more about their faith. The course will take place in the Catechetics Room in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings 7.00 – 9.00pm
Classes commence on Tuesday 5th September 2023.
Forms are available from the Sacristy.

PAYMENT TERMINAL DISRUPTION

We apologise to those parishioners who make their weekly donation via the contactless payment terminals for the 'technical difficulties' last week.

Parishioners are reminded that if you are unable to make payments via the terminals, you can do so via the parish website, and if using the same payment card Gift-Aid will automatically be applied.

ANSWER MACHINE APOLOGIES

In addition to the payment terminals, the parish's answer machine has also been experiencing difficulties this week and some messages have not shown on the system until some time after their receipt – we apologise for any delay in responding to enquiries.

GREAT NORTH RUN IN SUPPORT OF CAFOD

On 10th September Sheila Nyland will be running the Great North Run and raising funds for CAFOD. We offer Sheila our prayers of support, but equally as important; if you wish to donate, the link to Sheila's Justgiving page is available on both the parish website and Facebook page. Good luck Sheila!

TOILETS

As you may be aware, the refurbished toilets have been reopened for use (**please note that the parish centre refurbishment is still ongoing and parishioners are not to go beyond the toilets**). However, we have already noted that on a few occasions the toilets have been left in an 'inappropriate' state. We kindly ask that any persons using the facilities treat them with the same respect you would your own.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

There will be **no meeting** of the lunch group in August.

The next meeting of the Parish lunch group will be on Tuesday 12th September at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody is welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. See you there!

FR JOSPEH OKEKE SILVER JUBILEE MASS

Fr Joseph, latterly Parish Priest of St Hugh's and St Joseph's, will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday 1st October at 1.00pm in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Stainforth Doncaster DN7 5HF. All are welcome.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 28th August</p> <p>St Augustine, Bishop, doctor of the Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Patrick and Sheila Crean</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 29th August</p> <p>The Passion of St John the Baptist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Des Jenkinson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 30th August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00noon Holy Spirit</p> <p><i>6.00pm - finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Requiem Mass for Edward Marlow</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Confessions</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 31st August</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am Holy Family</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fr Robert Whiteside</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mgr William Steele</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 1st September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mr and Mrs Thomas</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 2nd September</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VIGIL MASSES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">5.00pm Holy Spirit</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">6.30pm Holy Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rosary & Confessions</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Private Intention</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Holy Hour</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parishioners of Holy Family, Past and Present.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 3rd September</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Twenty second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.30am Annunciation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10.00am Annunciation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Souls in Purgatory</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mr And Mrs Augustin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Reed</p>