**WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINATY TIME (A)**

**SUNDAY 9.30am People of Parish**

**5th July 11.30am Marie Francis RIP**

 **6.30pm James and Mary Smith RIP**

**FERIA**

**MONDAY 9.00am Guiseppe Forestiero RIP**

**6th July Church open until 10am for private prayer**

**FERIA**

**TUESDAY 9.00am Bob Hartley RIP**

**7th July Church open until 10am for private prayer**

**FERIA**

**WEDNESDAY 9.00am Ints Dorothy Hartley and Family**

**8th July Church open until 10am for private prayer**

**FERIA**

**THURSDAY 9.00am Holy Souls**

**9th July Church open until 10am for private prayer**

**FERIA**

**FRIDAY 9.00am People of Parish RIP**

**10th July Church open until 10am for private prayer**

**ST. BENEDICT**

**SATURDAY 6.30pm John McCarthy RIP**

**11th July**

**FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**SUNDAY 9.30am Rob Brazier RIP**

**12th July 11.30am Bernie Connolly RIP &**

 **Ints of Sr Marianne Golden JuJubilee of Profession**

 **Live Streamed at** [**http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11**](http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11)

 **6.30pm Patricia Robertson O’Brien RIP**

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***Sort Code: 40-13-22***

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

# 4th / 5th July 2020



**I am gentle and humble of heart**

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**Catechetical Co-ordinator – Michaela Mouquet**

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**Headteacher St. Joseph’s School – Mrs. Sheila Birtles**

**Steward of the Gospel – Anne-Marie Fox**

**Chair of Parish Pastoral Council – Mrs Kate Watson**

**THE ROAD OF LIFE**

At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognised His picture when I saw it, but I really didn’t know Him.

But later when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike and Christ was in the back helping me pedal.

I don’t know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable…it was the shortest distance between two points.

But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts up mountains and through rocky places, and at breakneck speeds, it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, “Pedal!”

I worried and was anxious and asked, “Where are you taking me?” He laughed and didn’t answer and I started to learn to trust.

I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I’d say, “I’m scared”, He’d lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, my Lord’s and mine.

And we were off again. He said, “Give the gifts away; they’re extra baggage, too much weight.” So I did, to the people we met and I found that in giving, I received and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him at first, in control of my life. I thought He’d wreck it, but He knows bike secrets – how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks and fly to shorten scary passages.

And I’m learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places. I’m beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breezes on my face with my delightful constant companion, Christ.

And when I’m sure I just can’t do any more, He just smiles and says, “PEDAL!”.

***God Bless you and yours, Father Pat***

**WELCOME**

**A very warm welcome to everybody as we return to our church after the long absence. Indeed, a lengthy Eucharistic fast. Things will be very different and will continue to be for some time. Please be patient and co-operate with the Stewards. We are all working flat out to ensure the health and safety of those who come to church ~ that is of paramount importance. Gradually, I hope, things will return to normal. Fr. Pat.**

***RIP* - *Please pray for the repose of the soul of:-***

***John Tuohy ~******Cousin of Tina Luckie from our community.***

***Our sympathy and prayers to the family of the deceased. May he rest in peace*.**

**RIP ANNIVERSARIES**

Alfred Groves, Reginald Grimster, Sharon Count, William Donovan, George Stubbs, Patrick Duignan, Anthony Gorzinski, Leonard Chmielewski, Veronica Eifert, John Myers, Thomas Palmer, Annie Murphy, Neil Toye, Raphael Scotland,Lydia Mascaranhas, Bernard Rayment, Paula Preston, Petro Beznosiek, Veronica Foley, Clive Chitty, Mary Wade, Kathleen Gearon, Oonagh Barrow, Mary Broderick, Jack Bellinger, Eileen Brady, John McCarthy, Kathleen Holmes, Sheila Titley, Rob Brazier.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Robert Britt-Hazard, Pat Hetherington, Noreen Cavanagh, Justina Paul, Mary O’Riordan, Anne Silcock, Norma Cohen-Johnson, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly,

Glafira D’Souza, Violet Ruttlidge, Mary P. Sullivan, Bridie Halligan, Gill Poulain and Finbar O’Regan. **[If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office].**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

It is not possible to use the confessional box for this Sacrament. For those who wish to receive the Sacrament, you may see Father Pat in the Presbytery, keeping social distance or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 10am on Saturday. You should be distanced by one metre, wear a mask and sanitise hands. Also wiping the kneeler and chair with disinfectant afterward.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the pupils and staff of Ursuline Academy who have produced protective visors/shields to be used during the Covid-19 pandemic. Many people in the parish are using them and we express our gratitude to the school for this practical gift to the parish and to the Headteacher and Mrs. Finlay.

**BAPTISMS**

We are unable to give a date for the resumption of baptisms but will do so as soon as possible.