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Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145 (146):7-10

R: *My soul, give praise to the Lord.*

MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat 04/09/21	12:30 CTK	23rd Sunday in OT	Kathleen Moran (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM		Jean Brown (Anni.)
Sun 05/09/21	10:00 CTK		Alexander McKenna (Anni.)
	11:30 OLAM†		Joan O'Grady (RIP)
Mon 06/09/21	08:00 Con	Feria in OT – Wk 23	Fr Kevin (RIP)
	09:30 Mon		Grace Deane (RIP)
	12:00 CTK†		Fr. Eamonn Corduff
Tue 07/09/21	09:30 Mon†	Feria in OT – Wk 23	Veronica Finnerty (RIP)
	12:00 CTK		Kevin Sweeney (RIP)
Wed 08/09/21	08:00 Con†	Nativity of Our Lady – Feast	Gill Carter
	09:30 Mon		Josie Deasy (RIP)
Thu 09/09/21	09:30 Mon†	Feria in OT – Wk 23	Gary & Claire O'Brian
	12:00 CTK		Maria Thi Tam Le (RIP)
Fri 10/09/21	09:00 CTK	Feria in OT – Wk 23	PEOPLE OF THE PARISHES
	10:30 Mon		Doreen Davies (RIP)
Sat 11/09/21	10:00 Mon	Feria in OT – Wk 23	Krystyna Mikula-Deegan
	12:30 CTK		Theresa Keogh (RIP)
	18:00 OLAM†		Paddy Whelan (RIP)
Sun 12/09/21	10:00 CTK	24th Sunday in OT	Philip Power (RIP)
	11:30 OLAM		Pauline Hatfield (RIP)

Baptism Booking: Parents who would like to arrange for their children to be baptised are to speak to Fr The-Quang after weekend mass. Please make sure you have your details (names of child and parents plus contact details) on a piece of paper.

Wedding booking: Could those who plan to get married in either the church of Christ the King or of Our Lady of the Assumption please see Fr. The at least a year before the wedding.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ron & Monique Hunt, Jean McCabe, Luke Byrne, Muriel Cowan, Paul Cowan, John & Sandra Mageean, Gerald, Sarah McCallion, Audrey Vickers, John, Sadie Pulido, Sheila Ferns, Mary McGee, Margaret Gasson, Claire & Mark, Mary Ann Gniadkowski, Niamh O' Reilly, Carole Smith, Alan Rowan, Doreen Lakin, Kyle Billing, Jo Teece, Nicola Jones, Deacon Jack, Daniel Kelly, Sean Butler, Sr Marie, Patricia Nash, Victorio Baudo, Vanda Strlikovska-Czeczko, Alberto Bolongaro, Mandy Hawkes, Arjun Paul.

Mass Intention: Please note that the prayer intention for every mass published on the Newsletter is the celebrant's intention. It, however, does not stop attendants coming with their own prayer intentions. All the intentions offered during mass by the celebrant and the congregation are like sunflowers under the sun: they are never too many to get the full benefit of the warm sunshine.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

Lord God, our light and our salvation, we praise you for your gifts of life and faith. We thank you for the desire you have planted in our hearts, our yearning to see your face. Help us to meet you in prayer, to walk in your ways, and to speak to others of our joy and consolation in your presence. Give us the wisdom to appreciate your Son's self-gift in the Eucharist, so that although we cannot now be at mass to receive this gift sacramentally we may still be able to receive him spiritually. Give us faithfulness in this present life so that we may come into full communion with you and with all that belong to you. We make this prayer through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reflection (<https://goodnews.ie/calendar.shtml>)

Jesus restores hearing and speech to the deaf man. He didn't just pat him on the head, as he was asked to do. The poor and the outcasts of society are so used to being patronised that they are often glad even of that. But Jesus restored his hearing, enabling him to know what was going on; and he gave him a voice with which to make himself heard. He brought him from beyond the margins into society. Notice a very human touch: he took the deaf man aside from the crowd (unlike the healing story in tomorrow's reading). Deaf people are easily embarrassed because they know you have to speak louder than usual, and everyone can hear. Then rather than speaking he seemed to act out the healing.

In the gospels, deafness is not only a medical condition; it has overtones of spiritual deafness, being unable to hear God. "You called to me," St Augustine said to God (in his *Confessions*), "you called to me; you cried aloud to me; you broke through my barrier of deafness. You shone upon me; your radiance enveloped me; you put my blindness to flight. You shed your fragrance about me; I drew breath and now I gasp for you. I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me and I burned for your peace." Notice that Augustine used all five senses in that sentence: hearing, sight, smell, taste, touch. All the senses aspire to God, everything in us reaches upwards, our whole being is a longing for God. And conversely, if we were truly seeking God we would be alive in all our senses. Many of us are half dead: sleepy, heedless, habitually bored.... We are called to be fully alive. So restoring the man's hearing has the overtone of making him fully alive to God.

He also restored the man's capacity for speech. The overtone here is the praise of God: the man would now be able to praise God with his voice.

There is a detail here worth noticing in passing: Mark, writing in Greek, nevertheless records the Aramaic word that Jesus used in healing the man (as he did in the case of the healing of a little girl, in 5:41). Aramaic was Jesus' mother tongue. Matthew omits this (and both Matthew and Luke omit the Aramaic words, *talitha kum*, from the healing of the little girl). This omission, the specialists say, was probably due to a fear of superstition: Greek-speaking people might get the impression that there was some occult power in the strange word itself. Magic is never far away from religion, and there is a great need to be careful. In the present age there is sometimes an unhealthy emphasis on miracles, apparitions, messages – even, at one time, moving statues. We are never to forget that religion is not about signs and wonders, but about hearing God's word and living a life that looks towards God. In addition: as we saw in Jesus' treatment of the deaf man, sensitivity and kindness.

Last Week's Collection CtK

Envelopes	£ 171.10
Loose	£ 108.29
St. Orders	£ 206.69
Total	£ 486.08

Last Week's Collection OLAM

Envelopes	£ 85.62
Loose	£ 165.12
St. Orders	£ 33.46
Total	£ 284.20

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Next weekend: Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation

Message from Deacon Jack: On Wednesday I attended a clinic at the Queen Elizabeth hospital. The consultant was very pleased with my blood results and my progress. However, I still don't have an immune system and spent a week in Good Hope at the beginning of August due to an infection. I am being referred to an immunologist to see if they can improve matters.

I have developed cataracts in both eyes due to being treated with steroids and have seen another consultant about dealing with them. I am feeling quite well in myself, but I find that I get tired quickly.

Kathleen and I are very grateful for your support through your continued prayers.

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

People with special needs and learning disabilities can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect. To try and see how we might do better in our deanery, a meeting has been planned for Sat 16th Oct at 3pm, at St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road, B73 5US. The meeting is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in this area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come. It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). If you would like to learn more and maybe take part, please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk or ring 0121 354 1763 .

Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sat 9th Oct – Day for Readers

Sat 6th Nov – Day for Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat 4th Dec – Day for Leaders of Prayer

The days take place at St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US, 10:00am till 4:00pm.

Further details and booking forms are available at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/training-for-ministers