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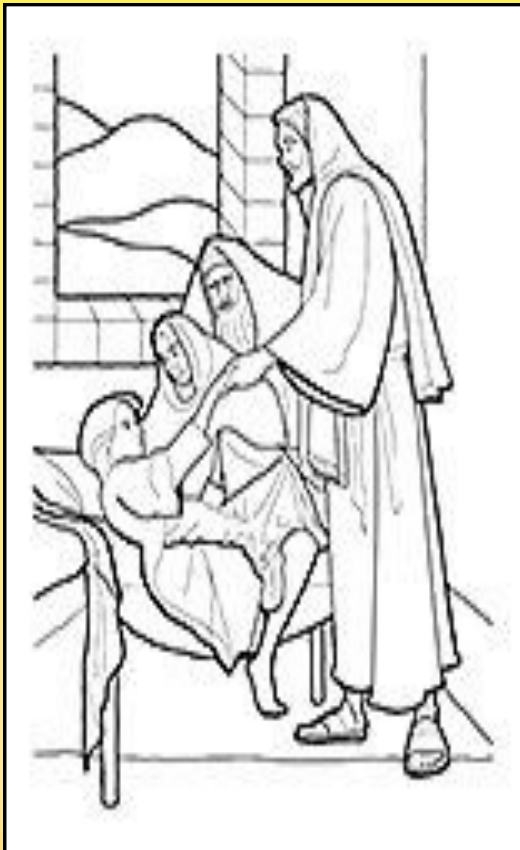
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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year - Year B**27th June 2021**

**Power over sickness
 and death**

**The Gospel tells us that
 Jesus healed people by
 touching them. He
 touched people in
 various ways: with his
 words, with his hands
 and with his love.**

Saturday
26th June
9.30am Mass KO
5.00pm Confession
5.30pm Mass KO
7.00pm Polish Mass PK

Sunday 27th June	9.30am Polish Mass PK 11.30am Mass KO	9.30am Mass SH People of the Parish 5.30pm Mass SH Catherine Mallon	9.30am Mass KO 11.30am Mass PK
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Monday
28th June

Tuesday 29th June	9.30am Mass PK 7.00pm Polish Mass PK	2.00pm Mass KO	9.30am Mass KO
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Wednesday 30th June	9.30am Mass PK		9.30am Mass KO
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Thursday 1st July			9.30am Mass KO
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Friday 2nd July			9.30am Mass KO
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Saturday
3rd July
9.30am Mass PK
5.00pm Confession
5.30pm Mass ES
7.00pm Polish Mass PK

Sunday 4th July	9.30am Polish Mass PK 11.30am Mass PK	9.30am Mass ES 5.30pm Mass ES	9.30am Mass KO 11.30am Mass KO
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Fr Simon writes ...

This weekend we welcome Fr Eric Studt SJ from the Sacred Heart parish in Edinburgh who will be celebrating the Vigil Mass at St Andrew's and two Sunday Masses at St Peter's. I am sure you will all make him very welcome.

Memories of the Easter Vigil 2021 at St Peter's: Although it has been a wee while, young sister and brother, Amy and Samuel, with whom we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, wanted to share their memories.

"It was Easter time when I got baptised. I was extremely excited and not a bit nervous. My brother was there too. Under my face mask I was smiling. When I got my candle I felt happy, happy, happy! I remembered all the times before the baptism when we read the bible and got ready for baptism. After the baptism, when we walked out of St Peter's church, I was jumping up and down and this was the best day ever! When I went to bed, I thought of all the things that happened, from the water dripping down my hair and nose, touching and holding my baptism scarf and that I could receive Communion for the first time. At Easter something touched me. It was fun celebrating with my family and I had baptism and my first Communion."

Please note there are no weekday Masses for the next two weeks at St Peter's. The phone in the parish house will be diverted to the office and Fr Kenneth will be available to respond to any pastoral issues.

St Philip's: After the 9.30am Mass today, everyone is welcome to the garden at St Theresa's for tea and a chance to say hello to each other.

Fr Kenneth: Many of you will have heard last Sunday that Fr Kenneth has joined the Chapter of Canon's at the Cathedral. The original purpose of Canon's was to beautify the liturgy by singing the office. This is the only extra responsibility that he has. His official title is the Very Reverend Kenneth Canon Owens.

Retirement: Congratulations and thank you from our four parishes to Tina Melville on her retirement from education.

New Dawn in Scotland 12th Annual Conference - Online Event: Everyone is welcome to join this conference from Friday 9 - Sunday 11 July. The theme this year is 'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you: I have called you by your name, you are mine.' Isaiah 43:1-2. For more information about the programme and speakers, visit newdawninscotland.com

6th Anniversary of Laudato Si - Season of Creation: Please go to our Facebook page to see an important letter sent from the Vatican on the occasion of the 6th anniversary of Laudato Si inviting you to join in the celebration of the Season of Creation. There is also an excerpt from this encyclical which makes interesting reading. If anyone would like a personal copy, please email the office.

Thank You: A huge thanks to everyone who supported the collection for the boxes to be sent to Malawi. 36 boxes are in Dundee filled with school uniforms, flip flops, baby clothes, children and adult clothes, football tops..... The container should leave Dundee on Friday and we will keep you up to date with its progress. The attached letter gives more detail of how the Bananabox Trust helps in Malawi.

Save the Date - Garden Party at St Theresa's: Fr Kenneth will be celebrating his 60th birthday in August. On Friday 6 August there will be a garden party from 2.00pm - 4.00pm and also in the evening from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Mobility Scooter: If anyone can make use of a mobility scooter which is in excellent condition (only 1 year old) please contact the parish office.

Thanks for the income in our parish communities: St Andrew's £908.55; St Philip's £325.00; St Theresa's £629.40



12 June 2021

Dear "young people at St Margaret's" and all who helped with the collection

Many thanks for your support for Bananabox Trust. We are pleased to receive your boxes and happy to help you get these out to Malawi. We hope that the container will leave towards the end of June and should be in Malawi at the end of September. It is over 10,000 miles! The journey involves a lorry, a boat to Europe, another boat to South Africa, a third boat to Mozambique, another lorry to Lilongwe (where we clear Customs) and a third lorry to Ekwendeni, which is in the North of the country.

We will have around 1,200 items on board. These range from new knits for babies to dental chairs for, well, dentists! There will also be medical items such as wheelchairs, walking aids, bandages and PPE; clothing for orphans and AIDS victims – many of the people which we are helping could claim to be the poorest in the world; tools to help people start small businesses (joinery work, sewing machines and so on); bicycles; educational materials such as books for coursework; bedding; and many others.

One person from Karonga recently contacted us to say he had started a learning & skills centre and now had 5 young people learning a trade; this was made possible through well wishers from Scotland sending the necessary tools and equipment.

Football and netball kit is always well appreciated. Malawi is always in the top 6 in the world at netball and recently beat Scotland in the Commonwealth Games. Only by one goal! One of their stars now plays in Strathclyde.

Like the rest of the world, the local kids are really keen on football. My friend in Ekwendeni organises a sports academy (in his spare time – he has a full time job) and works now with over 200 schools. His son is 12 – Cromwell Kumwanda! Mark that name – he will play for Man U. I know this because he has told me! Several times! It would be great if we could make dreams like this come true. Actually, that is my dream – that we can change the lives of the youngsters in Malawi.

The best overseas development, though, isn't us changing *their* lives. It's working in partnership as equals with them. This involves helping *them* to change the lives of *their own people*. There are several entrepreneurs in Malawi, just as there are in any country in the world. If we can find them and invest time and energy in upskilling them, then they will change their own country.

I know that you will probably not have been to Malawi. I know your school, however, does have a programme to work in that country and I commend that. Once the virus has been defeated (this might take some years in Malawi), then hopefully, that programme can restart.

Meanwhile, I suppose all you can do is to collect items which can be sent out and which can be used by your partners out there to improve things. Well done for what you have already done. Do not underestimate the affect your generosity has. You think you are sending second-hand baby clothes – but actually you are sending love from the people of Scotland.

Give yourselves a big pat on the back!

Alan J Laverock

Trustee

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Drodzy, autor Księgi Mądrości tak pisze: *Śmierci Bóg nie uczynił i nie cieszy się z zagłady żyjących. Stworzył bowiem wszystko po to, aby było (...) bo sprawiedliwość jest nieśmiertelna. Do nieśmiertelności Bóg stworzył człowieka – uczynił go obrazem swej własnej wieczności. A śmierć weszła w świat przez zawiść diabła. Choć doświadczenie śmierci fizycznej jest powszechnym zjawiskiem w naszym świecie i żegnamy bliskich, którzy umierają, to myśląc o śmierci duchowej – dziękujemy Panu Bogu, że zesłał nam Swojego Syna Jezusa – jako Zbawiciela i Odkupiciela – powtarzając za psalmistą: *Sławię Cię, Panie, bo mnie wybawiłeś. Śpiewajcie psalm, wszyscy miłujący Pana, i pamiętajcie o Jego świętości. Gniew Jego bowiem trwa tylko przez chwilę, a Jego łaska przez całe życie.**

Aklamacja przed Ewangelią przypomina: *Nasz Zbawiciel, Jezus Chrystus, śmierć zwyciężył, a na życie rzucił światło przez Ewangelię.* Ewangelista Marek opowiada o uzdrowieniu kobiety, która od dwunastu lat cierpiała na upływ krwi. *Posłyszała o Jezusie, więc weszła z tyłu między tłum i dotknęła się Jego płaszcza. Mówiła bowiem: "Żebym choć dotknęła Jego płaszcza, a będę zdrowa". Zaraz też ustał jej krwotok i poczuła w swym ciele, że jest uleczona z dolegliwości. Uleczona kobieta podeszła zalękniona i drżąca, gdyż wiedziała, co się z nią stało, padła przed Nim i wyznała Mu całą prawdę. On zaś rzekł do niej: "Córko, twoja wiara cię ocaliła, idź w pokoju i bądź wolna od swej dolegliwości".* Ten cud zatrzymał Jezusa w spełnieniu prośby przełożonego synagogi o uzdrowienie jego umierającej córki. Gdy życzliwi donieśli: *"Twoja córka umarła, czemu jeszcze trudzisz Nauczyciela?" Jezus rzekł do przełożonego synagogi: "Nie bój się, wierz tylko!" Jezus powiedział do umarłej dziewczynki: "Talitha kum", to znaczy: "Dziewczynko, mówię ci, wstań!" Dziewczynka natychmiast wstała i chodziła, miała bowiem dwanaście lat. I osłupieli wprost ze zdumienia.*

Jezus leczył i uzdrawiał wszystkich, którzy przychodzili do Niego z wiarą i głęboką ufnością. Także dzisiaj nasza wiara ma moc nas uzdrawiać na ciele i na duchu. Według wiary naszej często otrzymujemy uzdrowienie ciała, a także – jeszcze ważniejsze – uzdrowienie emocji i spokój dla doświadczonej bólem i cierpieniem duszy. Jeśli zaś wątpimy, nie możemy oczekiwać, że cokolwiek od Pana otrzymamy. Módlmy się wytrwale o zdrowie dla chorych w naszym otoczeniu – prosimy także o nasze zdrowie fizyczne, psychiczne, emocjonalne i duchowe. Proście, a otrzymacie – jak tak odważna kobieta z krwotokiem i jak ten ojciec umierającej nastoletniej córki. Bez wiary nie można podobać się Bogu, bez wiary nie ma w naszym życiu przepływu łaski – prosimy zatem wytrwale o tę moc Ducha Bożego. Amen!

W chorobie - skuteczna jest modlitwa o zdrowie do Maryi

O, wielka Matko Boga! Ty, co jesteś uzdrowieniem chorych i Lekarką wszelkiej niemocy! Przybądź na ratunek słudze ciężką chorobą złożonemu, za którym gorące prośby do Twego serca zanosimy. O, Poczyszycielko strapionych! Ześlij promień nadziei rodzinie zatroskanej, choremu zaś daj upragnioną łaskę zdrowia, o ile to wyjdzie ku pożytkowi jego duszy. O, Wspomożenie Wiernych! Podźwignij rychło z łoża boleści tę ofiarę nawiedzenia Pańskiego, jeśli taka jest wola Boża, a wdzięcznym sercem opowiadać będziemy cuda Twej dobroci i wielbić Imię Jezusa i Twoje o Maryjo. Amen.