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Mass: The Week Ahead

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 4,
Weekday Cycle of Readings Year II*

Sunday 23 June, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09:15: Jim Molloy R.I.P.

Tuesday 25 June, Feria in Ordinary Time

09:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00: Patrick O'Connor R.I.P.

Friday 28 June, Memorial of St. Irenaeus Bishop,
Doctor of the Church, Martyr

18:30: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

19:00: Private Intention

Sunday 30 June, Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul,
Apostles

09:15: Patrick O'Connor R.I.P.

There is a Second Collection Sunday 30 June: *For Peter's Pence.* The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. "The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See."

Confession: During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or by appointment.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: **For migrants fleeing their homes.** We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Mass Intentions: Please.

We remember in our prayers: the sick and housebound of the parish and all known to us who are particularly unwell at this time. And **for our most recently deceased:** Colleen Catesby R.I.P.

Gift Aid- Please speak with Helen Dudley if you would like to know more about our planned giving scheme, Gift Aid and Standing Orders.

The New Lectionary: The Bishops' Conferences of England & Wales and Scotland have authorised the mandatory use of The New Lectionary in all our parishes from Advent 2024. This New Lectionary is divided into four volumes and comes at a cost of £695.00 for the four. Any donations towards this mandatory purchase will be greatly appreciated. **Donations to date: £250. Thank you so much for your generosity.**

General Election: The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage on their website with information about the issues important to Catholics. The webpage which can be found

here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Saint Irenaeus' Story: The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error. As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their "secret," Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics. The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church.

Reflection: A deep and genuine concern for other people will remind us that the discovery of truth is not to be a victory for some and a defeat for others. Unless all can claim a share in that victory, truth itself will continue to be rejected by the losers, because it will be regarded as inseparable from the yoke of defeat. And so, confrontation, controversy and the like might yield to a genuine united search for God's truth and how it can best be served. (*Franciscan media*).