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Times of Mass & Services 18th/19th June 2016 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm	Rex Holbrook	RIP
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am	Margaret Bridge	RIP
<u>Monday</u>	10.00 am	Sarah Dowd	RIP
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Betty McCaughan	RIP
<u>Thursday</u>	10.00 am	Patrick Gallagher	RIP
<u>Friday</u>	9.00 am	Cath Malone	RIP
<u>Saturday</u>	5.30 pm	People of the Parish	
<u>Sunday</u>	11.00 am	Paddy Morgan	RIP

Confessions Saturday evening after Mass.

“GO, MAKE DISCIPLES.” Our Lord’s final instruction to the disciples introduced our Parish Meeting on Tuesday evening, and is our purpose to which all aspects contribute. We filled the Community Room at Bidford School and could have talked for much longer. A number of people have signed up to form committees to develop different aspects of our life. If you would like to join a particular committee, please add your name. There are some aspects not covered e.g. Communication/I.T./outreach/publishing. If you have skills in this area please help. We are blessed with much expertise from people’s working lives. Our Building Committee has many skills but in addition someone with relevant legal experience would be an asset. Is there anyone belonging to the parish with such experience? Please join the Committees on the Notice Board.

‘DAY FOR LIFE’ This Sunday 19th June. This Day takes place each year as an initiative of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference. ‘This year Day for Life focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God’s creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. Today tragically, men, women and children are sometimes viewed as commodities which can

be bought and sold. As Pope Francis has powerfully articulated in *Laudato Si*, there is a real need to rediscover a spirit of wonder and awe at the gift of human life so that all life may be properly respected and a new heart created for the home in which we live. I think that this will be a helpful focus towards our reflections and teaching next year when we will remember the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act in this country.’ Bishop John Sherrington, Bishop for Day for Life.

TODAY PARISH COLLECTION FOR DAY FOR LIFE This enables the church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre), as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage.

WEDNESDAY 22nd June is the Feast of SS John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs.

FRIDAY is the Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist.

THIS WEEK’S TWEET The Diocese has asked me to contribute a Tweet each Wed., bearing in mind the context of Prison Chaplaincy.

“Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may merrily meet in heaven.” St Thomas More’s frequent parting request.

THURSDAY WAS THE MEMORIAL OF ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER Many people use his beautiful personal prayer:

“Thanks be to you Our Lord Jesus Christ; for all the benefits you have won for us; for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother; may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.”

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Mary Normoyle, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, John Fisher, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerard, Chris Browne, Brian Holberry, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett.