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Last week's collection.£1848. Mission Appeal collection£1251. Many Thanks. There is still a large number of Planned Giving boxes of envelopes awaiting collection from the Parish Room. Thank you for your giving through Planned Giving as well as giving through the other means that are now available for this purpose.

Would all those who have not yet collected their First Communion and Confirmation certificates for this year and last year please do so from the Parish Office.

Requiem Mass on Friday 23rd June for Kath Meese at 10.30am. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 28th June for John Murray at 11am. Your prayers for the repose of their souls.

The new rotas for Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist are available from the Sacristy.

The Confirmation group raised £380 on their sponsored walk in Gladstone Park. Well done on their efforts.

Some Health and Safety concerns have been raised about the way in which the Church Gallery is being used .A particular concern is its use by children as a virtual play area. It has also been used as a drinking and recreation area by people of the road. The numbers attending individual Masses hardly warrant its being open at all times. It has been decided therefore to keep the Gallery closed and to use the main body of the Church to accommodate the attendance at each Mass. Of course for special occasions and when larger congregations are expected the Gallery can then be made available.

This Sunday 18th June has been designated a Day for Life. This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. The theme is Listen to Her. The message is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. There is a second collection. The funds raised will support life projects across the whole spectrum of life.

Vacancy for Full Time Teaching Assistant Grade D at St Agnes School. See Notice Board.

World Refugee Day is on 20th June. The theme for this year's Refugee Week is compassion which in the words of the Pope is the language of God. Closeness, tenderness and compassion are the style of God he says. God draws near with tenderness and compassion. Recently the Bishops' Conference shared a new document Love the Stranger.

Some big Feasts this week. Tuesday 20th June St Alban, Protomartyr. Wednesday 21st June. St Aloysius Gonzaga. Thursday 22nd June St John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs. Saturday 24th June The Nativity of John the Baptist.

Gospel Notes. Jesus allowed himself to be touched by the needs of the crowd. When you are with people what difference does it make to the way you relate to them when you have sympathy for them? The commission Jesus gave the twelve to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness is a reminder to us that we all have the capacity to be an influence for good in the lives of others. In this we continue the mission of Jesus. When have you experienced yourself as having a healing or life giving influence on another person? Who has had that influence on you?

At first glance it might seem that Jesus made some bad choices in his twelve apostles. One will deny Jesus, another will betray him and others are only interested in who would be first. All of them will run away in the end. This reminds us that all kinds can share in the mission of Jesus, no matter how we see ourselves.

The instructions Jesus gave the disciples before he sent them out have a note of urgency about them. What difference does it make when you approach a task with a sense of urgency? He also tells them their service should be without charge, keeping in mind that they have received without charge from God. Remember when you have received generous and undemanding love from another.