

Newsletter

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, 22 July 2018

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word *apostle* is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The

first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Living the Paschal Mystery

When we are in a relationship with Jesus, we will always have more than enough. Despite any claims to the contrary, Jesus himself will provide in abundance. Our needs will be met and we will be satisfied. When facing other people's dire circumstances, it can be a challenge to respond as the disciples did in this gospel story. Why is this my problem? Let them fend for themselves. But we hear Jesus's command to the disciples as a command to us: 'Give them some food yourselves' (Mark 6:37). Even though the conditions may seem overwhelming, as Christians we are to do something. Once we start, God provides more than enough to

accomplish the task. Giving in to hopelessness or callousness is not the response expected of a disciple of Christ.

Baptismal Information

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 10 September at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

****Important Gift Aid Message****

Reminder - Parishioners who donate by Gift Aid by either using the envelopes or by standing order, please collect your letters from the back of church.

SVP

With your ongoing support, our SVP do tremendous work within our local area. This week's retiring collection is for our SVP.

The SVP would like to thank parishioners for all their contributions of trainers and underwear for the Homeless at the Whitechapel Centre. The first car load was taken down last week and the people at the Whitechapel Centre were very happy to receive the goods. Since then more items have arrived in church so if anyone wants to contribute they still have time.

Also, the Liverpool Seafarers Centre is inter-denominational combining the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris) and the Mersey Mission to Seafarers who offer practical support and friendship to seafarers from around the World. One of the many services they provide is a DVD/CD and book exchange. If any parishioners have DVDs, CDs or books they would like to donate please can they leave them at the back of church. They also take men's clothing.

Children's Liturgy



Our last session takes place this weekend - 21/22 July. We will have a summer break and sessions will resume the weekend of 8/9 September.

Father Peter Kelly

The office received the sad news this week that Father Peter who assisted Father Colbert at St Mark's, died peacefully on 10 July aged 84 years. He will be received into St John Stone Church, Woodvale on Monday, 23 July at 7.00pm and his Requiem will take place at 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 24 July followed by internment at Ford Cemetery.

Feasts This Week

Monday, 23 July, St Bridget. Born of a rich governor of Upland she was married to a young prince at the age of 14. They had eight children of whom one was St Catherine of Sweden. Her husband died soon after a pilgrimage to Compostella and she founded the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, building a double monastery for monks and nuns at Vadstena. In 1349 she moved to Rome to obtain approval for her Order where she worked for the return of the Popes from Avignon. Her austerity of life, her devotion both in visiting shrines and in serving pilgrims, the poor and the sick were impressive.

Wednesday, 25 July, St James, known as the Greater in order to distinguish him from the other Apostle St James, our Lord's cousin, was St John's brother. With Peter and John he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration, as later he was also of the agony in the garden. He was beheaded in Jerusalem in 42 or 43 on the orders of Herod Agrippa. Since the 9th C, Spain has claimed the honour of possessing his relics. The pilgrimage to St James of Compostella in the Middle Ages attracted immense crowds, after the pilgrimage to Rome or the Holy Land, it was the most famous and the most frequented pilgrimage in Christendom. The pilgrim paths to Compostella form a

network over Europe; they are dotted with pilgrims' hospices and chapels, some of which still exist.

Archdiocesan Training Courses

Eucharistic Minister training, 6 October.

Bereavement Care Team/The Ministry of Consolation training 17 & 18 October.

Lay Funeral Minister Training. Do you feel called to be a Lay Funeral Minister? 21 & 22 November.

Please register your interest for any of the above with the Parish Office.

What's On At Our Cathedral

Organ Recital, Saturday, 28 July, 2.00pm-3.00pm. An organ recital by Andrew Sharples, organist of Our Lady of the Assumption, Bishop Eton, comprising works by Jeremiah Clarke, Rawsthorne, Boellmann, Bach, Vierne, Alain, Cesar, Pietro a Yon and Mendelssohn.

'Reflections at the Carmelite'

Sunday, 29 July, 3.30pm-5.30pm, 'Towards a Living Eucharist'. Includes Adoration and Evening Prayer followed by refreshments, Carmelite Convent, Allerton Road,

Liverpool, L18 3NU, posters at the back of church.



As our schools finish for the summer holidays, we thank all our teachers and all involved in our school communities for making them the amazing environments for learning that they are. For the talents and gifts that have been shared, thank you. For the challenges that have been worked through together, for providing our children and students with safe, respectful and happy places to learn, thank you. We wish those young people who are moving on to a new school or further education good luck and may you all return refreshed and renewed to continue the learning journey together.

Eucharistic Ministers

A few ministers within our Parish would be pleased to receive some support visiting their housebound list so if you are willing to help out, please do contact the Parish Office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Ministers due to fulfil their ministry for the Masses at 5.15pm and 9.15am

can be found towards the back of the newsletter. Please remember, it is your responsibility to secure cover in the event you are unable to undertake your ministry.

Ordo/Diary/Directory Orders

Ordo/Diary	£5.00
Ring Bound Directory	£4.00
Standard Directory	£3.50

Please place your order with the Parish Office by end August.

Prayerful Reflections From Pope Francis

“We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the centre and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses and our families will become battlegrounds.”
(*Amoris Laetitia* 92)

How many times do you find yourself frustrated at the imperfections of others in your family? This week, when something doesn't go your way (and there will always be something!)

tell yourself to be patient and put it in perspective. Will it matter tomorrow?

Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, housebound and those in our hospitals and care homes. We pray also for anyone who has died in our Parish and wider community especially George Alan Town and Father Peter Kelly. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Parish Finance

Gift Aid Envelopes	£	454.06
Other Envelopes	£	125.37
Loose GASDS	£	350.36
Total Offertory	£	929.79
Standing Orders	£	219.15
Bonus Ball	£	79.00

As the Newsletter went to print before the Wednesday night Lotto draw took place, the winning number will be printed next week.

Retiring Collection

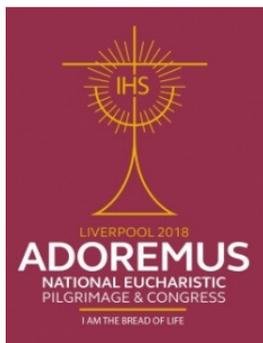
This weekend SVP. Next weekend Parish Lourdes Fund.

SJV Bonus Ball

This game is run at the back of church each week. Numbers from 1-59 are

sold at £1 per number. If your number is selected as the bonus ball on the National Lottery Wednesday Night Draw then you win £30! Please consider buying a number – it's just for fun.

**National Eucharistic
Pilgrimage & Congress
7-9 September 2018**



Eucharist is ... Food for the Journey

We might do well to take a moment to thank God for all that we have received materially and in prayer. All that we have faced in our lives we did not face alone. Always God's strength and God's love were at work in our hearts even when and perhaps especially when, we did not know it at all. We can pray for those for whom the journey is hard. But we can pray too that God's strength and love will be at work in our hearts to make us bread broken for others, bringing the nourishment of God's love to the weary and downcast.

Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which

promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

There are so many events supporting Adoremus including talks, discussions, workshops, prayer and cultural events within the city and most are free so do try and attend as many as you can.

For anyone interested, it is now possible to book directly to be a delegate at the Eucharistic Congress. Tickets are still available until the end of July to the Saturday Echo Arena event at £43.50.

Please go to the website:
<http://www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018/>

Leaflets have been distributed and you can check out the website
www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/adoremus

**Prayer in Preparation for the
Eucharistic Congress 2018
and for Synod 2020**

We thank you Father for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son. Keep us grateful each day for the blessings that surround us.

As we are fed by you, so now send us out to share what we have received with our hungry brothers and sisters.

We humbly ask your help to become the Church that you are calling us to be: a community that listens, that trusts, that

lives with courage and that puts out its nets
into new waters.

May the gentle presence of Christ in our
hearts be a source of healing, of new life
and of a deeper trust in you. We ask this in
faith.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Weekday Mass Availability In Our Pastoral Area

**As Mass times are subject to change, it is
always advisable to ring ahead**

Bishop Eton, 0151 737 4110
7.00am and 12 noon

Christ the King & Our Lady
0151 722 2231
Mon, Tues 9.10am
Thurs 9.30am, Fri 12 noon

OLA, 0151 486 9372
Mon, Wed 9.15am,
Tue, Fri 12 noon, Thur 9.00am

St Ambrose, 0151 425 2289
Mon 9.15am, Wed 12 noon

St Christopher, 0151 425 2289
Tue, Thur, Fri 9.15am

St Mary's, 0151 428 2256
Mon, Thur, Fri 9.00am
Tue, Wed 12 noon

Going Into Hospital?

If you go into hospital please make sure you
contact the Chaplaincy on the numbers
below to let them know that you are there;
they will provide Holy Communion and a
priest as necessary.

Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen Hospitals -
706 2828

Whiston Hospital – 430 1657

Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Assumption, Gateacre,
11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton,
11.00am-11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Annunciation, Bishop
Eton,
4.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday

Blessed Sacrament Shrine,
City Centre
Mon-Sat 11.00am-12 noon

Eucharistic Ministers This Weekend

5.15pm

J Roach, L Parry, S Daniels,
P Crompton, S Coleman

9.15am

Maria, Maureen Cl, Bernie, Terry, George

Question of the Week

Adults: What do you do to rest so that you can return to work refreshed?

Children: When will you take time to stop and pray this week?

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

22 July 2018

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 21 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Mary & James Lacey & Mary Tasker)	
Sunday, 22 July Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Peter John Fairhurst)
Monday, 23 July Feast of St Bridget		10.00 – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 24 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Mass (John & Maisie Quirk)	
Wednesday, 25 July Feast of St James		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Thursday, 26 July Memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne	10.00 am – Mass (Mary Knight)	
Friday, 27 July Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Mass (Lee Sharnley)
Saturday, 28 July Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (Robert Key)	
Sunday, 29 July Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (Ann Nicholson)	9.15 am – Mass (People of the Parish)

* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass or Funeral Service.

Guidelines for the submission of Mass Intentions can be found on our website.

Readings for Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44

Eph 4:1-6

John 6:1-15